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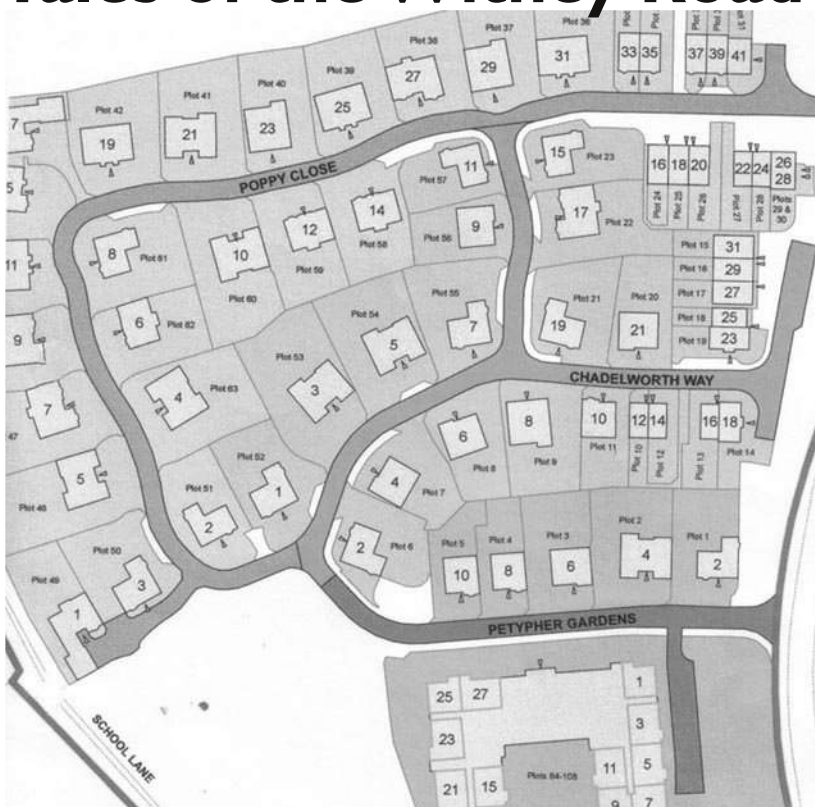
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## Tales of the Witney Road



It's the stuff of Monty Python. The Parish Council were asked to submit the three road names for the Witney Road site and chose Chadelworth Way and Petypher Gardens, both named after historical rectors of the Parish from the 15th/16th centuries, and Poppy Close reminiscent of the glorious display of the flower in the field this year.

Allegedly the Vale said the places names already exist and have written to the residents about the situation. The road names do not exist and therefore the Vale have written to residents who also don't exist. Weird. For anyone wishing to see more detailed plans and what's in store for this end of our village, go to the Vale website and insert ref: P14/V1540/FUL

You will see there that to advertise the sales office for the houses the developers want to erect 15 (Yes 15!) x 6 metre flag poles at this gateway to the village, to ensure the passers by really do think it is a flying circus. I hope the folk who complain about the three flagpoles on our War Memorial take note of this.

## Holiday activity fun all summer long



*If your children are looking for new and exciting things to do this summer then why not check out the South and Vale Summer Holiday Programme.*

*Starting on Monday 28 July, there's a whole month of sports and arts activities available for those aged between five and 18 years old living in South Oxfordshire or the Vale of White Horse. All activities are led by qualified coaches, with this year's line up including athletics, archery, creative arts, falconry, fencing, golf, hockey, horse riding, kayaking, netball, orienteering, rugby, sailing, a "strictly kids" dance class, table tennis, taekwando, tennis, and trampolining.*

*Bookings are now open, and with some activities such as sailing always filling up very quickly people are advised to reserve places as soon as possible.*

*To see the full selection of activities, and to make a booking, please visit [www.southoxon.gov.uk/holidays](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/holidays) (South Oxfordshire residents) or [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/holidays](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/holidays) (Vale residents).*

*Cllr Bill Service, Cabinet Member for Leisure at South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "While being great fun for the kids the summer holidays can be a bit of a test for parents who have to find things to keep their children occupied. Hopefully the activities we have on offer will make things that little bit easier and affordable this summer."*

## NEED A DOCTOR URGENTLY?

After office hours and at weekends and Bank Holidays please phone 111 if you have a requirement for urgent medical advice and assistance. (NHS Direct is no longer a phone service but offers comprehensive on-line medical advice through its website)

On phoning 111 your needs will be assessed, advice offered and arrangements made for you to see an Out Of Hours doctor if appropriate. Please do not ask to see a doctor out of hours unless you genuinely cannot wait until the surgery re-opens.

Call 999 in an emergency. Chest pains and / or shortness of breath constitute an emergency.

**THE FERN HILL PRACTICE tel 01367 242407**

**Repeat prescriptions can be left at the Southmoor Village Post Office**

**The practice runs a weekly service to the Post Office delivering each Thursday at 2:30pm  
Please allow 2 working days and include payment when requesting your prescription where necessary**

**THE WHITE HORSE MEDICAL PRACTICE tel 01367 242388**

**Repeat Prescriptions can be left at the Southmoor Village Post Office**

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

DISTRICT NURSE or HEALTH VISITOR 01367 240087

SOUTHMOOR CHILD HEALTH CLINIC First Friday of the month 2pm to 3pm

**NEED THE POLICE? EMERGENCY ONLY: 999 NON EMERGENCY: 101**

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## Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

*The A34 is one of the busiest roads in the Country. The road should have been upgraded to a motorway years ago, if only for the number of lorries transporting goods from the industrial midlands to Southampton docks. Practically everyday the A34 features on the BBC traffic news, where horrendous queues are the norm on this highway to nowhere. The congestion will only get worse with the high number of houses to be built along its corridor over the next few years. Problems from every corner of the earth seem to occupy the minds of the authorities but nothing at home seems to be improving with little investment in infrastructure save for the Mickey Mouse HS2 which nobody seems to want anyway and is reported to involve the destruction of thousands of homes and businesses in its path.*

*Why doesn't anything get done? They patch up the odd pothole, but never seem to build a new road. They bang up 1000's of houses using the same infrastructure as previous adding to the horrific congestion already in place. Here's a thing, the M4 motorway runs west of Swansea towards Carmarthen where the traffic is light in comparison; this I guess is what happens when politicians are put in charge. Good news though, I understand they are going to build an exit from the A34 just south of Didcot, best thing about this road are the exits from it.*



# KINGSTON BAGUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

<http://kingstonbaguizechurch.wordpress.com>



- Sunday 3rd August 9.00am Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill  
 10.30am Morning Worship Speaker: Revd Andrew Symes
- Sunday 10th August 9.00am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering  
 10.30am All-Age Service Speaker: Mr Stephen Haywood
- Sunday 17th August 9.00am Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill  
 10.30am Summer Church Informal All-Age Service Speaker: Mrs Anne Curtis
- Sunday 24th August 9.00am & 10.30am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
- Sunday 31st August 9.00am Holy Communion Speaker from Oxford Community Food Bank  
 10.30am Café Church Speaker from Oxford Community Food Bank

**AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS: MONDAY 4th AUGUST – WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATION:** At 7.30pm on Monday 4th August in St John the Baptist Church we have a very special event commemorating World War I, scripted by Guy Browning (to whom many thanks). There will be some of the best of the famous music and poetry from that war, plus a specially-written drama, and prayers. All welcome, entry free, donations to the Royal British Legion. See back page of KBS News for details. Beforehand, at our 9.00 and 10.30am services on Sunday 3rd August, we will be remembering those who died in World War I: if you have a relative who died in that war, and would like them to be remembered at that service, please phone Peter Beer (820805).

**SUNDAY 31st AUGUST – CAFÉ CHURCH WITH SPEAKER FROM THE OXFORD COMMUNITY FOOD BANK:**

Once a quarter, instead of our usual service, we have a relaxed discussion over bacon baps and croissants, in the Church Room. This time we have a speaker from the Oxford Community Food Bank to tell us about the remarkable work it is doing for those in need, just down the road from our village. Do come along, enjoy the food and convivial company, and learn about the important role food banks are, sadly, being called to take on.

**CHURCH GROUPS:** We have a range of groups for adults and children. Call David on 820451 or Hazel on 821358 for more information. Do contact our Vicar, The Revd David Pickering (820451), re baptisms, weddings, funerals or pastoral care (on any day of the week except Saturdays).

## Fyfield Chapel (Evangelical)

[www.fyfieldchapel.org.uk](http://www.fyfieldchapel.org.uk)

Sunday Service: 11.00 am

Crèche and Sunday School

Communion: 2nd Sunday in month

Evening Tea & Fellowship

5.30 pm 1st Sunday in month

Home Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

8.00 pm 3rd Friday in month

(for details please email

or call 01865-769473)

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**BUCKLAND AND FARINGDON PARISH CENTRED AT  
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Parish Priest: Fr Leslie Adams, 1 Coxwell Road, Faringdon, SN7 7EB

Tel: 01367 243510, email: [blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com](mailto:blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com),

**Masses: Sunday One Mass at 9.00am.** Weekly Masses: Tuesday and

Thursday 9.30am preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.15am. Details of

Masses on Holy Days and of Reconciliation - please refer to the Parish

Newsletter available at Blessed Hugh Church or from the Parish

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

## Oxfordshire Fitness - Nordic Walking

*If you can Walk, you can Nordic Walk!*

Everyone can benefit from Nordic walking, it is easy to learn, is affordable and suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels.

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exercising without realising it! Nordic Walking uses 90% of your skeletal muscles and burns up to 46% more calories than just walking, what's more because it is a weight bearing exercise it strengthens bones and reduces the risk of osteoporosis.

**What is there not to like ?**

**Wednesdays: 6.15pm - 7.15pm East Hanney Saturdays: 8.30am - 9.30am Southmoor**

**Additional days and times coming soon.**

For more information or to book a free taster session call Lisa 07885635367 or email - [lisa@oxfordshirefitness.co.uk](mailto:lisa@oxfordshirefitness.co.uk)



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## VILLAGE VOICES



Once again, a heartfelt "Thank You" to all you magnificent people who so kindly supported me on my High Wire ZIP in Bethesda. We raised over £11,500 (without Gift Aid) which will provide the finance to rescue three lots of patients in emergency call-outs.

Even though very steep and incredibly fast I really enjoyed the fleeting view of miles of Welsh countryside on a perfect summer's day.

So Thank You All for your sponsorship. *Trish Wagstaff.*

*Trish Wagstaff prepares for her fund raising high-speed ZIP ride in Wales*

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All footpaths are identifiable by being given two numbers on the footpath grid. One gives us the location (Longworth, Kingston Bagpuize, Southmoor) and the second relates to the path.

If the Parish Council widened the path, no. 268/12, down from the Village Shop to the flyover the A420, this would enable two people to walk side by side and when wheeling a pushchair it would not be necessary for one wheel to be in the dip, and the other up on the verge. Also it would give access for wheelchairs and generally make it an amenity for many more. That footpath looks to the West. Many evenings the sunset over the trees is beautiful and well worth an evening stroll.

I am hoping we can collect a group of volunteers to keep the footpaths open and accessible. Please be in touch.

*Barbara Micklem 820894*



*The team will be increasing hare coursing patrols shortly, as we are expecting crops to be cut earlier this year. Hare coursing is not just an issue for local farmers.*

*Criminals travel long distances and compete against each other with their dogs. It is likely that they will be gathering information on our area and will therefore become aware of vulnerable premises.*

*We rely on the community to report any suspicious vehicles and offences in progress by calling 999. Thames Valley Police will be meeting with the Crime Prosecution Service this month in order to discuss the legislation on how to deal with offenders. There have been a number of building sites across the area that have been broken into and items stolen. Two suspects are currently on bail for offences in the Southmoor area and we hope to bring you more news in our next newsletter.*

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### SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

*Members enjoyed strawberries and cream and we played a "memory" game which had us all thinking!! Our usual sales table and raffle was done and we chatted about future events. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST as we are all going out for lunch. New members always welcome. Details from Pat 820775*

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### Last chance broadband choice saloon

As most of you will have noticed there has been an increased Gigaclear presence in the village recently with eager young representatives knocking on doors and turning up at the village and school fetes.

There is a reason for this increase in activity: Gigaclear is aiming to install a fibre to the home network in the village before Christmas. BUT this needs 30% of the village to have actually signed up for the service before they can justify the cost of installing the network. Unless this happens in the next 4 weeks Gigaclear will move their focus away from our village to other villages and we will have lost a golden opportunity for Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor.

So if you want the best choice of the most future proof services to be available to us and to future generations in the village now is the time to make sure of it by signing up for Gigaclear now. We know that enough people want Gigaclear to reach the target number but too many are thinking that waiting until it is available is the best way to go. Not so. That will mean it will never happen.

You can even postdate your sign up to take effect after the end of any existing contract you are in with BT or any other supplier so there is no reason to delay.

Let's make sure that in five years from now we are not complaining about our broadband like we currently do about our mobile phone service.

KBS Broadband Group are holding a drop in session in the Waggon and Horses on Friday 8th August between 7-9 pm if you want more information or need answers to questions. We will be delighted to see you there.

*Bill Naylor*

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## Village Notice Board

THE KBS NEWS TEAM ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTARY DISTRIBUTOR FOR THE NEW PYE DEVELOPMENT. FARINGDON ROAD. Please contact Cyril on 820434 for details.

ARE THERE ANY YOUNG MUMS (or anyone else) WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN TO KNIT, CROSS STITCH ETC., INTERESTED IN MEETING FROM 9.30 - 11.30 ON MONDAYS IN THE SWALLOW ROOM/ELKINS ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL. CAROL AND CHRISTINE ARE HAPPY TO HELP ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS. *Please contact Carol on 820473 for more details*

**“Wanted to borrow for one week in August – tower scaffold (domestic or commercial) approx 6 m high with a standard platform size, to touch-up two areas of staining on the church ceiling. Can collect and return. If able to help please ring Simon Dando on 820086”**

### David Butler and Motor Neurone Disease.

David was diagnosed with MND in August last year and is now in a wheelchair, there is no treatment or cure.

We are holding a fund raising day on 6th September at Southmoor village hall - to include many side stalls raffle and penalty shoot out time 10am-3pm all proceeds to MND research and support thanks. *Sue Butler*

### Don't forget the A420 is closed at Shrivenham

In the interests of public safety it will be necessary for Oxfordshire County Council to impose temporary restrictions on the A420 and associated roads in order to facilitate carriageway maintenance works including resurfacing, drainage, kerbing, safety barrier works and road markings.

A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is being made to implement the temporary closure and other restrictions and will operate from 23 July 2014 for approximately 7 weeks.

### Defibrillator for the Village

*A defibrillator for use in response to sudden cardiac arrest, is to be purchased after a grant from Councillor Tilley's village fund and is to be maintained by the Parish Council.*



*Permission has been granted for it to be mounted on the front of the village hall and training is available to volunteers. It's hoped that a second machine can be obtained in due course.*

### VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Please note: The Southmoor Karate Club no longer meet at the village hall on a Sunday due to the drop in membership.

As from Thursday 7th August KB&S Café will be relocated to the Village Hall 9am - 12noon. KB&S 14+ Drop In Centre will also be moving to the village hall from the start of the new School Term in September.

Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club  
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## Dr Pippa Greenwood

### Greener Gardening

Keep Pests at Bay The Natural Way

Pippa will be providing lots of ideas for avoiding and sorting out common garden problems without using chemicals. Bring along your questions!

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Southmoor Village Hall

Doors open 7pm

Talk starts 7.30pm

Advance tickets only

Non-members £10

Members £7

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*Do you have something to say? Why not get it off your chest and put it in the KBS News?  
Send your thoughts to [editorkbsnews@gmail.com](mailto:editorkbsnews@gmail.com)*



## FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT? No: 17 The Bell Inn, Standlake

Oh dear, oh dear, I have lived in this village for over forty years and never been to the Bell at Standlake before, and it will probably be another forty years before I go again.

Everything pointed to an enjoyable evening. Four of us arrived and were served the pre dinner drinks, shown to the table in a fine dining room furnished with Chesterfields in a warm and inviting ambience.

So far so good.

When the waitress eventually arrived, a charming young lady, she advised us two of the starters were off. One of these had already been selected by the vegetarian bride, still these things happen, so we declined the starters. For the main course I chose the Braised Shank of Lamb with purple majesty mash, glazed turnip, carrot and red currant sauce. Alas, my meal came some four/five minutes after the other three so my companions sat there with their meals going cold, despite my protests they should start.

My knife was the wrong size, all small complaints perhaps but surely attention to detail is what matters when eating out in this type of establishment.

Now, the current trend for art on a plate, or 'nouvelle cuisine' as some smartie labelled it, is in full swing at the Bell. More artistic statement than food. The bride chose the sole, which strangely came as two small pieces when surely a feature of sole is to take the meat of one side and then turn the fish over for side B as it were.

Two tiny potatoes cut in half decorated the platter.

My lamb was OK but that's about as far as I would go. Not particularly tender, not particularly tasty.

The puddings were all priced at £6.50. Every item sounded good, as we were still peckish. Again two items were not available, this was getting monotonous. I went for the Passion Fruit Tiramisu. Delicious but such tiny portions and again decorated as if it was being put in for the Turner prize.

The evening was disappointing. The bride reckoned overall it was one of the worst meals she'd ever had. Harsh. Pity, everything had shaped up well. Food from local producers, pleasant staff, great décor but oh the size of the meals, ridiculous for a grown man.

The total damage was £106 for four with one bottle of wine, so not cheap, remember there were no starters and only two puds.

I read only recently in the national press that this trend for Michelin styled food is partly responsible for the obesity problem in the land. Not because of the sprigs of tarragon and gnat's whiskers that's served in the name of nourishment but because of the burger you have afterwards because you are still hungry. *Eton Lovett.*

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## THE KBS NEWS WINE LIST: WINES OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2014



*With the recent opening of our new "One Stop" village shop, we decided to try two of the wines they have on sale. They stock quite a good range of wines, ranging from £5 upwards. The wines we selected were produced by the Leopard's Leap Family Vineyards in the Western Cape area of South Africa. In addition to producing their excellent wines, Leopard's Leap is also a proud sponsor of the Cape Leopard Trust, which seeks to protect the magnificent Cape Mountain Leopard. This*

*endangered species make their homes in part of the Cape Winelands. Originally three leopards roaming the Cederberg Mountains were "adopted" by Leopard's Leap, and in 2011 a further three leopards were adopted under the same conservation initiative, and they were named Nala, Enzo and Sheeva. Further information can be found on their website [leopard's-leap.com](http://leopard's-leap.com).*

*The Leopard's Leap white wine is a 2013 Sauvignon Blanc at £6.99. This wine is an elegant, well-structured example of this grape, created by gentle and reductive winemaking methods. Hints of lime and grapefruit flavours are delicately combined with a light green pepper mouth-feel, a zesty after taste completes the experience. All in all a superb white wine to enjoy as an aperitif or with a meal, it's great.*

*The Leopard's Leap red wine is a 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot at £6.99. This velvety soft wine is made from 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot, and in this classically styled wine, the flavours of blueberry, plum and cassis are prominent, enhanced by coffee and toffee undertones. This wine is full bodied, with a firm tannin structure, a wine to be savoured and enjoyed. So why not pop into the One Stop shop and try one or both of these excellent wines.*

*Cheers, The Wine Quartet*

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## KINGSTON BAGUIZE DRAMA GROUP

Since April's successful Murder Mystery Entertainment Evening we have had a busy few months looking for a suitable play for November's production as well as enjoying a sociable summer.

The group had a Lucky Dip stand at the summer fete which proved very popular, we were taken by storm and ran out of prizes pretty early, an enjoyable afternoon was had by all. In June we also celebrated Mike Lacey's 'significant' birthday with a vintage tea party as well as the publication of his collection of poetry 'Unpunctuated, Until Gill' which is available in all good bookshops ... and from Amazon ... (shameless plug). Other hi-lights for the group in recent months have been a new baby, an engagement and a graduation.

November's production will be directed by Kate Belcher and the chosen play is 'Kindertransport' by Diane Samuels, which examines the life, during World War II and afterwards, of a Kindertransport child. Though fictitious, it is based upon many real kinder stories

As the clouds of war gather in 1930s Germany, a desperate mother forces her young daughter onto a train, sending her out of danger and into the arms of strangers. In peaceful, suburban, 1980s England, a proud mother prepares to say farewell to her grown-up daughter, as she cuts the ties of childhood to leave the family home. Then a chance discovery opens an unhealed wound.

'Kindertransport' is a powerful play often studied at GCSE and 'A' Level. We have wanted to perform it for some time and are finally able to do so as we have a fourteen year old able to take on the central role of Eva. More details to come regarding booking in September's KBS news, but the dates for your diaries are 27-29th November inclusive. *Sarah Curran*



## Southmoor Preschool

What a busy and exciting month July was particularly for those preschoolers starting school in September. Despite our close proximity to John Blandy School we are run completely separate.

That said we have spent a lot of time this year strengthening our links to the school. So last month was all about creating a smooth transition, and celebrating this land mark event in our preschool leavers' lives. So a BIG thanks to and well deserved rest for our dedicated team of staff, volunteer committee members and parents. Building on our leavers trip to school in June the children joined the John Blandy School Sports Day on the 14th July. All the children took part in a running race and judging by their giggles and screams of delight, it was a huge success and set to be an annual event.

The older children also joined the reception class and their teacher for a picnic. After story time with Mrs Surtees they were able to visit their future classroom, helping to prepare them for September.

Revd David Pickering and his wife visited preschool and presented our leavers with a book on 'Moving Up to School'. They also got to share their feelings about starting school.

Finally, all the children celebrated the end of term with a themed Beach Party. There were games, party food and leavers were presented with a 'Class of 2014' photo and gift.

This term the preschool committee and staff also helped organise two fundraising events. The first was a stall and running of the fancy dress parade at the village fete. There was a brilliant turn out for the parade with some creative super hero costumes, and our Treasure Island game helped to raise enough money for some new display boards, soon to be mounted in preschool. The second was the Nearly New Sale/Fun Day which also raised nearly £200 to buy play equipment. What an amazing effort! So thanks to all those who donated their time, cakes and items to sell.

If you are interested in a pre-school place we are currently taking children aged from 2 years and 4 months.

There are several places still left for September 2014. So, if you are thinking of registering your child or

increasing your child's sessions, please contact Jackie (Manager) 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](mailto:southmoorpre-school@live.co.uk).

*Marie Siviter*



**KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR****Newsflash – We are on the move. Same time, same day, different venue!**

The Methodist Circuit has decided that the Southmoor Methodist Church building is surplus to requirements now that services are no longer held there, and is putting it up for sale.

The KBS Café will be moving to Southmoor Village Hall, Draycott Road, from Thursday 7th August. The café is held every Thursday (except Christmas - New Year) from 9am – noon. We'll still be serving Fair Trade tea, coffee and hot chocolate, and squash, together with a selection of (mostly) home-made cakes and scones. We have toys for the children and newspapers and magazines for the grown-ups.

Everyone is welcome, from 0 – 100+. The KBS Café is the perfect place to meet old friends and make new ones. We look forward to seeing 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)

**1st Kingston Bagpuize Brownies**

Sadly we have to announce the suspension of the unit at the end of July. Carole retired at the end of term after more than seven years, Nina has relocated to Buckinghamshire, Abbi, our Young Leader, left because of exams, and Nicky is undertaking a Degree course in September, leaving only Sam (aka Brown Owl). We need three Leaders to run the Pack, and although we asked around, nobody came forward to volunteer. The Pack can of course be revived as soon as new Leaders are found. We would urge parents to come forwards to help, even if only on a rota basis - 5 parents would make running the unit easy. Sam will resign at Christmas if new

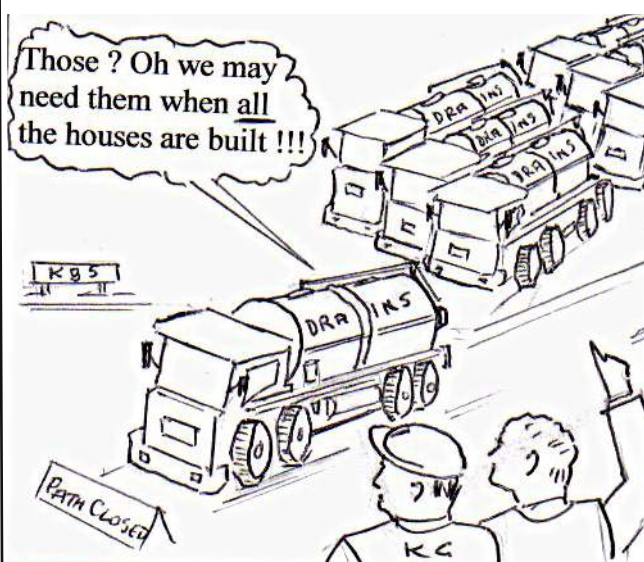
leaders can be found to carry on our 40 year legacy in Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor.

Our next-to-last meeting was a fun Pamper Evening, when the girls applied face packs and nail varnish, and made bracelets with alphabet beads. Our last meeting was a family BBQ and party.

Should anyone wish to train as a Leader, please contact Sam Bawden, Tel: 07779 640465 Email: bagpuizebrownies@hotmail.co.uk. All training will be given free, as will uniform. Girlguiding is an incredibly rewarding pastime with only 2 hours a week needed to give to volunteering in your local community. Please give it a go, you might surprise yourself! *Sam Bawden*



*The KBS News stand at the Church fete. An interesting summer's afternoon spent with many villagers calling and offering their opinion on the KBS News and suggestion of what they would like to see in future issues.*

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## Ron's Green Gardening Tips for August

Many gardens contain a water feature. From a simple pond to a more elaborate structure, irrespective of size these water features are a pleasure and a vital haven for wildlife. They attract frogs and toads and if you are lucky great crested newts, plus visits from a rare dragonfly and the more common blue damselfly. Additionally they are a watering hole for wild birds when other sources of natural water have dried-up. In sultry weather which often occurs in August it is important to keep topping up the water as it evaporates and to keep the pond water oxygenated. A fountain or water feature will help but add fresh water by using a hose and spray. Cut off the old water lily leaves, and remove any leaves if they hide the flowers. Thin out any heavy growth of oxygenating plants and weeds but be careful not to discard water snails and other vital insect-larvae. In the rose border remove blooms as they fade. It is no longer necessary to apply fertiliser to roses after July as this will encourage late soft growth which will not mature before winter and these will attract aphids. If you grow your own vegetables remember to cut courgettes when they are small, about 10 to 12 cm (4 to 5 inches), for best flavour and to make sure you have a continuous crop until the end of the season. Beetroot should be ready to lift this month, along with the main crop potatoes and carrots. French and runner beans should be picked regularly, plus the tomatoes and sweet corn to name just a few. With all these crops coming to their peak of perfection make sure you don't waste any excesses. It's time to start stocking up the freezer, or consider making chutney, or pickles, jams or preserves from fruits, or that delicious Summer Pudding made with blackberries, blackcurrants, blueberries, autumn raspberries and strawberries, if there are any left? Remember to keep some of your best produce to enter into the Annual Village Show on Saturday 13th September. Early this month consider sowing Spring Cabbages 'Durham Early' is one of a number of varieties, but as a precaution against club root disease, sow seeds in ground that has not had manure added since last autumn. These plants are left to overwinter to enable them to produce small tender cabbages in early spring.

## KINGSTON BAGPIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.

The speaker at our July meeting was Anne Fisher with her entertaining talk and demonstration of different scarves, their history and different ways to wear them. There was audience participation with members bringing their own scarves to wear. Delicious refreshments as usual by this month's hostesses. The success of our stall and "Barrow of Booze" at the church fete was welcomed by our members and adds to our funds. Next month's speaker is by PCSO Myra Harvey entitled "How safe are you?" The members competition is an old key. Finally our meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in Southmoor Village Hall at 7-30pm. New members are always welcome. We also have our own website and Facebook page where more information is available. *Karen King 803169*



## WORDS OF WISDOM

*What this country needs are more unemployed politicians.*  
*Edward Langley, Artist (1928-1995)*



**"Don't worry about burning the calories  
 — that's already been done!"**

## The Way We Were



*The Scout band in the 1980's  
 (Our thanks to the History Society)*



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The July meeting of the KBS Parish Council took place on Monday 7th July in the Village Hall. It was attended by 25 members of the public, plus Melinda Tilley, District and County Councillor, Mr Anton Nath, ORCC, Mr R Bend, Gigaclear, and Mr J. Ashton, West Waddy (a Development Co)

**Public Participation:** Residents commented on the arrogance of Taylor Wimpey, in lacking any consideration for the residents of Draycott Rd and for those attempting to access the school via Blandy Ave and Laurel Drive. The problems occur when Taylor Wimpey undertake deliveries and block the road or pathway. This is often in breach of the planning consents agreed under the traffic management plan. The enforcement officer of the Vale Planning Dept has failed to respond adequately to resident's complaints. The Clerk to contact the VWHDC to pursue effective action.

Mr R Bend, (Gigaclear) gave details of the "Fibre to the premises" commercial proposal, and advised that they are actively recruiting commitment to the service, in order to achieve the required numbers that will trigger the work, to bring the service to the Village.

Mr J Ashton (West Waddy) introduced two proposals for further housing in the village. The first is a scheme for up to 24 units on the Fallowfields Hotel site, combined with an extension to the hotel restaurant, and 10 further bedrooms. The second is for 19 units to the south of the existing Pye Development. Attention was drawn to the S106 agreement for the original Pye site which dedicates this area as informal recreation space and would be flouted by this proposal. The offer of access to this area for village recreation space contributed, in part, for limited opposition to the original proposal. Members and residents expressed their hostility to these proposals as contributing to a gross over development of the Village in a very few years (a situation common across the Vale villages, and the country as a whole triggered by this government's introduction of the NPPF).

Reference was made to the recent and on going problems with parts of the Village foul water systems. The clerk had received a response from Thames Water apologizing for the current disruption and of their efforts to resolve the situation as soon as possible. As yet no specific timescale for repair works and possible relining of some pipes. Further update is expected by 21st July.

**Report from D&C Councillor:** Mrs Tilley advised on a successful Ofsted inspection of the County's schools.

**Planning:** The road names for the Witney Rd site have been chosen as:- Chadelworth Way, Petypher Gardens, both after former rectors/vicars of Kingston Bagpuize in the 15th 16th century, and Poppy Close (in recognition of the display in the field this summer). For planning applications and decisions received, please refer to July minutes.

**Donations:** The Parish Council has agreed to fund half of the cost of grass cutting at the Millennium Green as an addition to our current contract.

**Road safety:** A response is yet to be received from OCC Highways as to our request for "Pedestrian Crossing" warning signs on the A420 By-pass, in particular at the Draycott Rd location. The extension of the pathway on the western side of Draycott Rd, has resulted in a narrowing of the road at the junction with Blandy Avenue. "School Run" drivers and local residents to be Aware!

**Sports Field and Pavilion:** Negotiations are nearing completion. It is hoped to have the Pavilion completed in time for the 2015 cricket season.

**Land to South of Pye Development:** If housing goes ahead on this site the opportunity for the remaining area will be limited. Only 8 households responded to the consultation via KBS News. Three see a need for facilities for teenagers, particularly wheeled sports, with a suggestion for a table tennis table (outdoor). The remainder support a wild flower meadow & or a community orchard and would be prepared to assist with planting and maintenance. Negotiations are in progress to acquire the land in the north east corner of the current site on completion of the housing.

**Correspondence:** VWHDC Community awards: names of three nominees forwarded.

**Village Amenities: Defibrillator** - The equipment is on order. A grant of £500 from our D&C Councillor's delegated fund has been approved.

**Memorial Bench:** A design has been selected for a bench to be erected in memory of Mateusz Kucinski. Mr. Young to select a site in the Large Recreation Ground, and agree an inscription.

**Bus Shelter Latton Close:** Further estimates are being sought for a rebuild and possible new design. Any local builders with an interest, please contact The Clerk.

**Recreation Grounds:** The damaged goalposts to be replaced. A Wickstead Sidewinder see-saw has been selected to replace the existing, dilapidated, equipment.

**War Memorial:** The Flags of the Nations' three armed services were flown on Armed Forces Day, 28th June last. This to be continued every year, in future. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday, 1st September, at 7p.m. in the Village Hall. (No meeting in August) *Brian Forster, Chairman*

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## WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATION & EXHIBITION- ONE HUNDREY YEARS

*Monday 4 August marks the 100th Anniversary of the date that Great Britain entered the First World War. The Bell Ringers of St Margaret of Antioch, Hinton Waldrist will be ringing the bells half-muffled in honour of the Fallen of WWI from Hinton, Longworth and Kingston Bagpuize - our villages suffered losses of three times the national average. Local historian Rob Belk will display his superb timeline banners which follow the individual stories of our Fallen against the backdrop of the events of the War. There will be compelling narrative extracts from the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers' annual reports for the years of the War which tell the ringers' story, and a page reproduced from the ringers' Roll of Honour in St Paul's Cathedral. Various WWI artefacts will also be on display, including some from descendants of the Fallen.*

*The Church will be open for 'prayer and contemplation' and to view the exhibition from 6.00pm to 9.00pm, with the bells being rung from 7.00 to 8.30pm. The sound of English church bells ringing half-muffled is extremely poignant and is a mark of great respect. It is a sound that would have been heard continuously throughout the country during the War years, so the sound of the bells half-muffled is a fitting complement to this exhibition. There is no service or formal ceremony. This 100-year commemoration is designed as a simple acknowledgement of the horrors that were to follow and as a tribute to those from our villages who made the ultimate sacrifice. If you would like further details, or if you have any WWI material you would like to be included in the exhibition please contact Valia on 01865-821671.*

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### **KBS 14+ Drop In**

We have been running a weekly Drop In youth club session for teenagers in school year 9 and above for the last 4 years. Youngsters from Southmoor, Kingston Bagpuize and surrounding villages have been coming along for an informal evening of pool, table tennis, wii, and making use of the tuck shop and buying cheese toasties. They meet with their friends and also spend time with our adult volunteers, often challenging them to a game of pool. We have resident DJ's with all the latest equipment and lighting who are happy to teach others in their art. Why do we do it? Good question, and one that some of the teenagers have asked us many times! We continue to run this group for the sake

of the teenagers, to provide a safe place for fun, games, 'chillaxing' and a place to buy cost-priced snacks and drinks. We also organise trips and workshops

We can help these youngster with advice on many aspects of life and can 'signpost' them if we don't have the answers!

At sessions, where the teenagers pay only £1.50 entry, we offer art/craft activities and they also enjoy baking cakes and cookies (sometimes with very 'interesting' ingredients!) We regularly have parties which include music, dancing, food and party games.

All our sessions are run by at least 3 adult volunteers, all of whom are CRB (DBS) checked. We have full policies, including child protection and health and safety. We start on 5th September, in our new venue – KBS Village Hall. 7pm for year 9's to register and 7.30pm for everyone else.

*For more details, please email our volunteer youth worker, Delyth delythhg@gmail.com or 01865 821167*

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## 1st Southmoor Guides

Last term we had a weekend camp at the Scout Hut, where we pitched tents, had a bbq and took the girls to Oxford for a boat trip and climbed to the top of Carfax Tower - 198 steps in total - we know this is correct as quite a few Guides kept count. We have had fun earning the Commonwealth Games badge and ended the term with a trip to the Cherry Pie Diner for ice cream sundaes. We also said goodbye to Louise and Rachel as Young Leaders, we hope you enjoy college girls.

Southmoor Guides are having a break for the summer, but will be back in September. Sarah Harris is the new Unit Leader, with Sally and Carole the Unit Helpers. We run on a Wednesday evening in the Swallow Room at the Village Hall from 7.00pm-8.30pm. As Brownies has now closed, if you have an older Brownie who would like to move up to Guides please register your interest now as we do have some spaces for older Brownies starting in September, we are also running a waiting list, which younger Brownies can join.

*Sarah Harris - 1st Southmoor Guides.* Email - southmoorguides@gmail.com



## Longworth & District History Society

*A visit to Eynsham with a guided tour by members of the Eynsham History Society, Pamela Richards and Martin Harris. We were told how Eynsham Abbey, a Benedictine Abbey, was founded in 1005 by Aethelmar an elder statesman at the court of Aethelred 'The Unready'. The first Abbot was Aelfric, a scholar and writer.*

*Village life would have revolved around the abbey. Although little of the abbey is left, it fell into ruin after the Reformation; it is possible to feel how central the buildings were to the village. Our walk started in the car park of the Catholic Church where a large information board about the abbey is placed. The information board is surrounded by a frame of the stones from the abbey building. Around the village the information boards are set on stones from the old abbey. There was a major excavation of the abbey site and graveyard between 1989 and 1992. Throughout the village it is easy to see reused stone from the abbey visible in houses.*

*The society visited Mapledurham House on the Thames near Reading. It has belonged to a single family since 1490. The present house was built in 1588. It has the only working mill on the Thames.*

*The History Society is keen to record the history of clubs and associations within the villages. Was there football in Longworth, and cricket in Hinton? Can you tell us please? Kathy Fletcher 820193*



*The Mill at Mapledurham House*

## KINGSTON BAGUIZE & SOUTHMOOR BOWLS CLUB



As at the 21 July our league positions are: Kennet L men's league second, KLX 60 plus men's league third, ABL mixed league fourth and the Ladies Ridgeway league have completed their fixtures and finished in second position, well done Ladies who only just missed winning their league.

We are now out of all County Competitions but well bowled to our fours on reaching the quarter final, triples who reached the semis, Ladies four wood singles, semi-final, and the men's two wood semi-final. Recent friendly match results include a loss against Abingdon and wins over South Oxford, Carterton both at home, and Begbroke away.

Saturday 20th September at the Bowls Club on the old Oxford Road (ample parking) 2pm till 4pm is the date for our GRAND ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE please make a note in your diaries. Here you can pick up a bargain from our numerous stalls.

Our Annual Presentation Dinner is on Friday 3rd October. We have changed the venue and this time we are going to Millet's where there will be no queuing as Millet's are giving us table service. Access to the restaurant is by lift and cars can be parked right outside the entrance door. A menu and list for those to sign will be on the Club House notice in the near future.

We welcome two new members from Charney Bassett and one from Hanney but alas none from our own Village. We are a friendly Club with a good social side and what could be better than an outside sport with loads of fresh air, it would be great if we could introduce a few more members from the Village. Please ring the number here and we will introduce you to our thriving club. *Mick Fuller (Club Captain) 01865 820818*

## Facts you may not know....

*For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel are needed at lift-off.*

## NOT A NUMBER - PART TWO

### A 2 MONTH JOURNEY ACROSS THE UNITED STATES BY BICYCLE.

by Jeff Moore



**The Road Less Travelled:** The plan was to ride the first 2 weeks with vehicle support from my lovely wife Karen then set out across Texas on my own. I would be joined by a good friend for the ride from Phoenix up past the Grand Canyon and into Utah then would ride across Utah, Nevada and California on my own where I would meet up with Karen again and celebrate with a short holiday. I couldn't possibly condense the 62 days it took me to cross the USA into anything which would fit here so I will just give a flavour of the trip. If you want to read a full account, I wrote a blog while I was on the road which you can find

at.....[www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/notanumber](http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/notanumber)

**Florida, Alabama and Mississippi:** The ride across Florida was a blast. 500 miles of decent roads, courteous drivers but pretty

mundane scenery of forest and farmland. I met up with the Great Ray Charles (at least his statue) in Greenville but someone had stolen his piano so I pushed on. It is difficult to see why 2 adjoining states should feel so utterly different but Alabama and Mississippi seemed to me to have little in common. Alabama was mostly high traffic, no shoulder roads and lots of aggressive drivers whereas Mississippi roads were wide, quiet and populated by attentive and courteous drivers. I rode through a small town called Wiggins and called into the Piggly Wiggly supermarket. The young lad on the checkout was very interested in the trip because as he put it 'There aint a whole lot of anything happens in Wiggins !!' I liked it a lot.

**Louisiana:** I could happily have skipped Louisiana with its feral dogs and largely dis-engaged people but I got on the vibe eventually. I didn't get bitten but was chased by literally dozens of dogs. Slower riders have more dog attacks. I found this to be a useful motivator to get across Louisiana as quickly as possible.

**Texas:** Texas is big. Very big. It took me 20 days to ride across the state and I loved it. It was a challenge, no question and if your range is only 40 miles a day then it isn't a place to visit on a bicycle because the services are sparse and you will put yourself in difficulty. Parts of the route are tough and very remote but if you have 90 miles in you then it is worth the effort just to enjoy the solitude. No services, no phone, no traffic.....just you and the road. *(Jeff's final instalment on his epic bike ride will appear next month)*



## Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group

We've had another great year and welcomed lots of new babies into the group including my own Benjamin, who has been keeping me busy.

Last month, the children had a fantastic time at the village fete with our 'Hook a Duck' stall. We raised enough money to purchase a large lot of Happyland toys, perfect for little toddler hands. So thanks to everyone who supported the group and helped to make the day such a success.

This month marks a few changes to our committee; whilst myself and Geoff Clough (treasurer) remain on the

committee we now have a new chairperson Julia Baynton and Secretary Rachel Skeet. We are saying goodbye and thank you to Kerri Treherne who has made a huge contribution to the running of the group over the last 6 years.

We are also always looking for new members to help on the baby and toddler committee, fundraising ideas or simply another pair of hands to set up a session so please let us know. If you were thinking of coming along to the group then its only £2 per family with your first visit FREE. It's a lovely big space with lots of toys, plenty of parking, teas/coffees for adults and includes snack time for the children. It's not just mums that come but dads, grandparents, carers and childminders are all regulars too. For more information see our page on the KBS website. The group is only run during term times so just a reminder that we will be restarting on Friday 5th September (10-11.30, Southmoor Village Hall). *Marie Siviter*



## Out and About with the KBS News



Jeff Moore takes time off from his ride across the USA to catch up on news from home

Now the holidays are in full swing, let's see where the KBS News turns up. Prizes later in the year for the furthest away and the most interesting venue. Send you entries to [editorkbsnews@gmail.com](mailto:editorkbsnews@gmail.com)

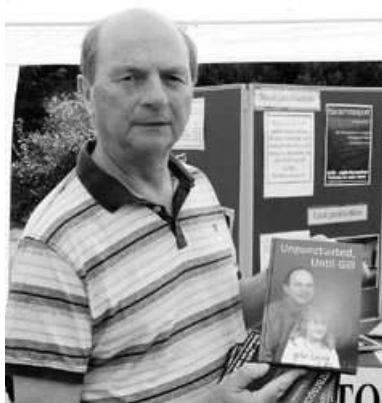


Our very own Roy Wolfe never fails to carry a copy of the KBS News wherever he goes. This time it's sunny Gibraltar

Peter Smith at the Menin Gate in Ypres dips into his copy of KBS News.



## From the Stage to the Page



Congratulations to Drama Group stalwart Mike Lacey, who has just had his book of poetry published. *Unpunctuated, until Gill* is a collection of poems written by Mike and covering many topics including love, life, nature, sport and part of his working life as an usher in the family, civil and criminal courts. The poems give an insight into how the author perceives the world around him with a mixture of serious and humorous verse. They offer a glimpse into his work in the family courts - how some children live, and also (un)friendly neighbours, as well as saying farewell to two Judges. Other poems reflect the changes seen during Mike's life - village shops to supermarkets, farming, and technology. On a less serious note, we take a ride into space as we visit the planets, and look for Santa. There is something in this book for all ages.



## ED VAIZEY MP Parish News

As ever in the summer just as the weather really warms up I have been contacted by energy suppliers about their schemes to help those who may struggle with energy costs during the winter. Anyone who's worried about rising costs can – and should – contact their energy provider or a relevant charity to discuss the help available. Consumers who receive Pension Credit Guarantee or Pension Credit Guarantee and Savings, should automatically qualify for this year's rebate of £140. The Department of Work and Pensions will send a letter to all those who qualify around September time, confirming their supplier will make the payment. If you do think you need help and own your own home, you can contact the Health Through Warmth Scheme at [www.npower.com/health\\_through\\_warmth](http://www.npower.com/health_through_warmth) or on 0845 070 2809. They offer assistance with funding and installation of heating and installation. British Gas customers can also consider their Warm Home Discount Scheme. Applications can be made by calling the British Gas Home Energy Care team (for credit meter customers) on 0800 072 8625 or our Here to Help team (for Pay as you Go customers) on 0800 294 8604. Alternatively, customers can apply online at [www.britishgaswarmhomediscount.co.uk](http://www.britishgaswarmhomediscount.co.uk)

Finally, I was delighted that The Snooty Mehman Restaurant which sits on the A420 near Faringdon, was selected as the short-listed finalist in the Tiffin Cup – the annual Parliamentary competition to find the best South Asian restaurant in the UK. At the finals held in Parliament in July, The Snooty Mehman was only just pipped to the winner's trophy, coming a very close second.

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](mailto: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. Surgery details can be found at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com).



## JOHN BLANDY PRIMARY SCHOOL



As we draw a close to this Academic Year, it seems a perfect time to reflect on our achievements and celebrate these with the wider community through the KBS news.

The children and staff have had a very busy, yet highly rewarding, year. As you may remember from an earlier article, we had an Ofsted inspection in the sixth week of the Academic year. Although this was rather stressful as I had only been in post for a few weeks, it really pulled the new team together and we showed

our school off to its very best. We welcomed the report as it has given us all a very clear focus as to what we need to do better, and it celebrates what we already do well.

Just a week later, John Blandy Primary School 'shut' on the 31st October, and reopened as part of the Faringdon Academy of Schools Multi-Academy Trust on 1st November. This has provided such a variety of opportunities for the staff, children... and our finances! Children have enjoyed Saturday School and a variety of sports competitions, staff have welcomed opportunities to work with colleagues from different schools, and we have had much more autonomy as to how our budget is spent. This collaboration culminated in an incredible Art Exhibition of beautiful artwork created by our children, and all the children within the Academy. (See picture). The children have made excellent progress this year and have superseded targets set for them! They haven't just made academic progress; they have also made personal progress by focussing on our seven 'Core Values' this year. This has helped our children to become resilient learners who are prepared to try new things and learn from mistakes made along the way.

Our dedicated Teachers have provided the children with many additional experiences this year to complement our creative curriculum, including visits to: The Living Rainforest, Hill End, Roald Dahl Museum, Coleshill, Faringdon Community College, Crocodile World, Sutton Courtenay and Cadburys World. We also had visits from: a local gardener, Mr Hambridge and his collection of insects, The Travelling Theatre Company, and lots of visits from Rev. Pickering. Our older children enjoyed overnight stays at Woodlands Centre in Wales and Cornbury Park, and the Year Four children even had a sleepover in school! Needless to say we are all really exhausted!

As we enter into the summer holiday the children may be relaxing but the staff will continue to be hard at work moving classrooms and planning for the implementation of the new National Curriculum. We have finished the new classroom which is absolutely fantastic as it allows the school to be single form entry. This will give us plenty of space to allow for the new children moving into the area. We are also having some refurbishments to the school over the summer including double glazing and decorating. Lots of exciting things to come back to in September!

The Friends have done a brilliant job at bringing the school and wider community together- particular thanks goes to Petra Merne for her excellent management skills in relocating the bonfire event at such short notice, and to Delius Norbet for his hard work in organising such a successful Summer Fete. The children have benefited hugely by the funds raised at the events organised this year- thank you very much for your support.

What a year it has been! I am very much looking forward to September and welcoming new teachers and new families to our school, and I am also looking forward to welcoming an Ofsted inspection to prove that we have a truly outstanding school in every sense of the word.

Do visit our new website at [www.johnblandy.org.uk](http://www.johnblandy.org.uk) to keep up-to-date with all our latest news! I wish all the families of John Blandy a restful and enjoyable Summer.

*Mrs Clare Silvester, Head Teacher*



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# 2014 Church Fete Photo Scrapbook

*'It's a Miracle'*



*At Kingston House - only the best vintages are used for our hedges!*



*Aah, strawberries, yes please!*



*A selection of photographs taken at this year's fete for the competition. Winners next month.*



