

# KBS NEWS

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### SpeedWatch anyone?



We are all concerned about road safety in the village, especially with the recent increase in traffic. In last month's KBS News the Parish Council advised that volunteers are needed to help operate a speed camera on local roads. SpeedWatch can only operate in areas up to a 40 miles per hour speed limit. Community volunteers help Thames Valley Police officers to identify vehicles which break the speed limit. Registration numbers are entered onto a database which produces a letter from the Police informing the registered owner that their vehicle has been noted to have exceeded the speed limit and asking them not to do so in the future. If the same registration number is logged in another SpeedWatch anywhere within Thames Valley, the owner will receive another letter advising them that if they are caught a third time, the information will be passed onto Roads Policing, who may take further action. No one has so far stepped forward so The News is repeating the request for volunteers to take part. A minimum of 6 persons are required and all must be at least 18 years of age. Full training will be given by the police and volunteers will be issued with all equipment needed. If you are concerned about road safety and excess speed within the village, and would like to find out more about volunteering, please contact the Parish Clerk or email [editorkbsnews@gmail.com](mailto:editorkbsnews@gmail.com) who will forward your details to the Parish Clerk.

### Show off your talent!

The Village Show is open to all villagers, not just gardening club members, so why not come and show off your talent, whether that be your green fingers, cookery skills or creativity. Here's a few ideas to inspire you:

- If you're out and about this summer fruit picking, why not make some jam, jelly or fruit liqueur and enter it.
- Got any gluts of veg like courgettes and beans? Why not make chutney.
- Enjoy taking photos on your holidays? Why not enter a picture? The categories this year are "a subject beginning with F", "Heritage", "men/women at work" and "texture".
- Do you know kids who can draw, or love doing crafty things? Of course you do, so inspire them to enter one of our Alice in Wonderland themed categories - it will be something to do in the holidays and they could win a book token. These categories include Alice themed cupcakes - see the picture for inspiration.

For all details on the array of categories you can enter and instructions on how, pick up a Show Schedule from the post office or download from [www.kbsonline.org.uk](http://www.kbsonline.org.uk) homepage.

If you aren't able to enter something, it still makes for a pleasant afternoon, meet friends, have a chat and enjoy a cuppa with homemade cake - so come along on September 12th 2-4pm. *Have fun! Paul Gill.*





### 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 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.

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## Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

I expect a salvo of abuse from the cycling brigade when they read this, but why oh why do some cyclists insist on riding their machines without lights on even the darkest of nights? In towns and cities is bad enough, but along unlit country lanes verges on suicide.

As if this wasn't enough some of these Kamikaze bikers don't even wear light clothing. Absolutely crazy.

Where did all this begin? It wasn't so long ago the constabulary would have bent the ear and possibly other parts of your anatomy for committing this sin and invited you to a session at the Magistrates Court. Now it appears cyclists are above the Highway Code especially if they are wearing the uniform of racing helmet, Lycra and dark glasses.

In St. Clement's recently I stopped for some youngsters to use the zebra crossing and a cyclist appeared along the inside lane, and not stopping, very nearly collided with the children.

I have covered this before but it's a hot topic with me. The other night a cyclist was tootling along the A420 with no lights - no light clothing and no future I would imagine. Then again why do many cyclists still use the roads when cycle lanes are available?

I blame Bradley Wiggins for all this. He wins a race and gets a knighthood; I rode my bike to school for five years and got nothing at all!



# VILLAGE DIARY

Village Hall Booking Details tel: 0777 153 9901 email: [southmoorvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:southmoorvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk)

August	Day	Time	What & Where (SVH = Southmoor Village Hall)	Page
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4th</b>		<b>Mobile Library ** SVH 1.35pm - 2.00pm, Bellamy Close 2.05pm- 2.20pm **</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5th</b>		<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Grey Bin Collection ****</b>	
Wednesday	12th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Serendipity Over 55s Club - Age Concern Visit - Swallow Room, SVH	18
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12th</b>		<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Green Bin Collection &amp; Brown Bin Collection ****</b>	
Monday	17th	4.00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for KBS News September 2015 Edition	2
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18th</b>		<b>Mobile Library ** SVH 1.35pm - 2.00pm, Bellamy Close 2.05pm- 2.20pm **</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19th</b>		<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Grey Bin Collection ****</b>	
Thursday	20th	2.00pm - 5.00pm	Free Craft Afternoon - Fyfield Baptist Chapel, Diggings Lane, Fyfield	4
Friday	21st	9.00am	Kingsmoor Community Club trip to Weston-super-Mare	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26th</b>		<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Green Bin Collection &amp; Brown Bin Collection ****</b>	
Friday	28th	8.00pm	Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club - Quiz Night - Club House	18
<b>September</b>				
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1st</b>		<b>Mobile Library ** SVH 1.35pm - 2.00pm, Bellamy Close 2.05pm- 2.20pm **</b>	
Tuesday	1st	7.15pm for 7.30pm	KB&S Gardening Club - Andrew Mikolajski - Shakespeare's Plants and Gardens - KBS Village Hall	15
Monday	7th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Southmoor Village Hall	16
Saturday	12th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Village Show - Flowers / Fruit / Vegetable / Craft / Household	1
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15th</b>		<b>Mobile Library ** SVH 1.35pm - 2.00pm, Bellamy Close 2.05pm- 2.20pm **</b>	
Saturday	19th	9.00am	Longworth and District History visit to Marlborough. (The Merchants House). Leave village 9.00am	12
Friday	18th	8.00pm	Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club - Quiz Night - Club House	18
Saturday	26th		Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club - Grand Jumble Sale	18
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29th</b>		<b>Mobile Library ** SVH 1.35pm - 2.00pm, Bellamy Close 2.05pm- 2.20pm **</b>	
<b>November</b>				
Thurs, Fri & Sat	26th to 28th		Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group - Hans Christian Anderson's 'The Emperor's New Clothes' - KB&S Village Hall	15

## Regular Events each Month

What	Where	Day	Time
Apple Quilters	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd & 4th Monday	9.30am - 12am
Anchor Church Youth Group (14-18 yrs)	1 Oxford Road	1st & 3rd Sundays	Term 6.00pm - 7.45pm
Friends Church Youth Group (10-14 yrs)	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Sundays	Time only 6.00pm - 7.30pm
French for Fun	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Wednesday	9.30am - 11.00am
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth Village Hall	Monday	Term Time Only 7.30pm - 9.00pm
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth Village Hall	Tuesday	Term Time Only 11.00am - 12.30pm
KB Drama Group	St John the Baptist Church Hall	Tuesday (except below)	7.30pm
KB Drama Group	Southmoor Village Hall	3rd Tuesday each month	7.30pm
KB & S Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.30pm
KBS Brownies	Southmoor Village Hall	Thursday	6.30pm - 8.00pm
KB & S Cafe	Southmoor Village Hall	Thursday	9.00am - 12 noon
KB & S Gardening Club	Southmoor Village Hall	1st Tuesday every month	7.15pm for 7.30pm
KB & S Health Walk	Leaves Southmoor VH 10.45am	Tuesday	10.30am - 11.30am
KB & S 14+ Drop In Centre	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday	Term Time Only 7.30pm - 9.30pm
KB & S Women's Institute	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd Tuesday	7.30pm
Kingsmoor Community Club	Hinton Waldrist Village Hall	Tues, Wed, Fri	10.00am - 3.00pm
1st Longworth Beavers	The Scout Hut	Thursday	6.00pm - 7.15pm
1st Longworth Cubs	Contact Mike Furse 01865 820162	Tuesday	Term Time Only 7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Longworth Explorers	Faringdon Road	Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Scouts	Southmoor Village Hall	Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Southmoor Guides	Southmoor Village Hall	Wednesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Nordic Walking Classes	Call Lisa 07885 635367 for details	See Advertisers Corner (page 20)	for days / times
Serendipity Over 55s Club Meeting	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	2nd Wednesday	2pm - 4pm
Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday	Term Time Only 10.00am - 11.30am
Southmoor Exercise & Dance	Southmoor Village Hall	Wednesday Evenings	7.45 Exercise 8.45 Dance
Southmoor Rainbows	The Scout Hut, Faringdon Road	Monday	Term Time Only 5.45pm - 6.45pm
Zumba	Southmoor Village Hall	Monday	8.15pm

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# KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

<http://stjb.churchinsight.com/>

Sunday 2nd August	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Joe Cotterill; Speaker – Revd Roger Howell of the Barnabas Fund
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Speaker: Revd Roger Howell of the Barnabas Fund
Sunday 9th August	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	All-Age Service	Revd David Pickering
Sunday 16th August	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Questions of Life Service	Revd Andrew Symes
Sunday 23rd August	9.00am & 10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
Sunday 30th August	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Joe Cotterill
	10.30am	Café Church	Speaker: Revd David Pickering



## AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

**SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST – LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TRAGEDY IN THE MIDDLE EAST:** Have you been horrified by the barbaric terrorism of ISIS? Has your heart been touched by the suffering of the innocent in the terrible wars devastating Syria and Iraq? Do you want to know what we can do to help the innocent refugees, whose lives have been destroyed by horrific war and violence? Then come and learn from one who knows: Revd Roger Howell speaks for the Barnabas Fund, which works to help persecuted Christians, especially in the Middle East. He will be speaking at both our 9.00 and 10.30 services, do come to either.

**SUNDAY 30th AUGUST – CAFÉ CHURCH:** Once a quarter, instead of our usual service, we have a relaxed discussion over bacon baps and croissants, in the Church Room. Do come along, enjoy the food and convivial company, hear a short talk on a puzzling question, and join in the lively debate that follows.

**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 Fridays).

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## VILLAGE VOICES



If all the new houses planned by developers to the East of the village go ahead it's going to change the centre of gravity and feel of our village/town. It will also mean that our Millennium Green (down the old Oxford Road) will become much more central to the village. This Green is owned in Trust by the whole village and run by villagers so it will never, ever be built on. We should be grateful to all the villagers (some of them sadly no longer with us) who almost twenty years ago had the vision to establish this Green for future generations. If you've never been there, do come and have a look. It's a beautiful place for everyone.

*Guy Browning*

My husband and I have lived in Southmoor for over 40 years. During that time we have seen many changes but are now very sorry to see TOO much change.

We note the comments regarding a new Primary School to accommodate the latest request of housing towards Fyfield. Although John Blandy School is nearly full, they appear to have plenty of ground to build a few more classes or could double storey.

A far more useful school to build would be a new Secondary School for us and the surrounding villages as Matthew Arnold cannot take anymore of our students with their new housing developments. Although we are part of the Faringdon Academy it is at full capacity and taking on more teachers but I am sure classes will be unacceptably high. They are also building around Faringdon itself.

Builders cannot keep building houses in villages and expect town Secondary Schools to take our students when the towns themselves are being pressured to build houses as well.

When was the last NEW Secondary School built I would be interested to know. In Australia they are building new Schools to take from 5 - 18 all on the same plot. Just a thought. *Name & Address supplied*

### **New to the Village - New to the KBS News.**

We have a new monthly columnist for the News from the ranks of the new residents, Gary Parsons from the Taylor Wimpey development.. He'll give his unique point of view on all things KBS. So we'll all be interested to know just how the new villagers have been received. Gary's column starts next month.

*I am responding to the article that Roy Wolfe wrote quite brilliantly about the 280 homes being planned off the A420.*

*I would not disagree with anything Roy has said and in fact the thought process about how the village can benefit from these developments is really key. I don't think there is any point in objecting to these developments because they are going to happen anyway, but what we can do is try to influence how some of the off site contributions can be spent in the village or ask for certain things to be funded before planning permission is granted.*

*As Roy hinted at, the saddest thing for me in the development process is that the land owners seem to get richer with highly speculated land values, which developers are stupid to pay over the odds for. This is the reason why developers say they have no money to pay for infrastructure such as doctors surgeries, schools or anything else the surrounding areas need. I say our Government should start taxing the land to get the money we need for infrastructure and stop the landowners from literally milking the land!! Gary Parsons*

### **Invitation of the year?**

*Mr & Mrs Cotterill (and their families !!) have been invited by the Chinese government to fly to Northern China at the end of the month to celebrate the 75th anniversary of their release by the American forces from their internment camp in China in 1945.*

### **Where will I put this?**



KBS News Wine Quartet member Brian Langford gets recognition at last for years of dedication to the wine industry with a blue plaque awarded to him on the occasion of his birthday last month. Celebrating at his annual birthday BBQ bash, Brian was so appreciative of this accolade he reached for his bottle opener much to the delight of his party loving friends. Strictly for research for next month's KBS News Wine List you understand.

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## ED VAIZEY Parish Newsletter

Despite recent tragic events in Tunisia and economic uncertainty in the Eurozone, many of us are thinking of travelling overseas for some guaranteed summer sunshine.

If you are planning a family holiday abroad this summer please do double check that your passports and EHIC cards are up to date. The government has tightened up border controls and strengthened child protection. This is of course welcome, but it does mean that it is no longer possible to renew a child's passport at the last minute using the "same day appointment" system.

Please also remember that the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is not a replacement for full travel insurance. It can be used in state-run hospitals in cases where immediate treatment is necessary across the EU. Do make sure you check out the details of the country you are visiting as it can be advisable to have a comprehensive plan as well. You do not need to pay for an EHIC card and information is available online at <https://www.ehic.org.uk/> or by calling 0300 3301350.

I am also very pleased that overseas roaming charges – which make it expensive to use a mobile phone when abroad – will be abolished in two years' time in Europe. This welcome change will be preceded by a 14 month interim period in which companies can still add surcharges but at a reduced rate. It is estimated that roaming within the EU will be 75% cheaper during the interim period.

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. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please do email me at [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk) or sign up at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com)



## SOUTHMOOR PRESCHOOL

The summer term at Preschool has been a hive of activity, literally! Following on from the theme of learning about life cycles we welcomed a local beekeeper to come and talk to the children, engaging them in some fun bee related activities. The children enjoyed dancing and playing games such as collecting pollen, making a hive and honey tasting. So a big thank you to David Wilson Homes for their very generous donation and for organising this fantastic day.



July was a particularly busy month for our oldest children as they are getting ready for 'big school'. As well as visiting John Blandy school reception class for 'stories and snacktime, the children have been keeping fit with weekly PE lessons in the sports hall and running races on sports day. Finally, to wish our oldest children a fond farewell and good luck with their exciting move up. All the children were invited to a themed 'Beach Party' with party food, pirate games and presents.

Thank you to everyone who supported us by donating their Sainsbury's vouchers. We now have a pop-up target centre and

beanbags to use in the garden, along with some UV balls and a selection of CD's featuring music from around the world.

Thank you also to everyone who supported the Preschool stall at this year's church fete helping to raise over £40 towards resources. The fancy dress parade was a great success with 23 children all dressed up as their favourite characters.

Preschool will start back on 3rd September. Don't forget if you are interested in an "Outstanding" preschool place or increasing your child's sessions, we currently still have a few places left for 2016 so please contact manager Jackie Taylor as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. All children who are 3 in the term following their 3rd birthday are entitled to 15 hours free early years education! Email [southmoor-pre-school@live.co.uk](mailto:southmoor-pre-school@live.co.uk) Tel: 01865 821505. Marie Siviter



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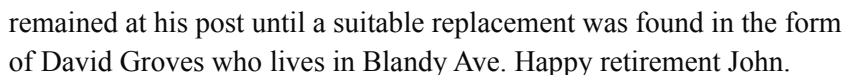
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The ghastly meal could have been because the establishment was still finding its feet as it had only recently opened, but surely this should be the time the most effort is put into a business, especially a restaurant. The future looks bleak for the Wildwood unless big changes are put in place, dear oh dear. *Eton Lovett*



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## THE KBS NEWS WINE LIST: WINES OF THE MONTH



The subject this month for the Village Wine Circle was Alsace Wine and a very good tasting it turned out to be, not surprisingly everyone produced a bottle of white wine.

The bottle we are reviewing is Gentil Hugel 2012, it is a blend of several varieties and a perfect introduction to Alsace wines and is suited to a great number of occasions, made up predominantly of Sylvaner and Pinot Blanc together with Riesling and Pinot Gris.

The wine is a bright pale green colour, fresh and lively and clings quite tightly to the glass. It's approachable easy to drink style, is perfect on its own but equally good with fish or seafood. The wine came from the Oxford Wine Company priced at £12.99.

Because the White wine was quite expensive we choose the Red from Marks and Spencer, it's their Australian Shiraz priced at £ 5.25 a bottle.

Perhaps not one of our better moments, its drinkable but we won't be running back for more but if Shiraz is your thing don't let us put you off.

In our opinion far better to call in to Lidl's and pick up their Rioja 2009 Cepa Lebrer Reserva at £5.49 reviewed in our June column.

If you are interested in wine and would like details of the village Wine Circle call 820830 or 820351 for details. Cheers, The Wine Quartet



### Church Ladies With Typewriters:-

*-At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.*

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## Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club



This season has been as they say "Up and Down". KBCC Junior Section has grown and we now have over 40 players that play in all forms of cricket which starts from Kwik Cricket right up to Men's cricket.

**KBCC Kwik Cricketers** had a superb season under the guidance of Coach Menna Murray and have carried on till Sunday 19th July with a Mini Tournament with Sunningwell CC and Cumnor CC.

**KBCC U11's** 8 a side have finished all their development matches and finished unbeaten, hopefully with all the new juniors that have joined we can put out an 11 a side for next season.

**KBCC U13's** played 6 league/friendly matches and 1 Cup match this season, they won 4 and lost 3. This age group boasted 4 County players but due to County matches Trevor Baxter manager of the U13's never had a full squad but was pleased on how everybody performed this season. The statistics this season are: Top 3 Batting: Ed Murray 127 runs (7 matches), Ethan McLellan 116 runs (6 matches) & Will Woodley 95 runs (3 matches). Top 3 Bowlers: Ed Murray 7 wickets (7 matches), Will Woodley 6 wickets (3 matches) & Joe Garside 6 wickets (5 matches).

**KBCC U15's** have finished this season as well playing 6 matches winning 1 and losing 4 with 1 draw. Coach Kent Dixon & Manager Simon Watts have been pleased with the season and even though the U15's lost 4 matches the team were a credit to the Club and never gave up.

Statistics: Top 3 Batting: Will Woodley 202 runs (4 matches), Matthew Watts 102 runs (5 matches) & Tom Murray 81 runs (4 matches). Top 3 bowlers: Matthew Watts 5 wickets (5 matches), Harry Dixon 5 wickets (5 matches) & Will Woodley 2 wickets (4 matches).

**KBCC Men's 1st XI & 2nd XI** have not had the best season with the 1st XI sitting bottom of Division 4 but with them playing teams just above them hopefully if they beat them they will pull themselves clear of relegation. 2nd XI are sitting mid table in Division 9 and look safe and hope to finish in the top 6 which will be a great achievement with such a young side.

Lastly KBCC with Oxfordshire Cricket Board hosted a Cricket Fun Day with 80 children from Marcham Primary School, everybody had fun and the children were given a taster of cricket (Kwik Cricket) by coaches Menna Murray & George Woodley. Rich Woodley, Co Head Coach





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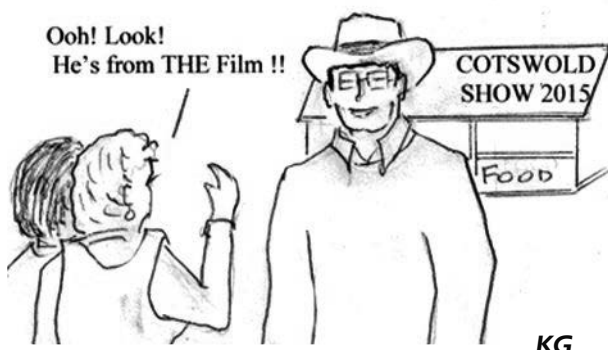
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-Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.  
-For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.  
-Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

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We serve Fair Trade tea, coffee and hot chocolate, orange and blackcurrant squash, bacon sandwiches and a selection of (mostly) home-made cakes and scones, including some dairy- and gluten-free options. We also have some newspapers and

magazines to read.

Come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake. The variety is always changing, so you might be able to have a piece of Victoria sponge, a gluten-free chocolate brownie, a cheese scone or even, if you're lucky, a slice of Carole's gin and tonic cake (AKA lemon drizzle with attitude).

For our more mature visitors, the Kingston Codgers meet here on the last Thursday of every month. For our younger customers, we have toys for the children to play with while their parents can relax and chat.

New volunteers are always welcome to come on our rota of helpers. It only means helping for one morning about every two months. If you are interested, please contact Jenny Bone on 01865 820368, and she will happily add your name to our list of lovely helpers. 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)



## Longworth & District History Society

The trip on Thursday 16th July was described as 'A Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor Countryside Experience' by our guide Peter Keene. He had devised a guided walk starting and ending at the gates of



Kingston Bagpuize House. More than 30 members and friends of the History Society met for the evening.

There were 22 points of interest to note as we walked the 3 miles. Passing the first school endowed by John Blandy in 1736 founded to "teach local boys the art of navigation and rules of mathematics". We walked down Rectory Lane passing the South Lodge of Kingston House and looked at the decorative arches over the windows of yellow and dark blue flared bricks, and the Stonesfield slate roof, both features reflecting on the quality of the estate. Further down Rectory Lane is the old rectory. Little Pelham, a stately Georgian house built for the rector Richard Blechinden in 1723.

Remnants of World War II can be found in the grass airfield. Initially used for training, but later upgraded in 1944 when the invasion plans were made the airfield became redundant after the Normandy landings and was returned to agriculture in late 1944.

We walked on through Swannybrook Farm, past the wartime Nissen huts which are now used for small business units. We joined the road which led us on to the Hanney Road. We walked in single file to Southmoor as the cars whizzed by. We passed where the hop fields had been for about 80 years.

The walk continued to Town Pond Lane and followed the foot path to Norwood Avenue and on to the church. An enjoyable summer evening.

The Walk booklet can be obtained from The History Society cost £1.00, for anyone wishing to walk this route themselves. Next trip for the society is in September when we visit The Merchant House in Marlborough. Peter Keene and Kathy Fletcher 820193.



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For those unfamiliar with the story, two roguish weavers promise an Emperor a new suit of clothes that is invisible to those who are unfit for their positions, stupid, or incompetent. When the Emperor parades before his subjects in his new clothes, no one dares to say that they don't see any suit of clothes .... until a child cries out, "But he isn't wearing anything at all!"

We are really pleased to have had new members join the group recently which has given us the opportunity to cast a play requiring ten actors. Details regarding how to book will be in September's KBS news but for now save the dates: 26th-28th November. *Sarah Curran*



### Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club



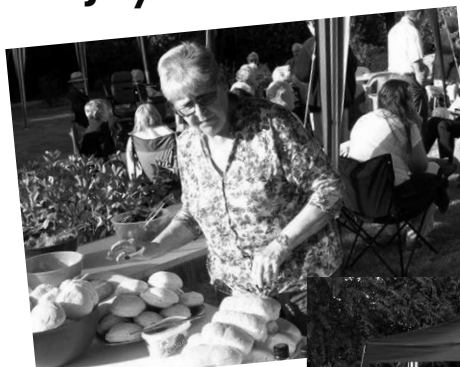
### Enjoy your Garden!

August is definitely the month to enjoy your garden - with an abundance of flowers, fruit, veg and hopefully sunshine. The main jobs are really watering (using water you've collected in a waterbutt if possible) and weeding. Other August jobs include pruning Wisteria, deadheading, collecting seed from your favourite plants and lifting and potting up strawberry runners. We'd like to thank all of the members of the club that helped with the stall in one way or another at the Fete in June. Thanks to the generosity of members donating fabulous plants to sell we had a really successful day. In July, a few of us visited Bridewell Organic Gardens (and Vineyard). Blessed with great weather, and tasty cake, this was a lovely way to spend an afternoon. They're next open day is 23rd August. You can find out more on their website

[www.bridewellorganicgardens.co.uk](http://www.bridewellorganicgardens.co.uk).

This month the gardening club takes a break, returning to the monthly talks on September 1st when Andrew Mikolajski, gardening author and lecturer, will come and talk to us about Shakespeare's Plants and Gardens. As usual this will be at the village Hall 7.15 for 7.30, free to members & £3 for visitors. If you fancy coming along you can also benefit now from half price membership - only £5 for the rest of the year. For more information about the club, call Rebecca on 01865 820793 or email [skbgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:skbgardeningclub@gmail.com). *Paul Gill, Secretary.*

### Gardening Club BBQ 7th July



*Sue Melling, master of the rolls*



*Findlay Sterry and Sue Melling*



*General milling about and enjoying the evening*



*Berice Large, our hostess*



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The July meeting of the KBS Parish Council took place on Monday 6th July in the Village Hall, together with 8 members of the Public, and District Councillor, Mr Eric Batts.

Apologies received from County Councillor, Mrs M Tilley.

The meeting opened with the presentation of a gift, by the Chairman, on behalf of the members of the council of 2011/2015 and years prior, to the retiring Clerk, John Melling, to mark his 15 years of service to the community. The incoming Clerk, Mr David Groves, was then introduced, and his appointment as Responsible Finance Officer / Proper Officer took place. Please Note: Email Address for communications to the Parish Council Clerk is [kingstonbagpuizesouthmoorpc@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonbagpuizesouthmoorpc@gmail.com)

**Public Participation:** Speeding: The proposal for the purchase of a speed camera for use in the villages of Neighbourhood Action Groups, N.A.G 2 (East of Faringdon) was discussed. That afternoon an official police speed check had taken place at Spring Hill, where a number of offenders were clocked. Subsequently, the B.B.C programme, "Country File" (19th July) featured an article on Village Speeding Concerns, which highlighted Volunteer Manned Speed Camera, whereby offenders are sent Warning Letters only, which is what the current proposals attempt to achieve.

Road Safety: The general Melee (poor parking and congestion) around the shops at Cherry Tree Close was highlighted. The chair has drawn attention to the situation with the N.A.G. and police.

**Report from District Councillor:** Eric Batts, advised that when considering planning applications, the VOWHDC design guide should be referred to. The Draft Local Plan is due to be submitted to the appointed inspector between 22nd. Sept 2015 and 1st October 2015.

Village Hall: New Footpath / Retaining wall and Feature Entrance. As a result of the new pavement constructed by Taylor Wimpey (TW) to service their Southmoor Grange development, they had offered to build a retaining wall and feature entrance, this was being delayed by O.C.C. highways concerns over property and highways boundaries. A meeting between TW reps, O.C.C. Highways, Chair of The Village Hall Committee and Parish Council Chair, resolved the issue in that the boundary of the Village Hall was recognised as the western edge of the new pavement, and work could proceed to this boundary. It is hoped work will commence shortly.

**Footpath Draycott Rd To Beggars Lane:** Subsequent to the above meeting, a survey meeting was carried out on work to the footpath and a number of issues were highlighted, work to the path surface has yet to be completed, and the overgrown vegetation needs to be cut back; promises were received that this work would be completed in two weeks, hopefully, by the end of July! Readers may have noticed a B.B.C. South programme that highlighted over grown Footpaths in Southmoor, which indicated that it is O.C.C. Highways DUTY to keep clear. The County Councillor's attention has been drawn to this issue.

Land to be purchased under S106 agreements: The New Tennis Courts planning application has been submitted. The transfer of land from TW to the P.C. is being progressed.

**O.C.C. Revision of subsidised bus services and Dial-a-Ride service:** The main issues are the withdrawal of bus subsidies altogether, reduced funding to subsidised bus services, adopting principle of prioritising where possible, services most likely to be used by the elderly, and or disabled, and ending direct funding of the Dial A ride Service. Most At Risk are routes 63 and X15.

Encourage community transport groups across the county to deliver a replacement service? Who Pays? Further local taxes / garaging, insurance, Fuel etc.+ the drivers reqd.

**Village Amenities:** Funds are available from O.C.C./ VWH to provide two new bus shelters. Possible locations suggested, are 1) opposite School Lane, to serve both Faringdon bound and Oxford bound as there is insufficient space on the School Lane side 2) Opposite Post Office, Oxford Bound. Further suggestions invited.

**War Memorial:** For this year's Remembrance Day Parade, invitations to 3 Regt. R.L.C. RAF contingent from Brize Norton, VOWH Rep. and County Rep.

Note: No Parish Council meeting In August. Next meeting Monday 7th Sept. Village Hall 7 P.M.

*Brian Forster , Chairman.*

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## 1st Southmoor Guides

First of all we would like to thank everyone who supported the Guides at the Village Fete, including all the Hungry Humans and their enthusiastic helpers. Great fun was had by all.

Once again the Guides have taken advantage of the good weather, with a whole range of outdoor activities during the summer term. In June we visited Beanwood Camp Site near Oxford for a Bushcraft evening. In a remote clearing in the woods we put up hammocks and made a campfire using traditional techniques. The Guides went foraging for elderflowers and nettles to make infusions and collected young dandelion leaves for a tasty salad.

Our next outdoor adventure took us to the Falconry at Millets Farm where the Guides had the opportunity to get very close up to over 80 birds of prey. Donning a leather gauntlet, every Guide had the chance to handle a Kestrel and a Harris Hawk while James Channon gave a talk about their different characters. We then had a brilliant display starting with the amazing Striated Caracara which could pick out tasty morsels that were hidden under plant pots. Next was the silent Barn Owl which stealthily skimmed the tops of our heads. Finally we saw the Hawk in flight, demonstrating its ability to pick out prey from a great height.

For our final evening before the summer break the Guides had an evening of wide games followed by a chocolate fountain and ice cream smoothies. However, our activities will continue in the summer. During the holidays, 15 Southmoor Guides will take part in an International Summer Camp near Oxford. They will join over a 1,000 other guides from the UK and around the world, including the USA and Mexico.

We will return in September, with normal meetings held on Wednesdays at 7pm to 8.30pm in the Swallow Room at the Village Hall, and we can be contacted at [southmoorguides@gmail.com](mailto:southmoorguides@gmail.com). Our leaders are Sarah Harris, Sally Dance and Carole Armstrong.



*Our Guides enjoying the chocolate fountain*



*Harriet Sully with a Kestrel*

## The Way We Were



*Oxford Cinema in the 1940's  
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## Finals Day results

The club's Finals Day took place on Sunday 28 June. It was a fun, family affair but

with plenty of quality and exciting tennis. In particular, the finalists of the ladies' doubles and men's doubles provided plenty of entertainment for the crowd in two hard fought and close finals - both won in three sets. The winners are below, but special mention goes to Alex Boardman (pictured, with president Nigel Shaw) for winning ladies', girls' and junior doubles titles.

Ladies singles - Alex Boardman

Men's singles - Bruce Jobson

Mixed doubles - Sarah Lloyd & Tim Sheard

Ladies doubles - Paula Eastwood & Nicola Stoner

Men's doubles - Garreth Anderson & Andy Dance

Girls' singles - Alex Boardman

Boy's singles - Ethan McLellan

Junior doubles - Rachael Moon and Alex Boardman

Family doubles - Rachael and Jake Moon

Most improved junior - Jack Worthington

A big thank you to all who donated prizes for the raffle: Matt Williams (KBSTC Coach), Paul Donovan (Odeon Cinema), Millets Farm, Paul and Kim (Waggon and Horses), Derek Clements, Duncan Smith and Nigel Shaw. Paul Gill - info@kbstennis.org Paul Gill



## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE & SOUTHMOOR BOWLS CLUB



All our matches at County level are now over with our participants having a reasonable run and all these results can be seen on our web site > [www.kbsbc.co.uk](http://www.kbsbc.co.uk)

By the time the August edition of The News comes out our League programme will consist of one Kennet League and one Kennet LX fixture, three Ashley Baker League games and six friendly games left to play. League tables and positions next month.

On the Social side during August we entertain Faringdon 41 Club who are using our facilities for a corporate evening on the 3rd, and our monthly Quiz is on the 28th at 8.00pm to which all are welcome.

Notable dates during September see our Club Finals taking place over the week end of the 5th and 6th and from Friday 11th till Monday 14th we have our Autumn tour, this year to Weymouth. The date for our September Quiz is on Friday 18th and on Saturday 26th we have our grand Jumble Sale at the Club House.

Details of our Annual Presentation Dinner on 2nd October, which is again being held at Millets Farm Restaurant, are now displayed on the Club House notice board. Also on the notice board are details of our Autumn Triples Competition which runs from September to December on our all-weather surface. Mick Fuller (01865 820818)

## SERENDIPITY OVER 55'S CLUB

*Strawberries and cream and shortbread were the order of the day this time. Members enjoyed a light-hearted afternoon with games and general chatter. Everyone signed a "Get well soon" card for Joan Weaving and we hope she will soon be back with us.*

*In August we have Age Concern coming to us to keep us updated with current issues. Why not come along and have a cuppa and chat for just £2 and bring some new ideas and suggestions with you. If you are new to the village and want to get to know others you will be made very welcome. Contact Pat 820775 for details.*

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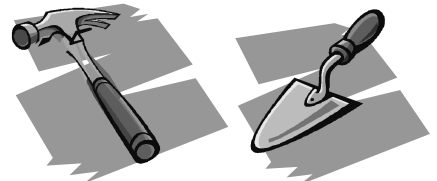


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## JOHN BLANDY AFTER SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB



We have reached the end of another term and what an exciting time the children have had planting and caring for their raised beds. Earlier in the season, time was spent preparing the soil for planting a variety of seeds and plants which the children then tended during gardening club, after school on Monday afternoon. Their efforts with weeding and watering were rewarded later when they harvested radishes, lettuce, broad beans, carrots and onions from the raised vegetable bed. The promising strawberries and raspberries in the WI fruit garden looked too tempting and these mostly disappeared mysteriously before they were harvested 'could it have been the hungry Blackbirds'? There was lots of rhubarb to share and before the summer break the few early potatoes were cooked at school and eaten. The children said they were yummy. Whilst the children are away on holiday they will not have forgotten their recent planting, the runner beans, onions, baby pumpkins and



*Club members: L to R rear; Jake Richards-Oliver, Lewis Carvill, Gabriel Dixon-Rief and, Toby Mahan  
Foreground: Una Leka and Annabel Mahan.*

hopefully broccoli will have grown along with the apple and pears and the tallest sunflower competition to be judged in September.

On days when it had not been possible to attend the gardens due to inclement weather the children were shown the benefit that certain plants have to encourage insects to help pollination. They were shown how to make a simple insect hotel using an old food can and bamboo canes, and how even a small raised bed can attract bees and butterflies by planting and growing wild flowers. The Buddleia bush planted in the wild garden last year is attracting many butterflies including the Red Admiral and Tortoiseshell. During the holidays write down how many butterflies you have seen in your own garden? Butterfly Conservation has drawn up a handy spotters guide with pictures. You can download a copy from [www.butterfly-conservation.org](http://www.butterfly-conservation.org) and check how many butterflies you can recognise. We will be back in September to check how many were spotted. *Ron Green.*



## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

The Summer holidays will mean there will be some vacancies for bookings at the village hall as many of our regular users take a break, providing an opportunity to arrange that special event or party. Our fees are reasonable and for details please contact Dawn by email: [southmoorvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:southmoorvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk)

Are you aware the village hall provides facilities for badminton? It costs just £10.50 per hour to hire the court for four players. That's good value for an hours workout. Make up a team and that's real value.

Residents, including those new to the village can pick up a free brochure which includes details about the hall and its facilities.

The Village Hall management team are optimistic that by the end of the summer the long awaited new boundary treatment with a log retaining wall between the footpath and the copse along Draycott Road will have been completed following lengthy discussions with OCC Highways, the Parish Council and Taylor Wimpey. Improvements will also include the building of a Dry Stone Wall to form a new entrance to the hall. Taylor Wimpey has agreed to carry out this as part of a local neighbourhood scheme for the area.

In June the Village Hall were finally able to submit their Application for the Allocation or Release of funds to the Vale of White Horse District Council under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The act allows contributions to be sought from developers in the village towards the costs of providing community and social infrastructure and/or improvements. The funds applied for by the Village Hall will go towards upgrading the windows and doors plus improved disabled access and added hall security. The application has been supported by letters to the District Council from groups who regularly use the premises. We keep our 'fingers crossed' for a favoured outcome to our application later this year.

There have been recent reported instances that owners are exercising their dogs around the Village Hall. This is despite the notices that DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED. The area is regularly used by children attending clubs and private events, and there are fears that accidents may occur. Please do not take your dog onto any part of the Village Hall property and grounds. *Ron Green*

## Youth Matters

*Scott Thomson writes:*



While reading last month's KBS news, an article caught my eye. This article summarised the events of the 'consultation' meeting, which is an ironic name. It makes it sound like we're the ones in charge. I didn't go personally, but I have been

informed 750 houses are planned, which is really nothing new, but what interested me was the other proposals the developers planned. During the course of this article I will be examining these and looking at their implications for the village youth.

Firstly is the inclusion of a new school in the list of infrastructure developments. This would be enormously beneficial, as since the village is expanding, John Blandy, as good as it is, cannot contain the flood of young children wishing to join the school, especially as a lot of young families are moving into the recent constructions of our village. As great as this is for the village infrastructure, sourcing new teachers may be difficult, but the benefits far outweigh the obstacles the school may have to face.

Another important addition to the village will be a new bypass that will link the A420 and the A415 and will include two new roundabouts. This will do a great job of relieving some of the traffic that gets bottlenecked around the Hind's Head, making crossing the A415 much easier. This will be great for people wanting to walk from the houses north of the A415, including the new developments to reach other areas of the village such as the village hall or the bus stops.

The final aspect of the 'consultation event' I want to talk about is the promise of shopping facilities in one of the new developments. This will be especially beneficial for anyone living on the new estates, as a shop will be only a quick walk away, including anyone living in the countryside to the east of the village. Also, new shops could mean less traffic to Onestop, lessening the burden on the roads, especially if shops other than grocery stores opened up. I think that despite the increase in houses, this vital infrastructure will hugely benefit the village.



## Mark Potts' Kitchen Talk

Were really lucky at the hotel to get a lot of produce from our farm and gardens. This last

few weeks has seen a lot of produce from the garden. We have been making pickles chutneys and preserves with gooseberries red currants blackcurrants raspberries and Logan berries. Something I tried for the first time this year was elderflower cordial. It's a lovely flavour which we will use for sorbets, ice creams and in cakes. This is the recipe I used which worked really well. The fresh flowers are best gathered when the tiny buds are just starting to open.

This makes around 2 litres: around 30 elderflower heads; zest of 3 lemons and 1 orange; 150 ml lemon juice; 1kg sugar 1 heaped teaspoon citric acid.

Wash all the elderflower heads. Put in a bowl with the zests. Bring 1.5 litres of water to the boil and pour over the elderflower and leave overnight to infuse. Strain this through muslin into a saucepan add all the other ingredients. Heat gently to dissolve the sugar then bring to the simmer and cook for a few minutes. Store in sterilised containers. This is a great unique flavour with many uses. A taste of summer!



*Mark is Head Chef at Fallowfields Hotel & Restaurant*

## Introducing the four new members of the Parish Council



*Eric Batts, also our District Councillor*



*David Groves, new Parish Clerk*



*Josie Allsworth*



*Steve Smith*



## Another successful year at John Blandy!

The end of the Academic Year is here - and what a fantastic year it has been! Our school has continued to go from strength to strength - we are now truly reaping the rewards of all our hard work over the last two years and we look forward to Ofsted paying us a visit so that we can demonstrate just how GOOD and OUTSTANDING we really are!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge WELL DONE to all the children at John Blandy- they have achieved so much this year. As a school we are very proud to share some of our headline assessment results with the wider community:

- 76% of the children in Reception achieved a Good Level of Development. Last year the National standard was 60% so we are confident we have surpassed the National Average for the second year running
- 88% of our Year 1 children passed the Phonics Screening Check. Last year the National standard was 74% so we are confident that we have surpassed the National Average for the 3rd year running.
- 100% of our Year 2 children achieved Level 2 or above in Reading, Writing and Maths. This is hugely significant as not only will we have surpassed National Averages in each of these subjects, but these results signal the highest achievement our school has had for at least 5 years.
- We are also very pleased to share that a high percentage of our Year 2 children achieved Level 3 this year; 30% in Reading, 37% in Writing and 44% in Maths. It is wonderful to see our children being stretched and challenged to achieve this higher Level of attainment
- We have had the best Year 6 SAT results the school has seen over the last 5 years. 85% of the children achieved a Level 4 in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, 95% in Reading, 95% in Maths and 100% in Writing. We will be significantly above the National Average in all subjects which is fantastic.
- We also had a large percentage of Year 6 children achieving the higher Level 5; 70% in Reading, 64% in Writing, 60% in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and 20% in Maths.

These results are outstanding, and are demonstrative of the hard work and commitment our school partnership of pupils, parents and staff have shown this year. It is only through this successful partnership that our children are able to achieve such fantastic results.

To enable us to achieve such high quality results we have further embedded our Values culture this year. Consequently we have seen a marked difference in the overall 'behaviour for learning' our children display in lessons, around school and in their commitment to carrying out homework tasks. As well as Values impacting on our academic achievement, we have also grown very responsible children who have taken on extra roles this year such as Play Leaders and Lunchtime Monitors. These two roles have been hugely successful in helping us achieve the very best lunchtimes at school. This is such a key part of the day - a happy lunchtime creates happy children who are in the best place to access their learning and have fun!

I am aware that as we look forward to the next academic year some of you may be concerned as to how the school will cope with the growth of the village, as documented almost monthly in the KBS News. Contrary to what may be perceived, we are currently operating under capacity with our smallest class being made up of just 19 children. We are proud of how well our new families have settled into our fabulous school, and look forward to more children joining us! We are working closely with the Academy and the County Council to plan for expansion to enable us to provide more school places. These plans are really coming on and will be published soon.

All that is left is to say another WELL DONE to all of the children for their hard work and a THANK YOU to their families and our staff that we have supporting them. I hope all of our John Blandy families have a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you all on the 3rd of September!

Clare Silvester John Blandy Head Teacher



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