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Spot the difference!

Eton Mess



Southmoor Mess



I make little apology for this issue being heavy in criticism on the state of the village. I know it's called progress and in time all hopefully will be fine, but in the meantime although we have to live with the noise and pollution of endless building and road works, cable laying, heavy lorries, mud, footpaths closed, traffic lights, I for one think it's unacceptable. Not only have we had this thrown at us with little consultation but developers have ridden roughshod over any thought for the population with piles of dirt appearing on verges and greens throughout the village and traffic chaos being the order of the day with heavy goods vehicles parked just about everywhere. If you think this will all be over shortly like some horrible dream, dream on, because down the line more housing is planned including 43 behind Fallowfields Hotel, possibly 250 + more on the old Oxford Road, then there is the Southmoor House development before we even mention the new houses on the Sportsfield.

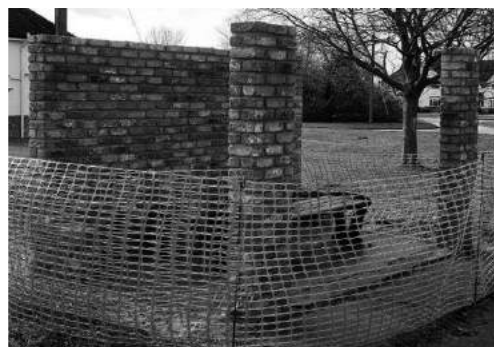
However, the application to build 73 more houses behind Field Close has been turned down by the Vale. Sanity at last. Ed



The KBS News team wish all villagers a very Happy Easter



A belter of a Shelter



Good to see the bus shelter in Latton Close being re-built. The original structure was erected to commemorate the Queen's Coronation in 1953, and had stood the test of time for over 60 years, sheltering generations of west bound bus passengers from the benefits of the British weather and more recently been adopted by the village youth as a meeting point.

The old shelter was hit by a car last year and had to be demolished. The new building has been financed by the insurance of the errant car driver who terminally damaged the old one; So, our thanks go to them with a reminder to careless drivers, if you must leave the road in future to treat the new shelter as a roundabout, just to be on the safe side.

The great 'Flagpole' debate goes on. See page 10

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Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

As the Oscar season is upon us I thought I would have an award of my own for the outfit that has gone beyond the call of duty in making our once green and pleasant village the nightmare it is today. I have whinged about the state of the place before, as you well know, but all that pales to insignificance when judged against the current state of affairs. So, the nominations are Taylor Wimpey for making the Draycott Road a no go area with trucks and mud as far as the eye can see. Thames Water. The worrying thing here is that a company of its size cannot sort out a village sewerage system. It has been a year since the encampment on the corner of Bellamy Close. Pumps, noise and whiffs all over the place. Surely it is in with a chance to lift the award. As if all this wasn't enough, the final chip in the pan, enter Gigaclear. It obviously thought it could make the biggest mess of all and entered into the fray with alacrity. And the winner is.....Gigaclear. Without so much as a by your leave or Kiss me Hardy piles of earth appear everywhere with pavements closed and dug up plus traffic lights, bright orange plastic fencing and great holes in the ground. I opened my front door and found a dumper truck on my drive! The actual guys I found quite pleasant but that's not the point. A simple letter stating they were turning your well-ordered life upside down would have been nice. Is it too much to ask? Obviously it was.



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 30th March - Thurs 2nd April			Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Tennis Club - Easter Training Camp for Juniors ages 5 - 16	23
Wednesday	1st		**** Food Collection & Grey Bin Collection ****	
Wednesday	1st		Kingsmoor Community Club - Post Christmas Dinner	11
Thursday	2nd	9.00am - 12 noon	KBS Cafe Easter Event - Hot Cross Buns / Chocolate Eggs - SVH	25
Sunday	5th	2.30pm	Grand Easter Egg Hunt at the Millennium Green	21
Monday	6th		No Mobile Library - Bank Holiday	
Tuesday	7th		A420 Cumnor Bypass, Westbound Closure for 8 weeks	6
Tuesday	7th	7:15pm for 7:30pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club - 'Carol Smith - Design for Small Gardens' - SVH	23
Wednesday	8th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Serendipity Over 55s & 60s Club Easter Bonnet Competition - SVH	22
Thursday	9th		**** Food Collection & Green Bin Collection & Brown Bin Collection ****	
Thursday	9th	4.00pm	Last Day for Nomination to Parish Council	6
Saturday	11th		Last Day to order tickets for Drama Group Murder Mystery Evening	27
Sunday	12th	10.00am - 12 noon	Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Tennis Club - New Members Club Morning - next to the Village Hall	23
Monday	13th	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Southmoor Village Hall	16
Tuesday	14th	7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor WI - Annual Auction - SVH	15
Wednesday	15th		**** Food Collection & Grey Bin Collection ****	
Wednesday	15th	7.30pm	Southmoor Village Hall Annual General Meeting	12
Thursday	16th	7:15pm for 7:30pm	Longworth and District History Soc- Dr Eric Sidebottom - Lord Nuffield	17
Monday	20th	4:00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for KBS News May 2015 Edition	2
Monday	20th		Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy Close 11.15	
Wednesday	22nd		**** Food Collection & Green Bin Collection & Brown Bin Collection ****	
Friday	24th		Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club - Quiz Night - Club House	18
Saturday	25th		Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group - Murder Mystery Evening -SVH	28
Wednesday	29th		**** Food Collection & Grey Bin Collection ****	
June				
Wednesday	3rd		Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club - Coffee Morning	18
Saturday	27th	1.00pm - 4.00pm	St John the Baptist Church - Summer Fete at Kingston House	6
September				
Saturday	26th		Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club - Grand Jumble Sale	18

Regular Events each Month

What	Where	Day	Time
Apple Quilters	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd & 4th Monday	9.30am - 12am
Anchor Church Youth Group (14-18 yrs)	1 Oxford Road	1st & 3rd Sundays	Term 6.00pm - 7.45pm
Friends Church Youth Group (10-14 yrs)	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Sundays	Time only 6.00pm - 7.30pm
French for Fun	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Wednesday	9.30am - 11.00am
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth Village Hall	Monday	Term Time Only 7.30pm - 9.00pm
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth Village Hall	Tuesday	Term Time Only 11.00am - 12.30pm
KB Drama Group	St John the Baptist Church Hall	Tuesday (except below)	7.30pm
KB Drama Group	Southmoor Village Hall	3rd Tuesday each month	7.30pm
KB & S Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.30pm
KB & S Cafe	Southmoor Village Hall	Thursday	9.00am - 12 noon
KB & S Gardening Club	Southmoor Village Hall	1st Tuesday every month	7.15pm for 7.30pm
KB & S Health Walk	Leaves Southmoor VH 10.45am	Tuesday	10.30am - 11.30am
KB & S 14+ Drop In Centre	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday	Term Time Only 7.30pm - 9.30pm
KB & S Women's Institute	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd Tuesday	7.30pm
Kingsmoor Community Club	Call 01865 820166 for venue	Tues, Wed, Fri	10.00am - 3.00pm
1st Longworth Beavers	The Scout Hut	Thursday	Term 6.00pm - 7.15pm
1st Longworth Cubs	Contact Mike Furse 01865	Tuesday	Time Only 7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Longworth Explorers	Faringdon Road	Wednesday	Only 7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Scouts		Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Southmoor Guides	Southmoor Village Hall	Wednesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Nordic Walking Classes	Call Lisa 07885 635367 for details	See Advertisers Corner (page 20) for days / times	
Serendipity Over 60s Club Meeting	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	2nd Wednesday	2pm - 4pm
Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday	Term Time Only 10.00am - 11.30am
Southmoor Exercise & Dance	Southmoor Village Hall	Wednesday Evenings	7.45 Exercise 8.45 Dance
Southmoor Rainbows	The Scout Hut, Faringdon Road	Monday	Term Time Only 5.45pm - 6.45pm
Zumba	Southmoor Village Hall	Monday	8.15pm

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KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES



Thursday 2nd April 7.30pm Holy Communion Speaker: Mr Ian Bensted
Maundy Thursday
 Friday 3rd April 2pm Good Friday Meditation Leader: Revd Joe Cotterill
Good Friday
 Sunday 5th April 9.00am Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill
Easter Sunday
 10.30am Family Easter Communion Revd David Pickering
 Sunday 12th April 9.00am Holy Communion Speaker: Revd David Pickering
 10.30am Morning Worship Speaker: Revd David Pickering
 Sunday 19th April 9.00am Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill
 10.30am Questions of Life Speaker: Revd Will Donaldson
 Sunday 26th April 9.00am & 10.30am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
 Coffee and biscuits after all services – a good time to chat and make new friends.

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION: We are very fortunate to have the Revd Joe Cotterill lead our Good Friday Meditation once again, sharing with us the benefit of 98 years of experience and wisdom! Strongly recommended, it will also include Good Friday hymns.

EASTER SUNDAY: We have a special All-age Family Communion at 10.30am on Easter Sunday. Children are invited to join our “Easter garden on a plate” competition: make a garden on a plate for Easter and bring it to the church room before the service. After the service: all who enter will get a prize, and the winner gets an Easter egg. There will also be an Easter Egg hunt for children in the churchyard afterwards.

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 Friday).

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



Village Brownies to restart

Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor are pleased to announce that a set of keen volunteers are to restart Brownies in the local area. The volunteers have a range of experience to ensure the unit will continue to be a safe, fun and exciting place to meet weekly, ensuring that the local community can access this facility once more. The Unit hopes to use the Village Hall on a Thursday evening, commencing after the half term week in May. The first evening will be an open event for anyone interested to meet the team and find out more. For further information please contact Jennifer Kirman on 01865 821423, or the team at the new email address kbsbrownies@hotmail.co.uk and see www.girlguiding.org.uk/brownies/

Brownies

VILLAGE VOICES



A Heart Felt Thank-you to the Village

Gita, Zena, Trish and family wish to thank everyone (too many to name), who helped towards the very special farewell to Cyril in November. The cards, flowers and visits, tributes read out in church, W.I. and friends for the wonderful spread they produced, all so much appreciated. I know he would have been overwhelmed knowing and seeing many of his friends being there especially for him, he would have enjoyed going around talking to you all.

Thank you for your continuing support, which is needed at this difficult time as he is greatly missed. The donations raised in memory of Cyril totalled £1000, shared between Diabetes, Oxford Mencap and RAFA Oxford & District Branch.

FALLOWFIELDS

The original building is over three hundred years old, but surprisingly it has never been 'Listed'. In the Seventeenth century it was a coaching Inn on the road to Bath and Bristol and it has undergone many changes prior to its reincarnation in the 21st century as a Country House Hotel. Alison Crowther ran it as an upmarket B&B and employed many teenagers from the village for weekend and summer jobs, teaching them the rudiments of 'Silver Service' for the numerous weddings and other functions which were held there.

By far the most glamorous resident was Her Highness Begum Agha Khan III, the widow of HH Sir Sultan Mohammed Shah, Spiritual Head of the Nizam Ismailis, who died in 1957. Born Yvette Blanche Labrouse, and a former Miss France, she had a great eye for beauty as witnessed in her villa at Aswan on the banks of the Nile and 'Yakimour' – the villa that her husband built for her overlooking the sea near Cannes. Fallowfields enabled her to visit her horses in training and to follow them racing at Newbury and Ascot. What she would have thought of the prospect of the view across the lawns and gardens from her sitting room windows being blocked by some forty-plus tightly packed modern houses does not really bear thinking about.....Ian Charlton

A BIG THANK YOU to local businesses, and friends and family for donations and raffle prizes supplied for the 60's evening for Diabetes UK in the village hall on Saturday 28th February. It was a wonderful night enjoyed by all who came from far and wide. A cheque for £950 has been sent off to Diabetes UK. Thank you all for your support, and thanks to all who helped to make it happen. Donations were received from: Fallowfields Hotel, Aquarius Hair Studio, Millets Falconry, Waggon and Horses, One Stop shop, Millets Farm Shop and Steventon Nurseries. Pat



Above, the 'Sagalettes' groupies plus hippies Roger and Sylvia Day from Faringdon get in the swing of things at the 60's night. Around 90 people enjoyed the evening in the village hall.



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Parish Council Election

– Could you represent our Community?

It may surprise you to learn that there is another election on Thursday 7th May when the nine members of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council retire. Any elector over 18, including present Members, can be nominated by a Proposer and Seconder who must also be electors. Do consider putting yourself forward to play your part in shaping the future of the Parish in what are going to be years of great change. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, except August. Existing Members and the Clerk can all provide details of the role. A wide representation from all areas and interests across the Parish will be of real assistance to your community. If more than nine nominations are received, a poll will be held.

Nominations must be submitted by hand to the District Council office in Abingdon by 4pm on Thursday 9 April. You are advised to submit a day or so in advance to ensure that any problems (e.g. missing signatures) can be resolved. Forms and nomination papers can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or downloaded from the VWHDC website.

Great British Fish & Chip Supper

Why not hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting the Spinal Injuries Association's vital services? SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. Call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email funraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk



Refuse Collection Easter Week

Usual Day Wednesday April 8th, Bins will be emptied Thursday 9th. Green Recycling Bin, Garden & Food waste

It was disappointing to see only 18 villagers in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th March, for the defibrillator training (as advertised on the KBSONline calendar and also Item 6 in the Parish Council News in the March KBS News). However Dick Tracy from NHS will be sending me a copy of instructions which will hopefully be in the MAY KBS News (unfortunately he could not make the deadline for this issue), so that we all will know what to do in an emergency so please take note. *Pat (Chair, KBS News)*

Southmoor resident is named country's 'most inspires' businesswoman:

The founder of an Oxfordshire charity, Nancy Hunt, who runs the Nasio Trust in Abingdon was honoured at the Venus Business Women Awards national finals lunch, as the country's most inspiring businesswomen. Nancy and her husband, who live in Fir Tree Close, provide education, food and healthcare to more than 370 orphaned children in Kenya as well as working with disadvantaged young people in Oxfordshire.

Mrs Hunt, who was born in Kenya in poverty stated; "Because I was born a girl my father didn't even record my birth so I have no idea how old I am. And to think how far I have come is amazing". Congratulations Nancy. Ron Green

Temporary Road Closure

A420 Cumnor Bypass- between the A34 Botley intersection and the B4017 Wootton turn (Cumnor interchange) Order in force: 7 April 2015;

This Order is being introduced because of embankment stabilisation work to the south side of the westbound carriageway of the Cumnor Bypass, plus some resurfacing work which is anticipated to take 8 weeks to complete.

The major works will affect the westbound carriageway; plus there will be night time closures only for approx. 3 nights (8pm to 6am) on the eastbound carriageway at the end of the works period. The effect of the Order, when traffic signs are displayed, is to prohibit traffic from using the A420 between the A34 Botley intersection and the B4017 Wootton turn (Cumnor interchange).

Exemptions are included for emergency services and for the works. The alternative route for Swindon bound traffic is southbound on the A34 to Abingdon North, the A4183 and Dunmore Road, and the B4017 to Wootton and Cumnor; and vice versa for the night time Oxford bound closure.

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The Eyston Arms nestles in the centre of the beautiful village of East Hendred and looks the typical English Pub with an ample size car park. On entering the bar on a Winter's night we were greeted by a log fire, comfortable leather chairs and warm welcome.

The restaurant was busy, as one would expect on a Saturday night, so we were shown straight to our table and the drinks

ordered. The thing that struck me immediately was the friendliness of the staff and the cosy décor.

So, the proceedings began. Bypassing the starters as I struggle to keep my racing snake figure, the fairly simple menu was supplemented by a Specials sheet which featured Ox Cheeks with mash, glazed carrots etc. Sounded good to me and so it was.

The meat just fell apart, a tasty aromatic dish served and hot fairly promptly, what's not to like?

A bottle of Rioja graced the table but as I was the driver tonight, so I must comment on the quality of the water, it was very good, cold and abundant.

The only real drawback to the meal was the lack of vegetarian choice for the bride.

Hobson had more of a choice in this instance. Warm broccoli, blue cheese and courgette tart, with roast squash, pomegranate seeds and an Asian dressing was your lot..

Sounded good, didn't look it and tasted bland according to herself. Indeed it did resemble a slice of tart with a bit of foliage to the side. Rather overpriced at £14.95 we thought.

Still not to dwell on the negatives, along came the puds and I again had one off the Specials Menu, the Orange cake with Raspberry and Plum ice cream. Very good, the cake being moist with a suitable tangy taste. The dish was accompanied by a small jug of what seemed to be a cross between warm custard and cream. Tasted great whatever it was.

The bride had Coconut Crème Caramel which although tasted fine was on the small side. By now three others had also demolished a bottle of Merlot so we called for the bill.

Not faulting the ambience, the service and the friendliness of the Eyston Arms the final tally of £141 was a tad expensive for two courses for four people and for what we had. However we have eaten here several times now and would recommend anyone to visit. *Eton Lovett*



THE KBS NEWSWINE LIST: WINES OF THE MONTH

Well we have had the March winds and the spring flowers are showing their heads ready for Easter and what better way to prepare for a bank holiday than to look for a couple of bottles of wine to drink with friends.

Both bottles we discovered at Morrisons in Carterton who have a very well stocked store.

The white wine is from Argentina and is the Trivento Chardonnay Reserve 2013 priced at £5.99. The silky yet fresh sensations of this Trivento Chardonnay make way for a delicate

finish which hopefully you will find pleasing on the palate, a nice wine to drink on its own or with fish or a healthy salad.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Always borrow money from a pessimist, he won't expect it back. Oscar Wilde

Why on earth do people think they have a right to draw up a petition to decide if poles are put up in front of other people houses. May be the poles should be put up in front of their houses if they are so desperate to have poles erected.

You should be considerate to the local residence first. Not the demands of some busy bodies who don't even live there. It is a ridiculous place to have the remembrance stones in the first place. It is just dangerous and inconvenient / not even in the Centre of the village. Bad planning - but nothing surprises me in this village these days. *Jonathan Hunt*

The flag poles should remain erected for all of the year. They are a lasting reminder of the brave young men who gave their lives so that we can enjoy our peace and security and also as a reminder of the current villagers who gave their time and organisational and practical skills to make the whole memorial happen. *Alan Knight*

You said send your views so here's mine. Drove past the memorial today and it looks uhhh, well rubbish to put it polite. The poles need to go back in ASAP. I'm 30 years old, before the old person card gets played I'd like too add. I can't see what is wrong with 3 flag poles, the idea of taking them down and putting them up again to take them down to put them up again to take them down and so on is simply beyond madness. I wonder if the same minority of people had an issue with 400 plus houses destroying the village? My guess is probably not. So why moan about some pole's? They're a mark of respect not an eyesore, oh silly me no body has respect anymore do they! Just take a leaf out of the local planning policy and just do what you like regardless of anyone's opinion. Somehow I feel the parish council have missed the ball on this one, or maybe did not have, well the gentlemen's area to do what they would prefer. Besides if local residents don't like them they can always move away from the village, like most people seem to be trying to do these days. Mr A Hills

Poles Apart continued...

Looks like we've touched a nerve with the great Flagpoles debate. (See March issue). Feelings seem to be running high. Here's the latest opinions. If you want to have your say send them to editorkbsnews@gmail.com.

Regarding the petition for the flagpoles. The one I refused to sign was very ambiguous in its wording. I clarified with the gentleman who wanted me to sign whether it was for the permanent removal as this is what it leads one to believe. When he said no it's to stop them being taken down and put up again I refused to sign. Not because I have an opinion either way but because the wording was so misleading.

And re the little note from the gentleman who instigated the memorial. Instigating something doesn't give one ownership and it's very childish in my opinion to say if I don't get my own way I'm not laying a wreath. I don't think it's very respectful either, which is what the memorial is for. Name & address supplied.

Whilst the village copes with collapsed sewers; closed footpaths; at least four building site and the associated traffic, it beggars belief that on the 100th anniversary of the 1st World War around our memorial to those who have died in the service of their Countries, some of those nearby, do not seem able to cope with a few flagpoles!

The poles seem to me to frame the memorial in a very elegant way and enhance it's overall effect, making it more of a focal point so we might daily be reminded of those that gave their lives so that some of us have the freedom to whinge about flagpoles, amongst other things! *Pete Hogan.*

Whilst I cannot imagine the pros and cons for the 15 residents actually living close by the flagpoles, I get a daily reminder, when passing the memorial, of those who sacrificed their lives that we might live in a war free world!! Whilst we must not live too much in the past, those who made that ultimate sacrifice, must be remembered. There is something utterly joyful about a flag flying.

I was asked by John Weston to help him financially when setting up the memorial, and was sadly not then in a position so to do. But the principle of what he has done is a principle to whole heartedly support.

I would add, my Father, 100 years old this Wednesday, who saw others sacrifice their lives on the Murmansk convoys, feels similarly. He is currently engaged in writing the story of his 100 years, and for me the poignancy is that Father is an ordinary man who did such extraordinary things.

We see flagpoles everywhere these days- outside garages, hotels, shopping malls building sites, golf clubs, local authority and Government buildings, military establishments etc., why not at a major crossing point in a village. I am not sure if erecting a flag pole is covered by a requirement to apply for planning consent – but assuming it does, then surely due process was gone through then. *Anthony Lloyd*

We would just like to say that we are in favour of the Flag Poles being left up permanently. Geraldine and Bob Headon

Kingsmoor Community Club at Hinton Waldrist

Kingsmoor Club is now back at Hinton Waldrist village hall, we have not met there since 3rd December. We returned on Friday 13th March and are planning a post Christmas Dinner on 1st April !!!!! So wish us luck! Please come and try the club we need new members to keep the club running!

As usual we have various things booked to give our members something to look forward to, we will go to Buckland Diner for lunch and have a 6 week intergenerational project planned with Buckland School, Ashmolean Museum and The Oxford Concert party. Drop in for coffee and chat, join in with our craft activities, visitors are always welcome. We are very grateful to St Marys Church in Longworth for letting us use their hall for 3 months.

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KINGSTON BAGUIZE DRAMA GROUP

Prepare to Sleuth:



Time to get your thinking caps on and exercise those little grey cells as we head for murder once more in Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor!

On Saturday 25th April we will be presenting our annual Murder Mystery Evening, in the village hall, we invite you to join us and guess who dunnit

Bad Fortune: Helen is organising a social gathering in her home with her husband Richard. To make it a different evening from the normal dinner party; Helen has arranged for a fortune teller to read the guest's fortunes.

What will she find out? Are there shocking secrets about to be revealed and who will come out of the evening unscathed?

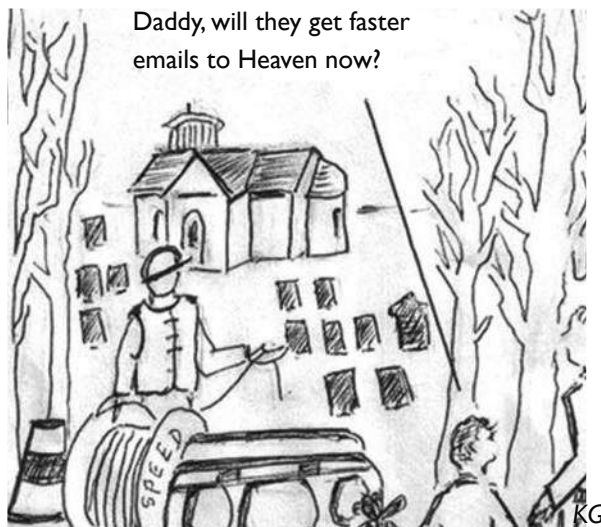
The evening will comprise of a Murder Mystery play, time for the audience to question the suspects and try to work out who the killer is as well as a short quiz and supper. Tickets are £15 a head and include a two course supper; there will also be a licensed bar.

Prizes will be awarded for the individual / team that reaches the correct conclusion and scores highest in the quiz!

We have listened to feedback from our previous Murder Mystery Evenings and will be sourcing our food from different suppliers in order to bring an improved dining experience. To order your tickets before they all sell out, please contact the Box Office on 01865 821 816, tickets must be booked before 11th April. We look forward to seeing you there! Rob Bateman

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1st Southmoor Guides

This term we have held our usual lazy onesie night, where the girls played games and enjoyed some chocolates and sweets. We have been working on a Go For It, which is a badge the Guides all do together. This Go For It is all about how girls live in Rwanda compared with Guides in the UK. We have learnt about the obstacles they face in their lives, from getting to school to having positive role models and having enough to eat. We will be holding an African themed cookout after Easter to complete this Go For it. We have also had a Baden Powell evening, where Holly Dance ran the evening as part of her Baden Powell Challenge (similar to the Duke of Edinburgh scheme). She ran make up sessions and quizzes and everyone made their own lip balms. We made some lovely cards and presents for Mothers' Day and are looking forward to a Spanish night and learning all about diversity, where a special guest from Girl Guiding will be joining us. Next term we hope to make the most of the lighter evenings and the warmer weather with lots of outside activities. As our numbers continue to grow, we are now full, but are running a waiting list.

We meet on Wednesdays at 7pm to 8.30pm in the Swallow Room at the Village Hall and can be contacted at southmoorguides@gmail.com. Our leaders are Sarah Harris, Sally Dance and Carole Armstrong. *Sally Dance*

The Waggon and Horses - Events for April 2015

- Family Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 4th 3.00pm • Easter Disco Bingo Sunday 4th 9.00pm •
- Sunday 5th Carvery 12-3pm, KARAOKE 9pm • Monday 6th Easter Egg Raffle Draw 3pm •
- Sunday 12th Quiz 8pm •
- Future celebrity booking. Eric Bristow the crafty cockney Sat May 23rd Tickets available now £10.00 •
- Take Away Fish and Chips and a selection of Take Away Curries available during food service times •



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

CCTV: In recent weeks the cameras at the hall have monitored instances of anti-social behaviour around the Village Hall. A word of caution, all activities are recorded 24/7 and certain instances may warrant involving the police. Also, a reminder that parking of vehicles is strictly for Village Hall and Tennis Club users. The Village Hall Management will NOT accept any

responsibility for theft or damage to vehicles left on this private land.

Heart defibrillator: Thanks to the Parish Council, the village has a heart defibrillator located at the Village Hall, which in the event of an emergency can be accessed by the public by calling 999. At a training session on Saturday 14th March, Paramedic Mr Dick Tracy, a community First Responder from South Central Ambulance Service, explained that only 4 to 5% survive a cardiac arrest in the UK, and explained the importance of an immediate response and CPR may help save a life. He was able to demonstrate how to access and operate a heart defibrillator that can be used by anyone and provides a simple recorded message on how to shock the heart back into rhythm before paramedics arrive at the scene. This session was attended by 20 local residents including representatives from the Parish Council, Village Hall Trustees and from village clubs.

AGM: The Annual General Meeting of the Trustees will take place in the Swallow Room at the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th April at 7.30pm. Come along and "have your say" on the future of the Village Hall. Join us for tea or coffee with biscuits and meet the Trustees before the meeting. All will be very welcome.

Gigaclear: Sometime in the near future the Village Hall will be connected to the Fibre Broadband Service Gigaclear. When installed this will give a super-fast connection when required for meetings.

New Age Kurling: The Village Hall welcomed the New Age Kurling Association to the hall on 24th February for their first session and understand that all who attended had a successful and enjoyable meeting. Cathy Smith and friends were on hand to demonstrate this gentle no age barred sport and we look forward to seeing them back in the near future. *Ron Green.*

-----Southmoor House Update-----

Blue Cedar Homes expect to submit their planning application by the end of March to build on this site. The scheme now comprises 10 units including one bungalow. It's hoped a representative from Blue Cedar will attend the next Parish Council meeting in April.

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KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.

The March meeting was our AGM and we said goodbye to some of our committee and welcomed new members for the next year. The outgoing president Jean Warr gave an annual report and the members expressed their heartfelt thanks for all of her hard work. Annual accounts were presented by Karen King and accepted by the group. Karen continues in this role for another year, as does Helen Disley who gave the secretary's annual report. Sylvia Downs and Gail Fletcher continue on the committee and we welcome back Pat Smith and Melissa Gulliford as our new president. We only have 6 members currently as there were no other names put forward. 2 members from Aston WI oversaw the election of the new committee. Everyone enjoyed refreshments and the next meeting on 14th April is our annual Auction so contributions are welcome and can be delivered to Helen Disley. All of our meetings are held on the second Tuesday in the month from 19-30pm in Southmoor Village Hall and new members are always welcome. Information can be found on our website and Facebook page. *Karen King 01865 803169*



SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL CELEBRATES WORLD DAY



It has been a busy term with the children celebrating lots of special events and festivals. Preschool marked the Chinese New Year by learning more about Chinese culture and traditions with activities such as making dragons and tasting Chinese foods. We also celebrated St Patrick's Day and made daffodils for St David's Day. The children raised money for Comic Relief by looking 'funny for money' and did a sponsored walk dressed in green for Action for Children. However, the highlight of the children's term was celebrating World Book Day. They all had great fun dressing up as their favourite characters (as you can see in the photo). They also had a visit from a librarian who read stories, and sang song with them.

The Preschool would like to say a huge Thank you, to Guy Browning (director) and Steff Aquarone (producer) of the film 'Tortoise in love'. A donation from the 'Tortoise in love fund' helping to support village projects is currently being spent on creating a wonderful sharing library. Maybe even inspiring our little ones to become film makers of the future!

Don't forget if you are interested in an "Outstanding" preschool place or increasing your child's sessions, we currently still have a few places left for this year so please contact manager Jackie Taylor as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. All children who are 3 in the term following their 3rd birthday are entitled to 15 hours free early years education! Email southmoorpre-school@live.co.uk Tel: 01865 821505. Marie Siviter



PLEASE pick up after your dog and use the bins provided and also keep your hedges and trees cut back from the footpaths and clear the cuttings away. It is becoming increasingly difficult at times, especially now the lighter evenings are upon us, to walk along the footpaths without getting poked in the eye with overhanging trees and bushes or stepping in dog faeces. Please remember that if shrubs or bushes are on your property it is your responsibility to keep them trimmed back from public footpaths.





NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The March meeting of the KBS Parish Council took place on Monday 2nd March in the Village Hall, together with 18 members of the public.

Public Participation. Neighbours of the Taylor Wimpey site complained about out of hours working and deliveries, parking by workers and the failure to keep the roads free of mud. The Chairman said that these issues will be included in this week's discussions with the developer.

Several residents complained about the failure of Gigaclear to inform those affected about planned works and to restore verges and tarmac to an acceptable standard. Mr Forster said he had an on-going battle with the company who, thus far, had failed to provide a copy of their work programme. He had arranged to meet with Gigaclear and OCC Highways to check the condition of the 'restored' verges before the start of the mowing season.

Mr Chartres noted that BT OpenReach will have completed the installation and testing of all five fibre-enabled cabinets within the next six weeks. (update: work on the cabinets has been completed and orders are being accepted by all providers)

A resident of Oxford Road agreed to assist in a litter pick of the area and the Clerk will contact the VWHDC to organise a delivery of bags and collection of the litter.

A resident drew attention to the dangers to cyclists and other road users resulting from the parking of vehicles in the Faringdon Road near the shops. The Clerk will again ask OCC Highways to consider changes to the road markings. Parking near the School, which has increased since the closure of the Fir Tree Close footpath, also presents a road safety hazard. The Chairman said that a meeting with the Headteacher is planned and he will encourage the local PCSOs to monitor these areas. Cyclists are also at risk from the excessive speeds of vehicles approaching the A420/A415 roundabout and a resident requested speed restrictions on the approaches.

Reports from district and county councillor. Mrs Tilley reported that the VWHDC Council Tax will be unchanged in 2015/16 but OCC will impose an increase of 1.99%. She noted that the Stanford-in-the-Vale Recycling Centre will remain open. She was made aware of a serious litter issue along the major roads and in parts of her District Ward.

Planning. For full details of applications and decisions received, please refer to March minutes.

Accounts. Payments. For full details of February payments, which total £2,749.96, please refer to March minutes.

Receipts. For full details of February receipts, which total £3.68, please refer to March minutes

Road Safety. The 20 villages in NAG2 are considering the purchase of a mobile speed indicator device costing £2,500. Members approved a contribution of up to £250. A site meeting with Geoff Barrell, OCC, was held early in March to discuss road safety improvements on the Hanney Road.

Land to be leased or purchased under S106 Agreements. The Clerk reported on a meeting with Ged Cassell, VWHDC to discuss the distribution of S106 monies from the Taylor Wimpey development. Mr Cassell encouraged the Parish Council to lead a delivery plan for the suite of activities proposed with the support of the District Council. In principle, funds could be provided to the Parish Council and VAT reclaimed. The VWHDC see the implementation of the Parkour facility as key to the release of the remainder of the funding. As the promoters of this scheme have no formal status, he had asked the Parish Council to lead on their behalf.

Members suggested a small number of possible sites, all requiring a developer or landowner to facilitate.

Members will explore the opportunity for each and Mr Cassell will be kept informed. He plans a further meeting with village groups in the near future.

There has been no further communication with representatives of the owners of the Sportsfield but some progress has been made towards finalising the acquisition of the other three areas of public open space.

Correspondence. Letter from Returning Officer, VWHDC – Parish Council Elections 7 May. Members of the public present were made aware of the procedure for nomination and an item will be included in the next KBSNews.

Village Amenities. Recreation Grounds: The Clerk said that following a call from the Headteacher he had arranged for the graffiti on the insides of the two wooden 'cabins' in the small recreation ground to be removed.

Burial Ground. Mr Dando's offer to remove an elder resting on the burial ground wall was accepted. Removal of ivy from the north wall will be considered.

War Memorial. The flagpoles were removed for storage as agreed at the February meeting. The engraved plaques have become stained. The Clerk will enquire the cost for cleaning.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Mon. 13th April, in the Village Hall.

Alex Chartres, Vice Chairman.

Oxford Road Litter Letter

I read with interest the letter which appeared in the last issue of KBS News concerning 'Oxford Road Litter'. I am sure many readers will recall the "LITTER BLITZ" days, an initiative set up by the County and District Councils' and supported by our own Parish Councils. On a chosen day in spring the village community would rally together and armed with protective gloves and a refuse sack would comb the verges and open spaces collecting discarded litter. Regrettably this scheme no longer exists, however many villages still promote their own Spring Clean as recently spotted in Cumnor village. I fully agree with the writer's comments it is totally irresponsible to discard wrappings, cans and bottles when disposal bins are readily available, if not take it with you every home has its own recycle bin. I don't agree we should blame the suppliers for their packaging we all expect our purchases to be wrapped and protected, and thankfully the majority of our residents ensure that the wrappings etc. are disposed of responsibly. *Ron Green*

Let's see less of this...



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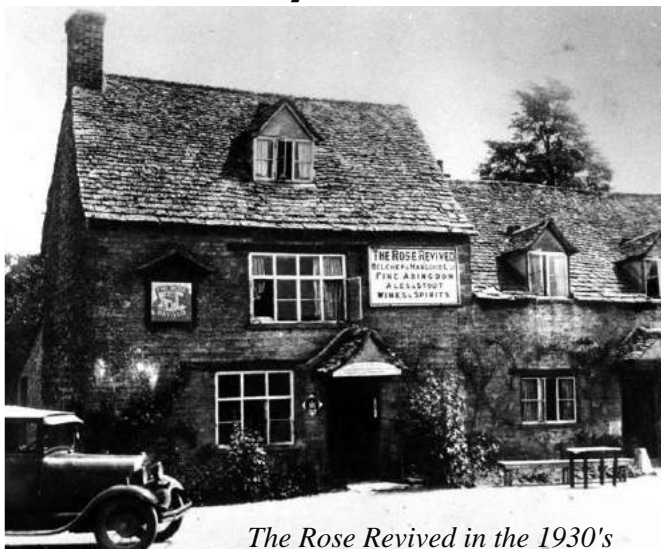
The AGM was held on 5th March, in the Swallow Room at Southmoor Village Hall. 24 members of the society attended.

As there were no nominations the existing officers and committee agreed to continue in office. One change, Janet Keene stood down from treasurer and Barbara Murrell was appointed. There followed a short talk by Sue Burnay from The Berkshire Local History Association telling us how they can support local history societies with grants and research information.

Peter Keene prepared a PowerPoint display of photos taken on the summer outings of the History Society.

The next meeting will take place Thursday April 16th in Southmoor Village Hall, 7.15 for a 7.30 start. Dr. Eric Sidebottom will give an illustrated talk on Lord Nuffield. Dr Sidebottom is a retired university lecturer who is now a writer and freelance lecturer. In June we hope to visit Nuffield Place, the home of Lord Nuffield. As usual all visitors are very welcome to our meetings, £3 each. *Kathy Fletcher Chairman 820193*

The Way We Were



The Rose Revived in the 1930's
(Our thanks to the History Society)



Thames Valley Police is appealing for witnesses following a burglary (non-dwelling) in Longworth. Between Tuesday (10/03) and Saturday (14/03) offender(s) forced the padlock to a barn in Rectory lane. A leaf blower, strimmer, HONDA lawnmower and a white GIANT racing bike were stolen.

If you have seen any suspicious looking people or vehicles in the area or have any information relating to this message please call the police on 101.

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Poets' Corner

A worthy effort from another Village bard.

With apologies to William Wordsworth.

I wandered through our village once fair
But now like dark satanic mills
When all at once I saw another
Host of noisy hammer drills.
Beside the road, beneath the trees
They're building houses on blocks of breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way.
They stretched in never ending line
The trucks arriving night and day.
With so many houses we're fit to burst
Shame the Vale never asked us first.

With sewer people repairing pipes
And Gigaclear laying cable
Roadworks, Mud and building types
Walk through the village if you're able.
I gazed and gazed and here's my thought
I blame the Vale for the mess they've brought.

For oft upon my couch I lie
In vacant or pensive mood
And remember in my inward eye
The walks I took in solitude
Still I don't let it get me down,
Life's still good in Southmoor Town.

*If you have a poem you have written and would like
int published in the News send your words to
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*It seems everyone's a poet this month, must be the
time of year. Here's a take on the fact Broadband
is now available in the village by another budding
Betjeman.*

Super fast broadband is here,
And you don't have to buy it from Gigaclear,
Openreach came and went without any mess,
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Smile as you enjoy the speed without it costing
you dear.

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE & SOUTHMOOR BOWLS CLUB



On March 14th we entertained a strong Abingdon side in a pre-season friendly with the result being a 70-70 draw. The 15th saw the last game of the 'Winter Madness Competition which proved to be a great success with all matches well attended. All Members should now be in possession of their 2015 Fixture cards which as usual are very full. There will be some 80 matches against other teams including those for Ladies, Men and mixed teams. Additionally there will be our own internal competitions and for some members County matches. So, to cover all these games we could do with a few more Bowlers, be it novice or experienced. Our facilities are here for the local community and surrounding villages. Not many villages can boast a bowling green, so why not use this great village asset and join our club. Enjoy the fresh air in pleasant surroundings with social gatherings and it's there for all ages, abilities and families. We have the equipment to get you on your way. Interested, then ring our Secretary, Peter on 01865 820817 or the number below.

The Club House has seen further improvements with a refurbished Bar and our next project is to install floodlights when funds allow, so we await a visit from Father Christmas. During April we have our opening Tournament on the 18th. Our first Ashley Baker League match is away to Hungerford on the 22nd with the second against Faringdon at home on the 29th. We also have two friendly matches, one versus Carterton at home (mixed) and the ladies have one at Abingdon.

A couple of dates for your diaries include a Coffee Morning on June the 3rd and our Huge Jumble Sale on the 26th September. Both at our Club House. More news nearer the time. Our next Quiz is at the Club House on the 24th April at 8.00pm. Mick Fuller (01865 820818)

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Out and About with the KBS News

Alas, no entries for our Out & About feature this month. As the holiday season approaches, don't forget to take your copy of KBS News with you and be photographed holding the issue and enter our fun competition to see how far away or how interesting the places are that our villagers travel to. Last year's winner was taken on Bondi beach in Oz, can you beat that?

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Grand Easter Egg Hunt

at The Millennium Green



*on Easter Sunday
at 2.30pm
All Welcome*

Youth Matters

Scott Thomson writes:

Okay, I know I've written on this subject before, but my opinions have drastically changed. But first let me explain to you a principle. First it starts with a man, Howard Moskowitz, who used data from taster tests to improve food products to suit everyone. When he was working for Pepsi cola, trying to develop the perfect soft drink to suit everybody, he found after a series of taste tests, his results were inconclusive. So he advised the company to create lots of different types of Pepsi cola to suit different people, and Pepsi's sales rocketed. He most notably applied his theory to pasta sauce. He found most people liked smooth, spicy or chunky. The company only sold smooth at the time, but when they started to sell three types of sauce, their sales increased.

Now, let me apply this theory to the conundrum of the One Stop shop. I, admittedly, rather like it. It is tastefully decorated, has good food and has products I would normally have to travel miles to get, such as its great selection of magazines and chocolate bars (is it just me, or is there more confectionery than real food in there. For one, I'm not complaining). The staff are cheerful and friendly, especially since it is open rather late and the produce is rarely out of stock or out of date. This is the chunky pasta sauce to Southmoor Food and Wine's (miss you) smooth sauce that we were used to. It is a nice village shop, only different, and therefore appealing to different tastes, such as mine.

SERENDIPITY OVER 55's/60'S CLUB



At the March meeting we played musical bingo and also played a game of consequences, which caused a few giggles. We had our usual raffle and sales table and enjoyed hot cross buns and biscuits with our teas and coffees.

Next month, Easter Bonnets We are a small, friendly group and we meet once a month for a cuppa and social chat, and occasional quizzes, bingo and craft afternoons. We meet from 2 pm - 4 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, but on occasions we may go out for a meal or an outing. We would welcome new members, so why not come along and join us - and bring some new ideas with you. Next month is an Easter bonnet competition, and we have a meal planned for May and glass painting in the near future. Just £2 per month. Contact Pat for more details on 820775



Mark Potts' Kitchen Talk

Mother's day has just passed and it seems the normal gifts given are flowers or chocolate.

It made me realise that chocolate is an item that we really couldn't live without in the kitchen. We always have a chocolate dessert of some description on the menu and also use it in the sauces for some of the main courses.

Chocolate is made from cocoa beans, the dried and partially fermented seeds of the cocoa tree. The percentage that you see on chocolate packets reflects the cocoa solids and in general the higher the percentage the more bitter the taste. 43% of the world's chocolate comes from the Ivory Coast, and globally 50 million people depend on cocoa as a source of livelihood.

Making chocolate here at the hotel involves a process called tempering the chocolate which is quite complicated but basically means heating and cooling the chocolate so you can put a very thin layer to the moulds which is shiny so the chocolate does not crystallize. There is a lot of theory behind it but once you have practised a few times it does become easier. You really just want a chocolate with a very thin shell and plenty of filling.

Due to the differing percentages of white dark and milk chocolate many flavours go well with it such as chilli, vanilla, honey, rose, pepper. The list really is endless. Dark Chocolate is also said to be very good for circulation so you don't have to feel guilty, as there is some health benefits!

Mark is Head Chef at Fallowfields Hotel & Restaurant

You couldn't make it up.



Could a divorce firm have a better name?

The Last Laugh - Church Notices



**Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side.*

**The Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'*

**The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.*



Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

Hurray, spring is here!

It's that wonderful time of year when the clocks have gone forward and the evenings are drawing out so you can get out in the garden after work for an hour or so.

Here are our top tips for the month:-

Ô Plant up window boxes, pots or borders with annuals for some instant colour. For colour later in the year (which bees will love too), try sowing cornflowers and nasturtiums directly into the soil.

Ô March was the month for sowing seeds indoors; April is the month for sowing outdoor - try lettuce and spinach as well as carrots, beetroot and parsnip. Just pop them straight into well weeded ground as per the instructions on the packets.

Ô Now is the time to care for your lawn. Rake out moss (good for the soul if not your back) and sprinkle on some lawn feed as well as giving the first of many cuts.

Ô Prune and tie back climbing and rambling roses. If you're not sure what your rose is - search "rose pruning RHS" for their excellent guides.

If you're looking for spring inspiration from other gardens, consider visiting Batsford Arboretum for their Japanese cherry trees underplanted with drifts of spring bulbs, or Cliveden with its masses of spring bulbs. This month's talk is on "Design For Small Gardens" by Carol Smith. Carol is passionate about all things garden & design. Her show gardens have won awards at Chelsea, Malvern Spring Garden & BBC Gardeners' World Show. If you're planning on re-working your garden this year, her talk is a must-see.

Details: Tuesday April 7th, 7.15 for 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. Non-members £3 (under 18s £1.50); members free. Tea, coffee and biscuits served after the talk. For more information about the club, call Rebecca on 01865 820793 or email skbgardeningclub@gmail.com. *Paul Gill, Secretary.*



Anyone for tennis?

April heralds the new season for the club. We would like to welcome people interested in joining the club to play, and/or for coffee and biscuits, on the club morning of Sunday 12 April. Please email Paul Gill (address below) if you are interested in coming down. We are a friendly, down to earth, tennis club with a large and active membership involved in everything from social play to coaching to competitive league tennis.

Existing members should now know that a new season means membership renewals are due! The fees for 2015/16 are: families £100, adults £50, juniors £16 and students £22. This represents fantastic value - junior and student fees remain unchanged for the third year in a row. Locks will be changed on Sunday 12 April so please come down to exchange keys and grab a coffee and biscuit or two. See the website - www.kbstennis.org - for renewal details. Finally, head coach Matt Williams is running an Easter Training Camp for Juniors (ages 5-16) Mon 13th - Thu 16th April. Full course cost is £85 but day and half day options are also available. Places are now limited, but please contact Matt if interested on matt@acedpsychology.co.uk.

Hope to see you on the courts. *Paul Gill - info@kbstennis.org*

Robins win Boffins Quiz - again



Congratulations for the second year in a row, go to the Robins team who won the John Blandy Boffins Quiz held in the school hall on March 14th. They get to hang on to the much-coveted trophy for another twelve months. The team (L to R) Matt Johnson, Andy Gardner, Liz May, Mandy Gardner, Jerry May and Catherine Johnson. Can they be beaten next year?



WHERE THE HOPE BEGINS

Easter is the high point of the Christian calendar celebrating the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But death is a bad thing isn't it? Death is the worst trauma that anybody can face – families lose loved ones, friendships are broken and we can only imagine an inky blackness that lies ahead of us. But what about resurrection? Our Lord Jesus died and was resurrected – death and resurrection. Death is the defeat of sin and resurrection is the victory parade!

Jesus died for us all – every one of us can experience him in our faith. He feels our pain – we are not on our own. The Lord shares our broken hearts and our physical suffering through Jesus. The resurrection is his promise that we are not on our own. The Lord is with us and we have to decide whether to live for ourselves or to live for something bigger.

Why not join us for Easter Sunday? We have a quiet, reflective, peaceful Communion at 9.00, and a joyful All-Age Family Communion at 10.30. You might be asking, what is our “garden on a plate” competition for children? They make a micro-garden on a dinner plate, it can be an Easter garden or just an ordinary one, bring it along to the 10.30 service, there is a chocolate bar for all who enter and a big Easter egg for the winner. Then, of course, we have an Easter egg hunt for children afterwards (sorry, grown-ups). After Easter, try another service, or one of our friendly discussion groups, where you can look at what the Bible has to say on a range of issues that matter to us today. (Call 820451 to find out more.)

Happy Easter!

From Ian Blelloch and all at St John the Baptist

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES

Come and Join us in Exploring the Mysteries of Easter

Thursday 2 nd April	7.30pm Maundy Thursday communion, speaker: Mr Ian Bensted
Friday 3 rd April	2.00pm Good Friday meditation, with hymns, led by Revd Joe Cotterill
Sunday 5 th April	9.00am Quiet Easter Holy Communion 10.30am Easter All-Age Family Communion Service (with 'Garden on a plate' competition for children, followed by Easter Egg hunt for children)

See the KBS News for details of our other services. Our Sunday school, The Space, offers a warm welcome to children on Sundays at 10.30.

KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR


The café is going from strength to strength, with more than forty customers on some weeks. We have a special Easter event at the café on Thursday 2nd April, when Delyth Hallion-Gammon will be making crafts with the children. We'll serve hot cross buns and there will be chocolate eggs for the children.

The café is open every Thursday from 9am until noon, in the main hall at Southmoor Village Hall, Draycott Road. We serve Fair Trade tea, coffee and hot chocolate, orange and blackcurrant squash, bacon sandwiches and a selection of (mostly) home-made cakes and scones, including some dairy- and gluten-free options. There are toys for the children and newspapers and magazines for the grown-ups. We always welcome new volunteers to come on our rota of helpers. It only means helping for one morning about every two months. If you are interested, please contact Jenny Bone on 01865 820368. We look forward to meeting you. If anyone needs a lift please contact one of us on the numbers below.

"We are friends you haven't met yet"

Jenny Bone (820368) Carole Watts (821710)



ED VAIZEY MP Parish Newsletter

As the General Election looms I have been reflecting on what an honour it has been to serve the Wantage and Didcot constituency over the past ten years. One of the most fantastic aspects of my role as your MP is meeting so many dedicated volunteers and getting involved in some of the many great causes in the constituency.

I am incredibly proud to have become president of SUDEP Action, a charity based in Wantage, which is working towards the prevention of sudden unexpected death in epilepsy. This charity was set up by local resident Jane Hanna and provides information and a support network for the bereaved. Last month there was an important Parliamentary debate which called on the Government to address major issues facing people with epilepsy and resulted in a commitment from the Government and MP's to do all they could to raise awareness of the risks associated with epilepsy by "red-flagging" those at increased risk of fatality. They also pledged to try to reduce avoidable epilepsy related deaths.

Friends of OSCAR is a national charity, based in Didcot, of which I am also a recent patron. This charity helps children, and their families, when they are diagnosed with brain or spinal tumours. I recently attended the launch of a bag of essential items, such as toothpaste and overnight necessities, given to parents when they arrive at hospital often without time to pack. This is one of the many ways the charity supports families at such a traumatic time.

Another very worthy cause that I have recently become involved in is Mission Motorsport. The aim of this national charity, based near Wantage is to aid the recovery and rehabilitation of those affected by military operations, by providing opportunities through Motorsport. Not only do they provide a support network but focus on training and direct vocational skills to help those affected to get back into the workplace.

These are just a few examples of the many good causes I have encountered and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteers and helps to make this constituency such a wonderful place to live.

This month I have received letters and emails on a wide range of topics including protecting the wildlife, dementia and beer duty. However, the issue I received most correspondence on, some 100 plus emails, relates to concerns over the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). I believe the agreement does not carry the risks that some have put forward, and I am reassured that as Parliament will scrutinise the proposals and ultimately has the final veto power, a final agreement will only be reached if it is in the United Kingdom's interests.

As ever please feel free to contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please do email me at vaizeye@parliament.uk or sign up at www.vaizey.com.



You couldn't make it up.

Hypocrite: The man who murdered both his parents then pleaded for mercy on the grounds that he was an orphan. Abraham Lincoln

VILLAGE CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Please Note; This is the most up to date list we have. Should anyone know of any updates please contact the editor editorkbsnews@gmail.com for the list to be amended (240315)

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1st Southmoor Guides	Sally Dance	01865 821924 dance424@btinternet.com
Apple Quilters	Jane Carter	01865 820354
Church Youth Group	David Pickering - Vicar	01865 820451
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French for Fun	Kathy Fletcher	01865 820193
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Email Address: _____

I would like ____ tickets at £15 a head for the Murder Mystery Evening on Saturday, 25th April 2015

I enclose a cheque made payable to Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group to the value of £_____

Please do not send cash by post. You can also buy tickets from any KBDG member.

Deadline for ticket purchase is the 11th April 2015

Please tick one of the following:

- ☐ Send me email confirmation of my order
- ☐ Send me my tickets by post. I have enclosed an extra 80p towards postage

Dietary requirements: _____

Please send completed form and cheque to : KBDG C/O Paula Eastwood, Wayside House, Beggars Lane, Southmoor, OX13 5BL

If you do not wish to receive information about further KBDG productions please tick this box. Your details will not be used for any other purpose. ☐

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BAD FORTUNE

a Murder Mystery by

Fiona J Phillips and Janet Kilgallon-Brook

25th April 2015

Southmoor Village Hall. Doors open 7pm -
performance starts at 7:30pm

Tickets £15 which includes a free 2
course Ploughman's style supper.

There will also be a licensed bar.

**Get your tickets now from the Box
Office by calling 01865 821 816**

N.B. tickets must be purchased by 11th April 2015