



KBS NEWS

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Matthew Arnold pupils miss the bus.



Just when you think it's safe to go back in the water. Just when you think the powers that be can't do any worse to us than fill the village with unwanted houses, they strike again. This time Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) are planning to withdraw the free bus service for pupils from the village who attend Matthew Arnold school.

Parents and children alike protest against the removal of free school bus travel Parents received the unwanted news in a letter from the school indicating that a charge of some £600 per pupil for the new intake from September of next year.

Naturally many parents who live in the village are up in arms and an on-line petition has been started along with letters of protest fired off to Ed Vaizey MP and District & County Councillor Melinda Tilley. Alas, Councillor Tilley declined to comment for the News as she was part of the decision making process.

Very unhappy parent Lorain Groves said, 'We received a letter from Matthew Arnold stating that the OCC are withdrawing funds to send our children by bus to their selected secondary schools and that each child would have to pay £500/£600 to get the bus.'

The parents at the school are in uproar about this as for some of us moved to Southmoor because of the good school and the two good secondary schools in the catchment area. I am certain this will affect the village and the local school as no one will rightfully move to a village where they have to in my case (as I have two children) pay £1200 to get their children to school. They would move closer to the secondary school.'

The letter from Matthew Arnold school states: 'If children in Matthew Arnold School catchment are not eligible for free transport because they live further than 3 miles from the school and there is a closer school to their home, then OCC has predicted the cost of travel to be approximately £500-£600 per child per year.'

Lorain also stated, 'The school that is said to be closer IN MILES is Larkmead in Abingdon, there is no transport from Southmoor and no one sends their child currently to this school from here.'

I don't understand where the logic is, as surely a bus will have to run to Larkmead from Southmoor and back, and does the extra 1.5 miles really make that much of a difference as buses are already on the road going to the other local villages from Faringdon and Cumnor free of charge? Is this really the best money saving council idea that they can come up with?

How can the average household nowadays afford these charges? We definitely cannot so we would end up commuting the children ourselves. As WORKING parents we will have to drive half way across Oxfordshire before we can even start work to run the children to and from school. I would have to give my job up. Other parents to whom I have spoken about this would have to do the same. I thought the government are trying to encourage people to go to work?' *I think Lorain says it all. Ed.*

Fete photographs, see pages 4 and 22

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Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

Car Parks used to be a convenient place to accommodate the motor whilst the occupants of said vehicle visited shops, work, relations, leisure facilities etc., you get the idea. Now of course they are considered an easy target and cash cow by local councils. Even hospitals charge for some inflated fee to park. Scandalous.

A sign at the John Radcliffe says if you don't want to pay parking fees or get stressed out looking for a parking spot use the Park & Ride. Have they any idea how long it would take to get from Kingston Bagpuize to the JR by bus? The mind boggles.

Now I'm no particular fan of Jeremy Clarkson but he is right when he says the cost of running a car is very expensive with insurance, tax and repairs and fuel, and with all these costs the government don't want you to use the thing.

Free parking in Witney must have poured untold millions into the tills of local shops, restaurants and the cinema. Witney has been transformed by providing easy access to the centre and leisure facilities. The rest of the Vale I believe have made parking free for a short time before charges cut in. A step in the right direction at least, and proves my point methinks.

I can hear the protestors now saying of course we should pay parking fees. OK I don't mind paying but the extortionate charges for parking in Oxford are simply disgraceful and must be the highest in the UK outside London. Crackers.

VILLAGE DIARY

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

August	Day	Time	What & Where (SVH = Southmoor Village Hall)	Page
Saturday	10th	10.00am - 1.00pm	Coffee Morning re Bell Tower Appeal, Woodlyn, Faringdon Rd	6
Sunday	11th	12noon - 4.00pm	Charity Summer BBQ, Waggon & Horses, Faringdon Road	
Sunday	11th	8.30am	Car Boot Sale - Cricket Club, Abingdon Road	
Monday	12th	Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15		
Tuesday	13th	7.30pm	KBS Womens Institute, Southmoor Village Hall,	12
Wednesday	14th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Serendipity, Southmoor Village Hall	12
Monday	19th	4.00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for KBS News September Edition	2
Wednesday	28th	9.00am - 5.00pm	Children's Drama Workshop, Wind In The Willows	15
Friday	30th		Bowls Club Quiz & BBQ, Oxford Road Clubhouse	
September				
Monday	2nd	7.00pm	KBS Parish Council Meeting – Swallow Room, VH	11
Tuesday	3rd		Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club SVH	10
Friday	6th	10.30 - 12.30	Charity Coffee Morning & Sale - Tubney Farm House	
Monday	9th	Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15		
Tuesday	10th	10.00am -3.00pm	Serendipity - Coach Trip to Stratford on Avon	12
Tuesday	10th	5.00pm - 8.00pm	Creation Drama Club - Free Taster Session - John Mason Sch	6
Saturday	14th	2.00pm	Gardening Club Annual Show - SVH	
Sunday	15th	3.00pm	Speedy Badger Family Fun Run - Millennium Green	24
Monday	16th		Friends of John Blandy Collection of unwanted Textiles & Toys	
Thursday	19th	2.15pm	Longworth & District History Society - visit to Ditchley Park	16
Saturday	21st		Bowls Club Grand Jumble Sale, Oxford Road Clubhouse	
Monday	23rd	Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15		
Friday	27th		Bowls Club Quiz & Fish & Chip Supper, Oxford Road Club	
Saturday / Sunday	28th / 29th		Art & Crafts Exhibition Southmoor Village Hall	6
October				
Thursday	24th	5.30pm - 7.30pm	Friends of John Blandy Childrens Halloween Disco	
November				
Tuesday	5th		Friends of John Blandy Annual Fireworks Display	

** **The Mobile Library Service** - see dates above. All types of books are available, including books in large print and an audio cassette for the partially sighted. Music cassettes also available. Reservations accepted for a small fee.

Regular Events each Month

What	Where	Day	Time
Apple Quilters	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd & 4th Monday	9.30am - 12am
Baby & Toddler Group	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday Term Time Only	10am - 11.30am
Church Youth Group	1 Oxford Road	Sunday Term Time	6.00pm - 7.30pm
French for Fun	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Wednesday	9am - 10.30am
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth VH from Jan 8 2013	Tuesday Term Time Only	11.00am - 12.30pm
KB Drama Group	St John the Baptist Church Hall	Tuesday	7.30pm
KB & S Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.30pm
KB & S Cafe	Methodist Chapel	Thursday	9am - 12 noon
KB & S Gardening Club	Southmoor Village Hall	1st Tuesday from Feb	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	Methodist Church Hall	Friday Term Time Only	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Kingsmoor Community Club	Hinton Waldrist Village Hall	Tues, Wed, Fri	10.00am - 3.00pm
1st Kingston Bagpuize Brownies	John Blandy School	Tues Term Time Only	6.30pm - 8.00pm

1st Longworth Beavers	The Scout Hut Faringdon Road	Contact Mike Furse 01865 820162	Thursday	Term Time Only	6.00pm - 7.15pm
1st Longworth Cubs			Tuesday		7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Longworth Explorers			Wednesday		7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Scouts			Thursday		7.30pm - 9.00pm
Pilates	Southmoor Village Hall		Thursday		7.30pm - 8.30pm
Pilates Matwork Classes	John Blandy School		Monday		7.00pm - 9.10pm
Serendipity Meeting	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm		2nd Wednesday		2pm - 4pm
1st Southmoor Guides	John Blandy School		Wednesday		7.00pm - 8.30pm
Southmoor Karate Club	Southmoor Village Hall		Sunday		10am - 11.30am
Southmoor Rainbows	Methodist Church Hall		Tues Term Time Only		5.45pm - 6.45pm
KB & S Womens Institute	Southmoor Village Hall		2nd Tuesday		7.30pm
Zumba	Southmoor Village Hall		Monday		8.15pm

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<http://kingstonbagpuizechurch.wordpress.com>



Sunday 4th August 9.00am Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill
 10.30am Morning Worship Speaker: Mr Stephen Haywood
 Sunday 11th August 9.00am Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill
 10.30am Summer Church Informal All-Age Service Speaker: Miss Jenny Weaving
 Sunday 18th August 9.00am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
 10.30am All-Age Service Speaker: Revd David Pickering
 Sunday 25th August 9.00 am & 10.30am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY 11th AUGUST – SUMMER CHURCH INFORMAL ALL-AGE SERVICE: Each year, in the middle of August, we have a rather different and very informal service, with some extremely fun, and also thought-provoking, activities for children and indeed adults. Do try it out this year.

SUNDAY 18th AUGUST – ALL-AGE SERVICE: The 10.30am service at Kingston provides an interesting, and hopefully challenging, moment in the month of August. As with all our services, refreshments, good company and good conversation follow.

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

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Fyfield Chapel (Evangelical)

www.fyfieldchapel.org.uk

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Communion: 2nd Sunday in month

Evening Tea & Fellowship

5.30 pm 1st Sunday in month

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8.00 pm 3rd Friday in month

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Newsletter available at Blessed Hugh Church or from the Parish

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

**BUCKLAND AND FARINGDON PARISH CENTRED AT
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2013 Church Fete Scrapbook



*Some of the entries
for the Photographic
Competition.
More pictures on
page 22. Results next
month.*



VILLAGE VOICES

Open letter to Neil Evans from Keith Graham ref Ed Vaizey's column:-

Hi Neil – I can't believe page 21 in July's issue of KBS News — and can't imagine your feelings. To take this long (and too late) to offer support for "the major issue in the constituency" – and then to be "pleased the Vale Council has appointed a new head of planning, and two new planning officers" beggars belief. Had you had this support, then who knows what might have happened? To ask for clarification re "housing numbers overriding local planning", at this stage – when building permission has been granted – just adds to the frustration. I want to say something to Lance for the next News – a cartoon doesn't seem strong enough — and thought I would hear your views. Regards *Keith*

The recent article and picture of the Jubilee Queen and Princess competition brought back many memories of when we decorated the houses on the A415-A420 corner, as it was then, and other places in the village and organised various activities in celebration of this splendid event one of which of course was the Jubilee Queen competition.

Now it was easy to agree to hold the event but another thing to decide on the judges, Penny Richardson advised she would be able to arrange for a Bunny Girl from the Play Boy Club in London but she would need to be brought down by car on the Friday. Bill Winder volunteered to pick her up but was not prepared for Bunny Fern to appear complete with bunny ears and a tail and the spoil-sport made her change before the journey. He and Viv subsequently entertained her to a family tea before she joined the other judges. It was a most enjoyable evening with the old village hall bursting at the seams with villagers and proud family members of the girls. This of course was only one of the activities, there were many more.

At the close of all these events there was a small surplus of cash and a meeting was held to decide on its future. George Pulley proposed that the money should be used to start the fund for a new village hall and so fund raising began followed by a multitude of events and then the search for a site. The land on which the old hall stood was not large enough and various plots were investigated. Ultimately George and I visited Richard Cox and asked if he had a plot he would be prepared to sell. He thought for a few moments and to our surprise said how about in Draycott Road. We explained we had little money and to our further surprise and delight he said how about £2000. That evening meeting around his supper table resulted in the purchase of all the land on which the Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall and surroundings now stand. *Peter Smith*

Now I'm not here to push local businesses but I have to tell this little story if only to counteract the myth that all I do is whinge (See page 2).

My bride noticed a number of wasps flying in and out of the eaves yesterday morning. The little swines were building a nest in the eaves of the house and hoping for free accommodation for the summer. However a call to Pestforce in the village brought a swift end to this construction site. I spoke to Rob about 4.30pm and he said he'd be round at 6.30pm. He phoned again later to say he would be there in five minutes and he was.

With an explanation of what he was doing and the job was done before 7.00pm. Last night and today there wasn't a wasp to be seen. Great service and result and I for one think it worthy of a mention. Go Pestforce. Lance Bassett.



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If popular this would then continue as a 4 week "Learn to Nordic Walk" course. Instructor led and poles provided.

If you are interested please get in touch with Anna - anna.capel-davies@southandvale.gov.uk or phone 01235 540377 indicating what time of day - weekday/ weekday evening or weekend would suit you best

Oxford Centre for Diabetic Research - Thank you.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our stall at the Church Fete and to those who purchased our lovely plants beforehand. We are pleased to say we raised a total of £338.51 and will be sending a cheque to the Oxford Centre for Diabetic Research. With much appreciation from, Lynn Trinder, Sue King & Angela Branigan.

Art & Craft Exhibition

Calling all local artists. There will be an opportunity to display your work including handi-craft at the Art & Craft Exhibition taking place in the village hall over the weekend 28th/29th September 2013. Artists from our village and members from the Stanford Art Group will be exhibiting their latest work, so don't miss this splendid opportunity to display your talent to the public. You may also wish to offer items of your work for sale? There will be refreshments available and a raffle on each day. Contact me on 820051 if you would like to take part. There will be a children's section as well as adults and you don't need to be a Reubens or Van Gogh to take part. *Ron Green*

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Coffee Morning in aid of the Church Bell Tower Appeal

Saturday 10th August, 10am till 1pm at Woodlyn, Faringdon Road, Southmoor
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VACANCIES





Rigoletto: Middleton Stoney's best kept secret.

FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TODAY? No.7: Rigoletto, Middleton Stoney

We were taken for lunch to this Italian restaurant in Middleton Stoney, and I for one never knew it was there. Anyway, it is there and is situated in a lovely setting resembling a private house. There's sheep in the field and it was a beautiful English Spring day. (Remember it?) Before writing this review I did look on Trip Advisor, and saw some scathing comments but speak as you find and we found it very good.

The service was excellent. We sat and had pre-lunch drinks and listened to the girl behind the bar throwing the bottles in the bin, with some relish we thought, but hey ho perhaps that's what they do in Middleton Stoney. We went through to the conservatory restaurant and for a Friday lunchtime it was very busy. A lot of those poor pensioners we hear so much about.

The order was taken and the wine chosen and I was pleasantly surprised to find the three course set lunch menu was only £13.80, with an excellent choice of dishes to boot.

I ordered mixed mushrooms in a garlic and wine sauce. As usual with these dishes the garlic was awful, but even so they were very tasty.

My main course of Cannelloni was excellent with deep fried courgettes, roast potatoes plus a smattering of fresh vegetables.

The trolley heaved to, loaded down with its cargo of fine pud's included Tiramisu, Crème Caramel, Pannacotta, Cherry Roulade, Chocolate Torte, Oranges in Caramel Sauce and a selection of cheeses. Oh the agony of choice. Now come on that's not bad for an under £14 lunch. I went for the Pannacotta, delicious.

It was hard to fault Rigoletto, the staff were pleasant. Save for the waiter leaning across to serve the food without so much as a by your leave or Kiss-me-Hardy they were faultless.

So to recap, two Gin & Tonics, two three course lunches and a bottle of house Merlot (very good too I may say) all for under £50. Sounds good to me. *Eton Loveitt*

WINE OF THE MONTH

As we write this, Summer has finally arrived and it is BBQ season! This month we have selected two wines, one white, one red, which will be enjoyable to drink with BBQ's, Picnics, Parties etc. Both wines come from the Aldi Supermarket, and, no, we are not being paid by Aldi to promote their wines! The reason is that wine prices in the U.K. have risen considerably over the past few years, and Aldi stocks a range of good and reasonably priced wines to suit everyone's pockets. Next month we will taste wines from other sources.



The first wine is a 2012 CAMBALA SAUVIGNON BLANC from the Western Cape Region of South Africa at £3.99. This wine is a classic Sauvignon Blanc, rich, vibrant, crisp and dry, with gooseberry and citrus fruit aromas, ideal as an aperitif, to accompany light meals, or just to drink on its own.

The second wine is a 2012 TOROLOCO TEMPRANILLO from Spain at £3.69. This wine is the perfect reflection of its name. Toroloco means "Crazy Bull", and this full bodied wine is full of life, capturing the essence of Spain. It has a deep fruity bouquet, and is a very smooth wine, full of deep red fruit flavours. A must to accompany those Burgers and Sausages on the BBQ! These are great wines to help your summer parties go with a swing. Cheers! *The Wine Quartet*



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Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

What a difference a day makes! Recently we've been basking in blistering sun, but it was so different on the evening of the Annual Garden Party, when jumpers and even anoraks were needed! However, a most enjoyable event was held in the garden of 'Woodlyn', Faringdon Road. Thanks to Chris and Julie Carpenter and the team for organising

the event and for providing plenty of sumptuous food. Also to clever Chris for keeping us occupied with a cryptic quiz which had some obscure connection with plants.

There will be no official meeting during August, so our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd September with John Negus who will give a talk about herbaceous and perennial borders. All our regular meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month - everybody is 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 often plant and gardening goodies are available for sale with donations to our adopted charity for 2013 Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance. For further information about the Club visit skbgardeningclub@gmail.com or contact Chairman Steve Smith on 01865 820399.

Read any good books lately?

Firstly I have to own up to not being a great reader. In fact my reading is limited to the gaps between the Swimming Pool, the Bar and Restaurants when my wife and I get away on holiday.

However, I thought it might be an idea to share my latest read with you all in the hope that some of the KBS readers will also share with the KBS News their own recent reads.

My latest holiday reading was Live From Downing Street by Nick Robinson, the BBC's Political Editor (yes I know I'm sad). Nick's the one we regularly see standing outside No 10 trying to explain what the words uttered by our leaders really mean.

Nick's book starts with an interesting bit about his family and his career background and goes on to explain the relationship between the BBC and Governments of every colour since the first broadcast in 1922. Nick writes that the BBC always seems to be seen by the Government of the day as biased against it and at the same time by the Opposition as biased against those in opposition. In addition the book refers back to well before the BBC was created when Parliament imprisoned those that reported what MPs had said and the period when it was against the law for Broadcasters to debate anything newsworthy or even cover elections.

Nick Robinson admits to occasionally shouting at the radio "For Pete's sake let them answer and stop interrupting" when listening to the Today Programme or Newsnight on the Television. So that's two of us shouting, then! However, he does justify why it has to be that way.

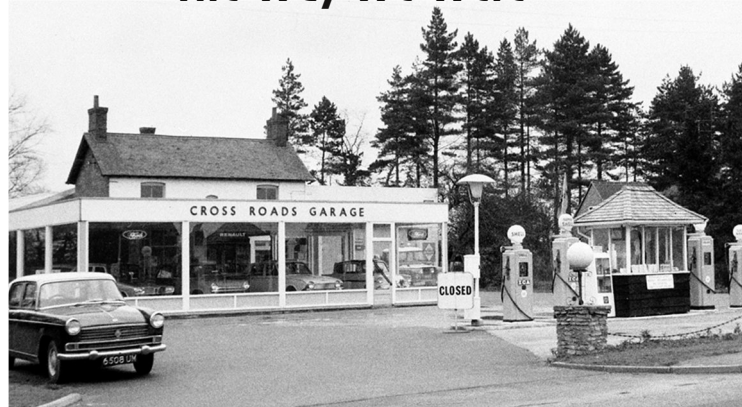
Nick tells that from time to time he is asked if he is impartial and not biased to one party or another. His questioners point out that 25 years ago he was Chairman of the Young Conservatives but he responds by pointing out that the main attraction was dances and discos, not politics. When introduced to Tony Blair by Alistair Campbell as "Prime Minister, the chairman of the Young Conservatives" Nick responded by saying "Prime Minister, at the time I was involved in politics you had long hair and were playing the guitar with the Ugly Rumours. Blair's response was "Yes Nick, but I wish I still was". Looks like a 1 - 1 draw to me.

Anyway I enjoyed the read and I found I turned the pages quite quickly with plenty of interesting stuff all the way through. *Roy Wolfe. Why not tell the village about your recent reads. About 400 words would be great. Ed.*

Keith's Kartoon Komment



The Way We Were



Remember Crossroads Garage in the 1960's?

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



The July meeting of the KBS Parish Council took place on Monday 1st. July, in the Village Hall, together with 3 members of the Public.

Public Participation. The chair noted that issues raised by the public, following the start of the Pye Development had been resolved promptly, Thames Valley police had carried out speed checks on the Faringdon Road, following complaints, a number of offenders had been issued with penalty notices , ALL RESIDENTS of the Village!

In response to questions, the Clerk summarised the timing and amounts of S106 contributions, (to VWHDC, except where stated) from the three Developers of the Village sites. These include £3,113 towards the provision of an artificial pitch, and £22,313, to be used towards a sports hall, both the vicinity, in equal thirds, on the days before occupation of the 1st., 17th. & 34th. Dwelling (Pye).

£33,327 facilities for Kingston Football Club; £23,328 Kingston Cricket Club; payable on the day before occupation of the 1st. Dwelling, and £22, 849, towards a sports hall in the vicinity, payable before occupation of the 32nd. dwelling (St. Johns', Witney Rd.), and £150K, towards sports, recreation, and youth facilities within the parish, before occupation of any market housing (Taylor Wimpey).

In total , the three developers have agreed to contribute a total of £67K towards public works of art, either on site, or in the vicinity.

(Village residents are urged to think about this aspect, and put forward ideas as to how best to use this available money within the Village and not let it drift out to the VWHDC)

Report from District and County Councillor: Apologies, attending Annual Local Govt. Conference.

Broadband: Clr. A. Chartres reported on a meeting with G. Ellerton, BT, who expects the OCC/BT. Contract to be announced by the end of July, with "Roll Out" commencing Feb/March 2014. (Recent Press reports appear to indicate programme running up to two years late!).

Mr. Ellerton recommended continued pressure on OCC, to ensure Parish receives High Priority. Further info is expected following OCC presentation to the OALC AGM which took place on 1st. July.

PLANNING. The sale of land in the North-East corner of the Pye development is being negotiated. Until completion, the land will be leased back to Pye, when the area will be landscaped prior to return to the Parish Council. The land to the South will be maintained as Public open space, by the owner as part of S106 agreement.

The Village Hall Management Committee have requested that they be kept fully informed of any proposals for development of the Village Hall and surrounding grounds, as a result of any discussions subsequent to S106 agreements for the Draycott Rd. Site. (Any approaches to the Parish Council, would immediately be communicated to the Management Committee)

The report commissioned by the Parish Council, from Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association, was approved; to be forwarded to VWHDC, to support application P13/V0216, which provides for a new Sports Pavilion, and further planning gains for the Football and Cricket Club site.

Village Amenities. Recreation Grounds: The equipment is in a satisfactory condition; numerous instances of anti-social behaviour are being reported , committed by older youths, for whom the equipment is NOT PROVIDED, which could lead to charges of criminal damage against the perpetrators!

Thames valley Police are stepping up their patrols as a consequence!

Quotations are being sought, in order to improve the surface beneath some items of equipment, one most favoured, is composed of re-cycled rubber which is compounded on site, a competitive quote is awaited.

Burial Ground. Tidy and satisfactory.

War Memorial. The three flagpoles have been erected on a trial basis, dismantled, and returned to storage. Members agreed to explore options to have the flag poles erected on a permanent basis. A nearby resident has expressed a view that the flagpoles are intrusive to his environment, and that the flags are likely to be flown on more than the two or three occasions originally envisaged.

The Parish Council would be interested to learn the views of other nearby residents, together with the wider Village Community. (E-Mail, write or phone Parish Clerk). The Parish Council will decide on which days the flags will be flown!

Faults. Road surface A420/415 roundabout, Faringdon Road/Hinds Head approach and mini Roundabout, and surface at Springhill, all badly deteriorated, OCC Highways to be advised.

Many residents will no doubt be aware that the Latton Close Bus Shelter had a glass panel smashed recently, possibly sometime on the morning of Tues. 2nd. July, information appears to indicate that was in one piece around 6.30 a.m. However Police are investigating. (There is a possibility of stones flung up by a vehicle?) The Parish Council is instigating repairs and replacement of the panel. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 2nd. Sept. In the Swallow room of the Village Hall., at 7p. m.. *Brian Forster, Chairman.*

Ron's Green Finger Gardening Tips for August



What could be better in this glorious weather we have been having but to relax by a garden pond, listening to the gentle sound of water and watching out for the occasional dragon fly and the splash from the fish. In sultry weather remember to keep the water well oxygenated by occasionally adding fresh water by a hose and spray. If possible cut off large water lily leaves if they are hiding the lily flowers, otherwise allow them to decay naturally during the summer months. Thin out heavy growths of oxygenating plants if they appear to be choking the pond and blocking the water pump filters. When removing plants always take care not to remove young fish or young frogs and water snails while doing so. Plants grown in pots and containers are at risk of damage from Vine Weevil at this time of year. The adults feed on the leaves of many plants and shrubs, leaving tell-tale, irregular notches on the leaf edges. This can look unsightly but rarely does any lasting damage. The true culprit is the Vine Weevil Larvae living in the soil. It feeds on roots and bores holes in tubers and plant stems, causing devastating damage to many plants. The grubs over-winter in the pots then emerge as young adults in late spring/early summer to begin the whole process over again! By using a Biological Control such as Nemasys twice a year – in the autumn (to control the larvae from eggs laid in the summer) and again in spring, you break the cycle and can maintain healthy container plant.

Once you have harvested your potatoes and other early crops, if you would normally leave the area unplanted consider planting a Green Manure crop to cover the space. The benefits of growing Green Manures are many - they cover bare soil which would otherwise encourage weeds and loss of soil nutrients through rain or snow over winter. They suppress weeds, protect soil from erosion and add structure.

This month's favourite veg – Runner Bean; planted in late spring and allowed to grow up sticks or canes the crop should be ready to pick this month, and picked regularly there should be a constant supply of beans until the first frost arrives. Some varieties are ideal for the freezer and will keep you going well into the winter when vegetables are most expensive to buy. Dried beans taken from the pods can be stored over the winter and planted next spring for a free crop next year, what could be better?

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.

Our July meeting featured guest speaker Derek Gale, a professional photographer who teaches for The Royal Photographic Society. His subject was "Improve your Photography" so on a very sunny evening the curtains were closed and the lights turned off so that members could enjoy a presentation of many photographs showing good tips on technique and composition. There were unforgettable tips such as " photograph what your eyes see, change your point of view and if you want to photograph insects put them in the fridge.! Delicious summer refreshments were enjoyed afterwards thanks to our hostesses for the evening.

Our stall at the Church Fete successfully boosted funds and the Midsummer Breakfast at Aston Pottery was enjoyed by 20+ members along with some retail therapy.

Next month's meeting is on the 13th August at 7-30pm in the Village Hall and the guest speaker is Rob Walters - " Being down, Looking up"with the members competition: Decorative shoe or boot.

Finally remember all our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in Southmoor Village Hall at 7-30pm. Our own website (www.bagpuizewi.co.uk) gives details of all our future meetings and the WI's own Denman College in Marcham as well as links to the NFWI website. You can also follow what we get up to on Facebook. *Karen King 820046*

SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

Members had a craft afternoon and each made a greetings card which was made by iris folding. A few took theirs home to finish and some finished and were very pleased with the result. We all enjoyed strawberries and cream with our afternoon cuppa. Next month will be on Wednesday 14th August from 2 pm - 4 pm.

The September meeting will be on TUESDAY 10th INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY and we will be going to Stratford on Avon, leaving the village hall at 10 am and returning from Stratford at 3 pm. THERE ARE A FEW SEATS LEFT ON THE COACH SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL. THE COST IS £17.50. *Pat 820775*



WORDS OF WISDOM

A man in love with himself has one thing going for him, he will have few rivals.

George Bernard Shaw

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE DRAMA GROUP



The village drama group has had a busy few months and we are delighted to be able to announce a series of events for the next twelve months.

Firstly though, we are extremely pleased to relay that our entry into the Abingdon and Wallingford One Act Drama Festivals, *The Extraordinary Revelations of Orca the Goldfish*, was successfully received.

The two hander, directed by the talented Susi Dalton, with Michael Lacey and Paula Eastwood in acting roles, did very well against some stiff competition, with adjudicators at both festivals making very positive comments. Additionally, Paula was nominated as 'Best Actress' after her performance at The Corn Exchange, Wallingford and the production was credited with a 'memorable moment' mention at the ODN.

We are hoping to stage the production for the village as part of a theatre supper evening at some stage in the not too distant future, subject to availability of the village hall, watch this space. Thanks, as always to Ian Ashby and his team for providing technical support.

On Wednesday 28th August, Susi Dalton will be running a children's drama workshop on behalf of the group. The day will run from 9am to 5pm and is suitable for ages 8-11, the theme will be 'Wind In The Willows' booking forms are available from Southmoor Food and Wine and need to be completed by 21st August. At only £10 per head it's a great way to entertain your children for a day during the long summer holiday.

In November our production will be 'The O'Connor Girls' a play with moments of comedy which explores family dynamics, misapprehension, secrets, memories and moving on. As the title suggests this is a predominantly female cast, more details to follow in subsequent newsletters.

We are also planning another Murder Mystery Supper evening early 2014. These events are always very popular so we are reading scripts currently in order to find something suitably dark to entertain you with in the bleak months following Christmas.

This will be followed by our April festival entries and in November 2014 we hope to be able to stage *The Vicar of Dibley*.

This is a production the group are very keen to bring to the village, the script based on the TV series is a cracker, however we were unable to produce it this year due to the severe lack of men within the group. Our audition day only resulted in one (female) applicant so if you are male and have ever fancied acting let us know – with over a years notice there is plenty of time to learn the lines!

As always, we would be delighted to have new members join our small group, we meet on Tuesdays from 7.30pm in the church hall so feel free to pop along or contact Rob Bateman on rob.bateman28@live.co.uk.

Sally Lacey

Three Men and a Boat: Part 1



Captain John Smith flanked by his crew

The idea for this event started with a talk by Sandi Burrows in September last year to our club on an organisation called 'ODYSSEY'. Alan's committee suggested that they should offer the use of the Bruce Trust boat (with help from the Rotary Club of Hungerford) for a week with our club manning the boat from 9th–16th June. Odyssey decided to take up the offer of the boat for three days, and the remaining days were offered to Style Acre who support people with learning difficulties based in Wallingford (<http://www.styleacre.org.uk> for further information.)

On the 9th June 2013, three members of the Didcot Rotary Club Alan, Richard and John went down to Lower Foxhangers where the boat Diana is berthed on the Kennet & Avon canal, for tuition by Mike Lang to see if we were competent to handle and steer the boat. Alan and Richard took their wives Caroline and Dot down with them whilst under tutelage of Mike going through two locks to a winding point and back. John started and went through two locks, and on the return voyage Alan and Richard did one lock each. To our surprise, Mike passed us fit to manage Diana, adding a good number of grey hairs to his white ones. John had been press ganged to take on the responsibility of 'captain' for the week since he would be on the boat for the whole week! We all had lunch at the Barge Inn after our initial voyage and then home. *John Smith.*

To be continued.....



With a Wimbledon win, beautiful weather forecast and Sports Day and the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly both just around the corner, everyone at John Blandy Primary School is really getting into the summer swing. The children are enjoying lots of summer activities at the moment, and really making the most of the spacious school grounds.

We have received lots of nice feedback about the recent evening music concert for Key Stage 2 (7-11 year olds), which showcased ensembles, choirs and solo musicians to an audience of family and friends. The children have all spent some time with their new teachers, and we welcomed our 27 new Reception children for the morning on 9th July which was a great opportunity to begin to get to know them and their families.

It is a very exciting time to be part of the John Blandy school community. When Mr Spring resigned after 24 years the school Governors recruited Bob Pattenden and myself as Co-Heads from January to July to give a good time period for them to appoint a new permanent Headteacher. We are very pleased to have appointed Clare Silvester, currently Deputy Headteacher at Watchfield, as Headteacher and have enjoyed working with her on getting things organised for September. Furthermore, Clare and the Governors have appointed a new Deputy Headteacher, Lucy Phipps, who is currently working at The Batt School in Witney, as well as a new class teacher, Sue Kittle. From September the classes will be named after trees, and organised as follows:

Oak - Reception: Mrs Bimla Surtees

Elm - Y1: Miss Karey Evans

Horse Chestnut: - Y2: Miss Maria O'Leary

Walnut - Y3/4: Mrs Lucy Phipps

Sycamore - Y4/5: Mrs Sue Kittle

Willow - Y6: Mrs Suzanne Elliott and Mrs Jo Coultas

School will be saying goodbye to long-serving teachers Miss Ann Joseph and Mr Toby West as they move on to pastures new, plus Cleaner-In-Charge Mr Chris Davies, and we wish them all the best. Mr Pattenden will be returning to our other school, Dunmore Primary School in Abingdon, and I am leaving to take up the Headship at Eynsham Community Primary School. Mr Pattenden and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the village and the wonderful children, families and staff at John Blandy School and we look forward to being invited back next year to see the school continue to move from strength to strength.

Ian Moore Associate Headteacher



LONGWORTH AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Our guided tour of the buildings of Burford with David Clark was revealing. Through the ages Burford changed from a wealthy wool town, and a staging post on the modern A40, to a tourist haven. Burford declined when it was not included within the railway system. The buildings reflected the wealth, trade and commerce of the town. There were many places of interest.

The George Inn, 194 High Street, was first referred to in 1485. The inn, closed in 1841, and was made into 9 family units. Worth seeing is a stone cellar, and fireplace in the west wall.

The Orvis Shop, 80, High Street, has a 14thC archway and many moulded ceiling beams. 123, High Street has the original fireplace and chimney stack.

David Clark, our guide showed us how a simple a 2 storey building can appear as a 3 storey building. This is done by adding on an upward extension of the 2nd storey, in front of the roof, and placing 3 windows in it. It is well worth looking past goods for sale in the shops of Burford and looking around at the interiors.

We walked round Minster Lovell with Graham Kew, a local historian. We learned that it is a village of 2 halves, Charterville and old Minster Lovell. The village is divided by the A40. We walked the Main Street in Olde Minster Lovell past The Olde Swan, and the country home of Jack Straw a minster in Tony Blair's government. His security camera is still in place; what you might call modern archaeology! Sir Peter Parker, ex transport Minster lived in Minster Lovell. It was apparently due to this that the Cotswold Railway was not axed.

The church is dedicated to St. Kenelm who is reputedly buried in Winchcombe Abbey and known as the Saint of the Cotswolds. There are 7 Cotswolds churches dedicated to him. Minster Lovell Hall is looked after by English Heritage and was thought to have been built by William Lovell and his wife Maud around 1122. The Lovell family connection continued in Minster Lovell for 383 years. There has been many alterations and additions to the original building. We were lucky to see the Dovecote as it is now in private ownership.

Our next meeting is a visit to Ditchley Park, on the 19th September for a tour of the house and gardens. The tour starts at 2.15. Tickets cost £8.50 and available from Pam Woodward Tel: 820500. *Kathy Fletcher 820193*

As I write this newsletter, the sun is finally beginning to shine and the weather is warming up. It may seem an odd time to mention the problems some of us have with keeping warm in the winter, but as some recent information from Energy UK reminded me, the spring and summer is the best time to think about taking measures to improve your home to reduce winter fuel bills. There is a helpful service, the Home Heat Helpline on 0800 33 66 99 or www.homeheathelpline.org.uk, where advisors can provide information about how to:

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- Apply for your Warm Home Discount – all the major energy suppliers give £135 off to customers who are struggling with their bills and are over 70, living with long-term disabilities or bringing up young children at home. Avoid the rush and apply now.
- Get a free home energy check.
- Fix the leaks - summer is the perfect time to install insulation in your home to ensure you are warm through the winter. Companies offer to do this work for free or at heavily subsidised rates for some customers and the Home Heat Helpline can help you find out if you might qualify.

I've also recently come across a great initiative about expanding the horizons of secondary school students. Speakers for Schools brings enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and authoritative speakers who are leaders in their respective fields into state secondary schools and colleges, free of charge. It occurs to me that we have lots of enthusiastic, knowledgeable and authoritative speakers across the Constituency, so if you are an expert in your field why not think about contacting Speakers for Schools at www.speakers4schools.org and asking about joining their list of speakers?

Finally, on a local note, I am delighted that the Department for Transport has allocated £5 million to help sort out the Milton Interchange on the A34. This junction is a significant 'pinch point' which has long needed addressing. The scheme will improve the operation and increase the capacity at Milton Interchange, by providing a 'hamburger' style roundabout of the type which have so improved the traffic flows around the Oxford bypass. It should enable the junction to operate effectively even with planned growth in traffic, and help all of us living and working in the area.

This month I've had emails and letters focussing on the European Union Referendum which was debated in the House in early July. My colleagues and I want to allow the British people to decide the UK's European future with an in-out referendum by the end of 2017, and we want to turn this commitment into law so that future governments will be held to it. Like last month I have also continued to receive emails about the proposed badger culling to stop the spread of TB. As I understand it, the "Good Practice Guidelines" for the badger cull pilots agreed with Natural England set out the features to be complied within the pilots as the best basis for badgers being killed humanely under controlled shooting - and even that is still in the pilot phase. In addition, Natural England will observe six nights of controlled shooting and carry out a series of follow up visits and telephone interviews with marksmen to check what happened on the previous night's shooting. I am assured that this information will then be reviewed by a group of independent scientific experts.

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. *Ed Vaizey MP*

KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR



The cafe has been quite busy of late; word is obviously getting round further afield, as we have lots of Nannies visiting with their charges; it started off with one or two but now there seem to be about 6 or 7 of them!

Numbers are steady at around the 30-40 mark although I suspect this figure will rise now that the school holidays are here.

We will be running throughout the summer holidays – we're all having a break away at some point over the summer, but don't worry, the level of service will remain at its usual high standard.

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)

YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPE (OR ONE YOUR MUM USED TO MAKE)

Why not send us your favourite recipe. I am sure that there is always a recipe that has been in the family for years, so why not share it?

LEMON DRIZZLE TRAYBAKE

225g (8 oz) butter (room temperature)

or 70% vegetable fat and some for greasing.

225g (8oz) caster sugar

275g (9 1/2 oz) self raising flour

1 tsp baking powder

4 large eggs

4 tbsp milk

grated zest of 2 lemons

juice of 2 lemons and 175g (6 oz) sugar for the glaze

(if you cut the lemons in half and warm them in the microwave for 30 seconds you will get a lot more juice from them?)

Preheat oven 180c (fan 160C, 350F gas 4)

Grease a traybake tin 12 in x 9 in and line the tray with baking parchment.

Place the butter, sugar, flour, baking powder eggs, milk and lemon zest in a large bowl and beat for 1 -2 mins with electric mixer or longer with a wooden spoon - until smooth

Turn the mixture into the tin and bake in the pre-heated oven for 35 - 40 mins. or until springy to touch

Mix the lemon juice and sugar to make a glaze and pour over the cake while still warm. Enjoy. *Pat-a-Cake*



The Way We Were



From the days when we had TWO garages in the village. Fred Palmer clears the forecourt of his filling station on the corner of Sandy Lane. The photograph was taken in January 1982 when the village was cut off for a short time due to the heavy snow fall.

News from the Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme: August

The Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme has launched a woodfuel standard, OxLogs, which aims to improve woodfuel quality in Oxfordshire, and counter the uncertainty of what is meant by 'a load of seasoned wood'.

OxLogs suppliers will specify the volume, moisture content, type of wood (hard or soft) and length of the wood. When you buy logs, ask for OxLogs!

If you own a woodfuel boiler – chip, pellet, log batch or wood burning stove with back boiler – please fill out a short survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/9SZBD9T?

The results will help others who are thinking about installing similar boilers.

If you own a woodland that needs managing, or are interested in working outside in return for logs, do join the programme's Logs for Labour scheme as either a 'log offer' or a 'labour offer'.

The woodfuel programme will have a stall at the Elder Stubbs festival on 17 August; and the Wychwood Fair on 1 September. Do come along! For more information on any of these please see www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk.



Great Sporting Gaffes: 'Fights can be lost and won on the day of the fight' (David Haye)

'The Great North Run is the longest Half-Marathon in the World' (Talksport Radio)

'If you want a quiet life you turn a blind ear' Geoffrey Boycott

'He chanced his arm and it came off...' Commentator Brian Moore

'This is the steepest part of the course and I'm afraid it gets steeper later on' (Commentator Phil Liggett)

'He is the kind of player you only miss when he's not playing' (Ex England Manager Graham Taylor)



POLICE UPDATE Faringdon East – July 2013

Welcome to July's Faringdon East Neighbourhood update from APS Louise Williams, PC Hannah Farrell and PCSO's Myra Harvey and Sue Haynes.

Fete season is in full swing and we are very much looking forward to seeing everyone attending the many fetes in our area. We have had a reasonable month reference crimes in the area. We attended the Charney Feast on 6th July and Buckland Fete on 13th July as well as the OXFEST festival offering crime prevention advice and other goodies for sale. We promoted SMARTWATER at the events with the opportunity to win your money back in our prize draw. Come and see us for a chat at any of forthcoming events.

On 9th June we had an incident of criminal damage to a residential home in Longworth. This has resulted in a hole in the window of the property. We currently have no CCTV or witnesses to this offence so any information would be appreciated. Please contact us on 101

On 11th June criminal damage occurred in Halls Lane, East Hanney. This took place over night. Barbed wire fencing was cut and a lock was smashed in the process. This is a remote area and any intelligence regarding this crime would be very useful. If you have any information relating to this please call us on 101.

A Burglary Non Dwelling took place again in Hanney on 13th June. We believe this happened between 8.30pm on 13th June and 7pm on 14th June, 32 bottles of red wine were stolen. If you do have any information regarding this incident or noticed anything suspicious in the area, please contact us on telephone number 101.

On 26th June there was an attempted Burglary in Blandy Avenue Southmoor. This was to outbuildings rather than a residential property. Nothing was taken although the lock was broken and it is believed the offence took place between 6.47pm and 8.37pm. If anyone has information in reference to this crime please contact us on telephone 101.

On 28th June there was a Burglary Non Dwelling on Kingston Business Park in Kingston Bagpuize. Offenders have managed to get away with 40 x 6 Volt cycle batteries and 50 other batteries totalling £5000. This happened between 2am and 3am. Any information regarding this crime can be reported to us on 101.

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 TBC 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. We are currently looking for a new Chairman to head our group. If you are interested please drop me an email.

I look forward to seeing you all out and about in July 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

Message from Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board

Public Involvement Network (PIN) Representatives: Invitation to apply for role of PIN reps for 2013-14 consultation by the consultation manager, Sue Taylor.

The Public Involvement Network has been established to ensure that the views and voices of Oxfordshire people inform every layer of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the partnership boards.

Applications are welcome from any member of the public. Relevant experience could come from an individual's personal experience or through involvement in volunteering, caring or through involvement in a voluntary organisation or community group.

There will be two adult representatives for each partnership board this time around, and two children or young people on the Children and Young People Board.

If you require further information or require any assistance please don't hesitate to call the Engagement Team on 01865 323606 or 323625.

Closing date for applications is 9th August 2013. Interview date is 21st August, in Oxford.



Some more of the entries for the 2013 Church Fete Photographic competition. Results next month.

The Last Word

Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Jaguar Appreciation Society



Intrepid club members negotiate the perils of the French outback.

The inaugural annual meeting of the Founders of the above Society took place in June 2013, at the French residence of Brian & Julia Langford who had kindly arranged for all the members to spend a very pleasant summer vacation at Les Forges.

The meeting was an informal event, one of the biggest names in Jaguar ownership Lance Bassett agreed to be put forward as chairman and was elected by a

majority of seven, not wanting to rush into rash decisions it was agreed that the other officers would be appointed at a further meeting, the date of which to be agreed.

The Society had been formed to have a social emphasis where members would enjoy good food and wine, both of which were consumed after the meeting, although members were or had been part of the Jaguar Enthusiast Club it was thought the club was directed at those who wanted to work under the car rather than those of us who wanted to admire what we observed under the bonnet before closing it again and enjoying the driving experience.

While at Les Forges the Founders attended other interesting adventures which included, a visit to Coulon, when the members travelled by river transport under the direction of the self appointed commodore situated on the bridge, others of us did the paddling round what is known as The Green Venice. There were several near misses but Brian in the stern managed to avoid losing his new very dapper straw hat.

A return drive was taken to La Rochelle, both the vehicles and Founders behaved in an impeccable manner and when we left, the restaurant had to send for additional sea food before opening in the evening.

On another occasion the Founders dined at Chateau Le Marconnay, the car park of which was enhanced by the arrival of a fleet of Jaguar XF motor cars bearing the Founders. A variety of food and wine was consumed before the return to Les Forges.

Of course the Founders celebrated the birthday of Brian with his prowess at the BBQ and Julia's accompanying cuisine, together with copious amounts of red wine before the birthday presents were unwrapped.

Alas that brought to an end any formal business and the Founders parted in peace and happiness to meet again in Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor. *Peter Smith*

