



# KBS NEWS

## The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village News

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### A Service to Remember



*The Rev. David Pickering leads the Memorial service*



*The Memorial stone to local men killed in WW1 & WW2*

The low autumn sun smiled kindly on the inaugural Remembrance Day Service for our brand new War Memorial installed just in time on the Oxford Road green. The service, led by the Rev. David Pickering was witnessed by a healthy throng from the village there to pay their respects to the fallen in all wars from WWI onwards.

Prayers were said and wreaths were laid on behalf of local associations and it was heartening to see the Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Beavers and Scouts in attendance laying their wreaths in appreciation of the ultimate sacrifice paid by the brave souls whose names are at last honoured on this remarkable memorial.

It was a big hill to climb and commendations should go to the War Memorial Working Group who settled on the crescent design with some input from the pupils at John Blandy School and various adults who brought this addition to our village to fruition in such a short time.

Big thanks must go firstly to Rob Belk who has spent three years researching the men behind the names on the stones and has been the driving force behind the exercise in conjunction with John Weston who first approached the Parish Council some two years ago regarding a memorial to local men who have died on military service for their country.

Credit must also go to the family of Richard Cox who allowed the Southmoor Henge stones to be used for this purpose and especially to Cliff Belcher and his team who undertook the massive job of moving the tons of stone to the new site.

The flagpoles have yet to be put in place to finish the job but I understand all the money has now been raised in order for this last piece of the puzzle to be put in place.

Those who saw the piece on the local news recently will have seen Murray Maclean talking about his uncle who is featured on one of the stones and how he was killed trying to control his stricken aircraft to allow his crew to bale out. Never forget there are stories behind each and every one of the names on the stones and by erecting this memorial at least it goes some way to repay the debt we owe these men.

The whole village seems to have pulled together to create this memorial in such a short time which will be there as a centrepiece for Remembrance Day services for generations to come. *Lance Bassett*

More from the KBS Village Action Group page 9

### The Mobile Library Service

Waggon & Horses 10.05 - 10.40 am, Village Hall 10.45 - 11.10 am, Bellamy Close 11.15 - 11.30 am

**3rd, 17th December & 7th, 21st January**

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Music cassettes also available. Reservations accepted for a small fee.

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Between 6.30 pm to 8.30 am Telephone 0845-3458995 and all Weekends & Bank Holidays

**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

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### Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

Now at the risk of upsetting some more readers (see page 5), I ask the question, when did it become acceptable for some cyclists to completely ignore the rules of law and imagine Highway Code guidelines do not apply to them? I refer firstly to the Kamikaze practice of riding their machines at night without lights. A goodly proportion of these crazy individuals don't even wear hi-viz or at least light coloured clothing and go merrily on their way assuming I guess that other road users have their lights on so cyclists can see them. Traffic lights and one way streets it would appear also do not apply to the bicycle user.

I see daily, as I guess we all do, flagrant breaking of the law by the pedalling brigade and before I am accused of not being eco friendly I would state categorically I avidly recycle, always switching off lights and I plant a tree each time I fly, which greatly upsets the cabin crew I can tell you.

The other thing that rankles is how aggressive many cyclists are. As they pass you on the inside at traffic lights and your wing mirror flies off across the road, you discover it's your fault for driving a petrol powered beast that is destroying the planet. You couldn't make it up.

A very Merry Christmas to all. *Lance Bassett*



# KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

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

Sunday 2nd Dec	9.00am	Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Morning Worship Speaker: Mr Terry & Mrs Gwen MacMillan of Care for the Family
Sunday 9th Dec	9.00am	Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	All-Age Christingle Toy Service Speaker: Dr Stephen Haywood
Sunday 16th Dec	9.00am	Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Questions of Life Service Speaker: Revd David Pickering
Sunday 23rd Dec	9.00am & 10.30am	Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
	7.00pm	Carol Service Speaker: Revd David Pickering
Christmas Eve	4.30pm	Crib Service Revd David Pickering
	11.30pm	Holy Communion Revd Ian Bensted & Revd Suresh Menon
Christmas Day	10.30am	Christmas Family Communion Revd David Pickering
Sunday 30th Dec	9.00am	Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Café Church Speaker: TBC
	10.30am	(at Appleton) Cluster Family Communion Speaker: TBC
Sunday 6th Jan	9.00am	Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Morning Worship Speaker: Mr Will Warren
Sunday 13th Jan	9.00am	Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Epiphany All-Age Service Revd David Pickering
Sunday 20th Jan	9.00am	Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Questions of Life Service Speaker: Mr Will Warren
Sunday 27th Jan	9.00am & 10.30am	Holy Communion Revd David Pickering

Coffee and biscuits after all our services – a good time to chat and make new friends.

**DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER – CHRISTINGLE TOY SERVICE:** a wonderful event for children. We bring together the delights of Christingles (which are an exciting combination of oranges, sweets and candles) and the chance to give presents for the Salvation Army to take to children in the Abingdon area who would otherwise not have a Christmas present. The Salvation Army is appealing for 600 presents so it would be great if we could all do our bit by bringing a new, unwrapped present to the service, to brighten the Christmas of a child in need.

**SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER – CAROL SERVICE:** Our traditional carol service, with the great Christmas lessons and carols. All very welcome to share in this special Christmas event, with mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

**CHRISTMAS EVE – CRIB SERVICE & MIDNIGHT COMMUNION:** For children (especially under-10s) our fun Crib Service at 4.30pm, and for grown-ups our traditional Midnight communion at 11.30pm, a wonderful way to begin Christmas.

**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  
BLESSED HUGH CHURCH FARINGDON**

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/>



*Date for your Diary: 2013 Church Fete will be held on Saturday 15th June, which is two weeks early this time. More news on the Fete in the spring."*



Thank you to those people who supported our Fair in aid of Riding for the Disabled Association Abingdon Group at Southmoor Village Hall on Saturday 13th October. Thanks to all the support of those who attended the fair we raised in the region of £4,500 which are much needed funds to help the group continue to support the lives of both Adults and Children with physical disabilities. Very many thanks to you all and a Very Happy Christmas.

*Anna Hummerston. RDA Fair Organiser*

Dear Sir, I am writing to express my disappointment at the "Whinge" in the November News. I think the KBS News is an excellent and valuable feature in the village, but I do not believe it should be a platform for individuals to express very personal and, in my opinion, questionable grievances.

While I sympathise with Lance's predicament – it is easy to slip over the limit and a little bit of "mercy" is appreciated – nevertheless it is the law. Full stop. No debate. Had it been me (one day it will be), I would kick myself – but I would have no one else to blame. I too would hope for an understanding warning.

I was unhappy about the implied criticism of the police. Many villagers, and especially the KBS News, work hard to support the police, who do a good and thankless job. The whinge is not consistent with the otherwise supportive stance of the News for our police. *Stephen Haywood*

*Editor: I stand suitably chastised. However I would point out that the views expressed in my blog are mine alone and not those of the rest of the KBS News team.*

November, 2012. All Hallows gave way to memory - an evening of 'Names in Stone', the sky renting crack of Guy Fawkes – and on to Remembrance. And our Memorial Crescent was ready. Individualistic stones embracing formal plaques of gratitude, honour - and Names. Local men and men from far away, each our man, now. It was a splendid sight under a big smiley sun with Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts, Guides and cassocked Vicars. Flag bearers behind each stone, the Rev Pickering addressing us all from the north stone, an ex-Commander of Men standing by each stone in turn to read the dedication and Names and intone 'They shall grow not old...' before the last post, silence and wreaths. And how magnificent are our red wreaths against our Corallian stones and Welsh Slate Remembrance plaques. I didn't count the people there - but many say that it was over 200. So, at last, we have a Village War Memorial. We did it on our own and in the space of two months. 40% of our money came from activities in the village (table top sale, raffle, shops, pubs and the Names evening) – and 60% from 35 donations, some of them anonymous.

We can be pleased that we have paid back some of our indebtedness to the Names – names that will become ever more familiar to everyone.

There have been many emailed comments since Remembrance Day. One comment in particular stands out "the memorial project has helped to unite the people living in the village". The Names would like that. With thanks to all who have contributed so readily and so quickly to help make this happen". *Rob Belk*

**I would like to pass-on my sincere thanks to everyone who supported and made real the War Memorial Crescent. Having for years stood along the roadside to pay respects and heartfelt thanks to our passing fallen from Afghanistan we at last have a place on which to now focus our remembrance and our thanks. This is a huge plus for our village, for us, for our children and for future generations to know of our young men's sacrifice for our freedoms. Thank you, again. *John Weston.***

My son Robert who is studying at Swansea University has asked me to send a message of thanks to the Village on his behalf.

We delivered questionnaires on his behalf on Saturday 27th October to many houses in the village. He is in the final year of his geography degree and wished to research views/attitudes to shopping in rural communities for his dissertation.

We collected the responses last weekend (Saturday 3rd November). Robert was delighted with the response. He has over 120 responses which is wonderful. He would like to thank everyone who had the time to participate, and then leave their questionnaire out for collection. He would like to add a particular thank you to those who posted or delivered their response back to us in Race Farm Lane. That was very kind and shows how people in a village go the extra mile for their community. Thank you. *Brian Kenworthy*

***As usual this issue of the News covers December 2012 and January 2013. The next issue will be for February, copy date 4pm 14th January.***



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## Village Notice Board

### WHITE HORSE CRUISING CLUB



The White Horse Cruising Club meets on Monday 10th December, for our "Member's Evening" when we hear what delights, mishaps or anything else our members have to tell us about from the 2012 season, including sailing the Balearics, and touring east of Cherbourg. Royal British Legion Hall, East Hanney at 7.30 for 8 pm. First visit free, then £15 pa.

Club Dinner at The Merry Miller Cothill on Monday 14th January 2013 –details from our web-site: [www.whitehorsecruisingclub.co.uk](http://www.whitehorsecruisingclub.co.uk). *Robert Dyer (tel: 820282)*

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*For distribution to residents of Southmoor and Kingston Bagpuize. "We recently had a plastic clothes collection bag pushed through the door purporting to be from the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity. My wife wanted to check the collection date and so she telephoned the 0800 number printed on the bag and was told that the charity didn't collect in our area!" Peter Reeves*

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Dear Sir, Unbeknown to me, a resident or group of residents has applied to English Heritage to have the Old School on Faringdon Road added to the List of "Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest".

We are an extremely small community and my Chairmanship of the Trust which owns the building is well documented, well known and easily accessible to all in our community.

At a time when we are all trying to work together to protect the integrity and character of our two villages I feel bitterly disappointed that the applicant did not display these same two traits and approach me, or any of the Trustees, before lodging the application.

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*We were hoping to publish more photographs of the new Memorial Crescent and the Remembrance Service but unfortunately we have run out of space. Hopefully we will be able to print more in the next issue. If you have any photographs or comments of the Crescent or the Service you would like to be considered for publishing or comments on the Memorial in general, please send them to [editorkbsnews@googlemail.com](mailto:editorkbsnews@googlemail.com). More photos on the village website.*

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**Villagers Whinge.** Do whingers get you down? When you switch on the News it's 'This is wrong', 'That's wrong'. So you switch off and pick up the Newspaper. 'The end is nigh', 'We're all going to pay more for everything', AH HA at last some good news - 'We're all living longer' BUT 'we've got less to live on as our pensions are being raided' and as for those Bankers, Oil Barons, Property Magnates, Lawyers, Footballers, Paparazzi Photographers, EuroCrats, Judges etc etc etc. Oh Well the Pubs still open so lets go and have a pint. HOW MUCH !!!!! *Roy Wolfe*

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**CHRISTINGLE TOY SERVICE:** a wonderful event for children. We bring together the delights of Christingles (which are an exciting combination of oranges, sweets and candles) and the chance to give presents for the Salvation Army. (For full details see page 4).

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### YOGA

I am planning to start a weekly IYENGAR Yoga class in January. Iyengar yoga does the classical yoga asanas (postures), concentrating on postural alignment and body awareness. It is non-competitive and suitable for all levels of fitness, beginners and on-going students of yoga. If at all interested, please give me a ring on 01865 820339. Term starts: Tuesday 8 January. Time: 11.00 – 12.30. Place: Longworth Village Hall. Cost: £5 per session paid termly in advance. £7 to drop in. *Jennifer Duncan*

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### Christingles and their meaning - do you know what its all about?

**Find out more on Saturday 1st December at the John Blandy School Christmas Fair!**

This year St John the Baptist Church have organised another Christingle/Christmas decoration-making session, but this time as part of the John Blandy School Christmas Fair between 2 - 4pm. A team of lovely ladies will on hand to assist the children with making Christingles and Christmas tree decorations. Some of the decorations will be put on the Christmas tree at the church, but don't worry, there will be a chance to make a decoration to take home! The Christingles will then be taken to the Church ready for the Christingle/Toy Service on Sunday 9th December at 10.30am. If you would like to come along and make a Christingle, or come to the ToyService on the 9th, you would be more than welcome.

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### WORDS OF WISDOM

A lot of people become pessimists from financing optimists. *C T Jones.*

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## KBS VILLAGE ACTION GROUP

### *Villagers opposed to rapid, unsustainable development of KBS*

Thank you so much to everyone who has taken the time to write to the Vale to express concerns over the proposed Witney Road development (ref P12/V1836/O) and to those of you who also chose to sign the petition that has been making its way around the village. We've gathered over 200 signatures to date, and it's not too late to add yours if you would like to – just email your address to [kbsprotest@gmail.com](mailto:kbsprotest@gmail.com) and we will drop by to collect your signature.

The Witney Road application will be heard by the Vale Planning Committee on 5th December, so at the time of writing we have just a few short weeks left to gather evidence and arguments to counter this particular proposal. During this time, we expect that the full application to develop the field behind the village hall will also be submitted to the council for approval. This is currently just a screening application (ref P12/V2162/SCR) – which means the developers are seeking permission to apply for planning approval without a full environmental impact assessment – but as it has now been approved by the planning officer, the detailed planning application will be swift to follow.

If you managed to visit the exhibition on 8th November at the Village Hall, you will have seen the detailed plans for this application. If you didn't make it, the development would comprise 98 houses and very little public space, all accessed via the bottom of Draycott Road.

So, the predicted wave of applications to develop land in and around KBS is well underway. Fifty homes already approved opposite the Waggon & Horses; outline planning sought for 108 dwellings on the Witney Road site; and now detailed planning for 98 houses on the horse's field behind the village hall. And we don't expect it to end here...

We believe this is too much and too rapid an expansion for our village, and is the result of greedy developers exploiting inadequate planning policy. In order to ensure we have the best chance of opposing current and future applications, we have decided to seek professional help. This will come at a cost, and we will need to raise around £2,000 to fund this. If you feel strongly about slowing the seemingly inevitable tide of concrete set to sweep over the village, we welcome your support.

"A community account has now been opened with Barclays Bank for donations. You can make your cheque payable to 'KBS Village Action' and drop it in to Dean Nulty at 32 Draycott Road, Adam Hills at 10 Larch Close or Petra Merne at School House, Faringdon Road (next to the Scout Hut). Alternatively for those with online banking send your donation electronically to Account Number 73914658 Sort Code 20-84-61. Thank you." *Petra Merne*

### **Registration now open for British Red Cross Dance: Make Your Move for 2013**

Do you love dancing? Red Cross calls for young dancers (aged 4-18) from Oxfordshire to sign up for Dance: Make Your Move. Dance: Make Your Move is a dance competition that brings together primary, secondary, special schools, colleges, dance groups and youth groups in a celebration of youth dance.

For more information or to register your group visit [www.redcross.org/dance](http://www.redcross.org/dance) or contact Cheryl on [ctree@redcross.org.uk](mailto:ctree@redcross.org.uk) 01235 552 680. For more information on the British Red Cross please visit: <http://www.redcross.org.uk>

## **Winter SALE at Shires of Oxford**

*To get in the holiday spirit, and to celebrate our relocation, Shires is offering a winter sale! Come by the new location at the Old Berkshire Hunt Kennels or visit [www.shiresofoxford.co.uk](http://www.shiresofoxford.co.uk) for more information.*

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## **SOUTHMOOR & K.B. GARDENING CLUB**

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, 2nd November and the officers and committee were elected for the year commencing 1st November 2012. The officers are as follows: Chairman: Steve Smith, Secretary: Pam Woodward and Treasurer: Sharon Cooper. The committee consists of the following members: Nigel Beale, Julie Carpenter, Rebecca Gill, Ron Green (Vice-Chairman), Sue Melling, Carol Pascoe and Alwyn Woolley. Doreen Cowan was thanked for her four-year stint as Treasurer. She hopes to carry on as the P.R. person for the Club for a further year. A beetle drive was played following the meeting and refreshments. The result of the search for the charity the Club wishes to support next year was the Air Ambulance service, by a clear majority.

Our next meeting is the annual Christmas Supper and entertainment on Friday, 7th December and tickets, at £7.00 each, may be obtained from Julie Carpenter (01865 820885). Do get your tickets as early as you can so that the Catering Committee have as much notice as possible of members who wish to attend. The deadline is Monday, 3rd December. The Gardening Club programme for 2013 will be available at the Christmas Supper. Just to remind you that as from January 2013, meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. The first meeting in the New Year is on 8th January (avoiding 1st January) and Robert Longstaff will talk on "Vegetable growing in depth", so since we all love to eat vegetables straight from the garden, this should be an interesting meeting. Do come along and join us, and if you wish to renew your annual membership of £6.00 (which is now due) or become a new member, the Treasurer will be delighted to issue you with a new membership card. A small fee of £1.50 is payable for each meeting you attend to cover the cost of a cup of coffee/tea and biscuits. All are most welcome to all our meetings. *Doreen Cowan (P.R.)*

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### **KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.**

Our speaker at our November meeting was a very glamorous French lady by the name of Marie-Noelle Witty, who had come to speak to us about how the French eat, and the fact that although we Brits might say the French are obsessed with their food, she prefers to say that the French have a love affair with it. She described to us how meals are taken, how long they go on for, and what was interesting was that they don't have everything piled up together on the plate like we do, instead preferring to eat the meat and vegetables separately with a quite simple dessert at the end of the meal, usually involving fruit. Fish features quite a lot on menus as France is predominantly a Roman Catholic country. What amazed me is that although portion sizes are not massive, if you have guests for dinner, for example, seven courses is apparently the norm. Oh and don't forget that if you are invited for dinner to a French household, dress up in your finest clothes, and don't be surprised if your hostess dresses down. You are after all the guest and it would be rude of her to overshadow you! Fascinating. The tea hostesses outdid themselves and had gone to a lot of trouble to pick several authentic French cheeses from various regions of France, along with a rather yummy selection of sweet biscuits and cakes. Thank you ladies!

Our December meeting will be on Tuesday 11th starting at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Chloe Lees, who many of you will have heard before. She's always entertaining and I'm sure will be equally as good this time around. Don't forget that all our meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Southmoor Village Hall, and don't forget to check out our very own website ([www.bagpuizewi.co.uk](http://www.bagpuizewi.co.uk)) which gives details of all our future meetings, photographs of visits we've been on, details about the WI's own Denman College (just down the road in Marcham), and links to the NFWI website, amongst others. You can also follow what we get up to on Facebook. *Mel Gulliford, Vice President (821087)*

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### **Come Carol Singing Everyone welcome!**

*This year we'll be meeting at the Hinds Head pub in Kingston Bagpuize at 6pm on Thursday 20th December for a warming drink – setting off at 6.30. Many thanks to Lynne and Steve at the Hinds Head for agreeing to host us again.*

*You do not have to be a stunning singer but simply have a desire for some traditional Christmas fun. Wrap up warm and bring a torch. Children are welcome (including small ones in pushchairs). The children normally enjoy going house to house, knocking on doors and handing out sweets (with adult supervision of course).*

*We'll head back to the pub at the end to warm up again! It's great fun and it really helps us - and hopefully those we visit - to remember the real meaning of Christmas! For more details call Jenny on 01865 820165*

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## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

As we enter the season of good will to all men and women, on behalf of the Village Hall Management, I would like to thank all residents and village organisations who supported our celebrations to commemorate 25 years since the hall opened in 1987. This included the Art, Craft & Hobbies Exhibition where donations of £200 and £100 respectively were given to the Church Bell Tower appeal "Raise the Roof" and the KBS War Memorial Fund. We have sold all but one of the special '25th Anniversary Mugs'. The Village Hall also hosted various other events including the Gardening Club lighting of the Jubilee Beacon in celebration of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

As the Village Hall enters the next 25 years there are certain to be some challenging times ahead. Should the proposed housing developments take place within the village an expanding community will inevitably demand greater use, updating and improvements to the existing hall facilities. Subject to forthcoming funding becoming available from would-be developers, the Village Hall Management are looking into upgrading all external windows and doors to improve the future efficiency and security of the hall, also improvements to some internal and external areas to ensure maximum future use together with other aesthetic changes.

This is my final year as Chairman after serving almost continuously on the Management Committee for more than 25 years, over these years I have worked with many village organisations and committees during which time I have been part of and witnessed numerous changes to benefit both past and present users of the hall. However, with the likely challenges ahead which will affect everybody currently living here, now is the time to "hang-up" the keys, and handover to a younger and more future minded person. A Very Happy Christmas to all.

*Ron Green – Chairman Village Hall Management.*

## SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL

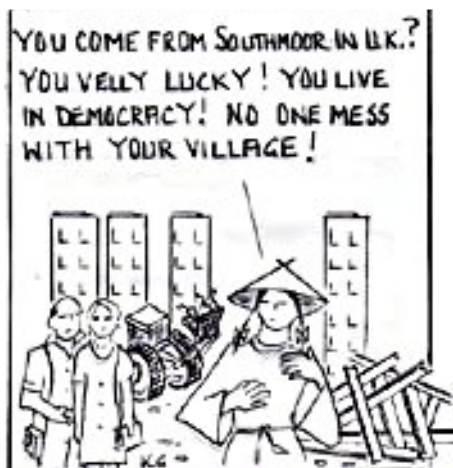


We have had a very busy month at Pre-school with the children harvesting their own vegetables from the Pre-school garden. They have also had fun role playing and even had a trip to the moon where they enjoyed a picnic! A highlight for some was a visit from Blingo the rabbit. The children enjoyed learning about how to take care of animals and of course loved stroking him too. The home corner has been transformed again and we now proudly sport a lovely new red post box. This has come in extremely handy for posting the children's letters that they have written after practising their letter writing skills. No doubt this will also come in handy for posting letters to you know who later this month!

We have also celebrated Diwali and made some beautiful clay candle holders and decorated paper hands with patterns. More recently, Pre-school supported Children in Need by hosting a PJ Day where the children all came to pre-school wearing their pyjamas. They also raised £43 from a cookie and cake sale.

We are currently fund raising to buy a "help yourself" art trolley for the children at pre-school. This would allow the pre-school staff to give the children a constant supply of lovely material that they could choose independently throughout the session. We have already raised just over half the funds needed to buy the art trolley. This has come from the Bags2School collection, the sale of handmade Christmas cards, the sale of Phoenix cards and the Shopping and Pamper evening. Keep your eyes peeled for the next fundraising event! We will be busy with rehearsals for the Christmas play during the coming weeks. If you would like to register your child at Pre-school or arrange a visit, please contact the Pre-school Manager, Jackie, on southmoorpre-school@live.co.uk or 01895 821505.

### DEMOCRACY AT WORK! IF ONLY!



### Thank you from the Froud family

Simon, Lara, Sam, Lauren and Erin Froud would like to thank everyone in the village for their tremendous support following the very sad loss of Lara's Dad, Mr Richard Griffin, who passed away in November from a sudden illness.

Richard was best known in the village for his sharp sense of humour, his stylish dance moves at some of the village hall events and his continued support at Kingston Colts football matches where he cheered on Sam and Lauren and their team mates. Lara's mum Liliias has also been overwhelmed by the support and good wishes from friends in the village. Richard will be greatly missed by us all but he has left us with special memories that will last forever. *The Frouds*



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



An extraordinary Parish council meeting was held on Monday 5th November attended by Cllr. Melinda Tilley, and 54 members of the public, in order to meet with Mr. S. Sensecall, (representing Kemp And Kemp) and Mr. A. Cattermole (representing Taylor -Wimpey), to discuss the screening application submitted in regard to "Land south of the A420/ west of the Draycott Road, for up to 98 dwellings." They were left in no doubt as to the opposition to the proposal and attempted to answer a large number of hostile questions to the proposal.

These representatives are to be thanked for attending and remaining at the meeting, as they did not anticipate the meeting to be Public, and had expected the meeting to be in private,

They were advised that only very rarely were meetings held in private and certainly, on such a contentious and emotive subject of vital concern to the residents of the Village, could not be countenanced.

Subsequent to the Public Participation element of the meeting the public withdrew and the representatives entered into discussion with the Parish Council, where they were advised of the Council's opposition to the proposal. The Parish Plan specifically excludes this area of land for "development" and the area is regarded as essential Green and Open Space for the Village.

We have since learnt that The Vale Of the White Horse District Council, Planning Dept. have decided, that an Environmental Impact Assessment, is not required for this proposal, therefore we would expect a full scale planning application in the near future.

Our village is under threat, as are others in the area from unprecedented and unsustainable large scale development from unscrupulous and opportunistic land owners and developers. They see the opportunity to make large amounts of money due to the failure of the Vale of the White Horse District Council to have in place a detailed and comprehensive Housing Policy to fully meet the needs of their area of responsibility.

All other items on the agenda for the meeting were adjourned until the next full meeting of the Parish Council. The inaugural Service of Remembrance was held on Sunday 11th. November at the newly erected "Memorial Crescent" attended by a large congregation from the village including serving and ex.-servicemen and women from the village and surrounding areas.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of Officers and men and women of Dalton Barracks Abingdon, the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows 1st Longworth Scout group, the Parish Council, and grateful residents.

Grateful thanks is extended to all who contributed in order to make this unique memorial take shape and come to fruition, and in particular to Rob Belk, Cliff and Neil Belcher and Family, and John Weston.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 3rd December 2012, in the Swallow room of the Village Hall, at 7pm Members of the public are welcome.

*Brian Forster, Chairman.*

***Aquarius Hair Studio are hosting a***



# QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 26th January 2013**

**Southmoor Village Hall**



**In aid of Abingdon Community Hospital for Stroke Victims**

**Quiz, Raffle, Cake Sale and Bar**

Cut & Blow Dry Voucher

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Bottles of Wine  
100 square board

Prize £50

Doors open at 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm

**Max 6 per team, £5 per person, book your team a place at  
Aquarius Hair Studio or call 01865 820641**

## LONGWORTH AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY



Following our visit last year to the Frilford/Marcham dig behind the old Noah's Ark pub, we asked Prof. Gary Lock to come and tell us how their research is progressing. After 11 seasons of excavation the site has now been covered over while they analyse their data. Their original finds included the remains of a large pagan temple, numerous shrines and a cemetery all dating from the Romano British to Anglo Saxon period (C1st to C5th AD). More recently, guided by crop marks, they discovered what appeared to be a circular amphitheatre. However, the embankment surrounding the arena was unusually low so it may have been a theatre. The arena regularly fills with water. The Romano British builders solved the problem by incorporating a drain. During excavation the drain was followed down the field towards, but not as far as, the River Ock to a swampy area. This whole large, complex site was unusual as it was not close to a town or city as most such religious sites were. Before it was abandoned in the late C4th the large wooden temple was seen to have Christian features and to have been burnt down. We look forward to hearing how their research develops in future.

Our November talk was given by Liz Woolley who told us about the Common Lodging Houses in Oxford in the past. In Victorian times these buildings accommodated those people, like street musicians, traders, navvies building the railways who couldn't afford hotels or inns and paid as little as 2d a night to stay in these squalid conditions, usually sharing beds or even just having a space on the floor to sit with a table to rest their heads. There were also often women and children crammed into these small rooms along with fleas, bed bugs and the risk of infectious diseases as there was little water or sanitation.

Our Christmas feast will be in Southmoor Village Hall on Tuesday 4th December at 6.45 for 7pm start. You will need to book tickets in advance from Pam Woodward (Tel: 01865 820500) for this popular event. There will be a complimentary glass of Christmas punch to welcome you on arrival. After a magical introduction by a conjurer, there will be a sumptuous buffet meal followed by a musical entertainment which will explore the history of carols from early times until now, with an opportunity to join in at some points. Tickets cost £10 a head.

Our first meeting in 2013 is on 17th January when Keith Crawford is coming from Witney to tell us about The History of the Blanket Hall. His grandparents were Earlys, so he is descended from a long line of Witney blanket-makers and worked for Early's from 1976 to 1990. The Blanket Hall was built by the Company of Blanket Weavers in 1721 and Keith is currently responsible for the building. *Janet Keene (01865 820522)*

### HEY!

#### PEOPLE OF KINGSTON BAGPUIZE & SOUTHMOOR

We, Carolyn and Andy, have now been at the Post Office for over 8 years and sometimes get a surprise. No more so than a young mother from our village who is sending British Forces Parcels to Afghanistan to the men and women serving who receive nothing from home, as a treat to keep their morale up. This currently is being arranged at her own expense via the forces Pen Pals network. Post Office and Royal Mail will send her parcels BFPO up to 2kg free of charge BUT THE CONTENTS COST! We would love to continue to help her by collecting non-perishable items i.e. packets of biscuits, chocolates, sweets, packet soups and dry foods, magazines and toiletries. She is unable to send any aerosols or alcohol based items.

Christmas is nearly upon us, so while shopping just pop one extra item into your shopping, bring it along to the Post Office and we will package anything up and give to her to send out to "our armed forces". Let's see what we can do. *Andy and Carolyn Roberts. Kingston Bagpuize Post Office*

#### 1ST SOUTHMOOR GUIDES TABLE TOP SALE JOHN BLANDY SCHOOL SATURDAY 26 JANUARY 10 AM – 12 NOON

£8 per table, enquiries please ring

Sally on 01865 821924

Breakfast rolls, hot and cold drinks

and refreshments available

*Cake Stall and Raffle*

*We will also come to your home to pick up items*

*for our bric-a-brac stall, please ring Sally*

*on 01865 821924 to arrange collection*

## SERENDIPITY OVER 60's CLUB

We welcomed a new member, Peggy, who will be joining us when she can, and Sadie Spreadbury came and explained to us about alarms and facilities available to the elderly or people with mobility problems.

This was a "bring and buy" afternoon, with lots of yummy cakes, scones etc, and some really good items on sale, it was just a pity that it was not very well supported by villagers (only the members) as all the proceeds will go towards a coach outing for the club next year!

Onwards and upwards - THE DECEMBER MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 12TH FROM 2 - 4 PM AND WE WILL HAVE A CHRISTMAS PARTY THEME. Members will bring a plate of food (bring and share). New members always welcome. Only £2 per month. Details from Pat 820775



## KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR

We're continuing to get good numbers of customers each week, and we've been planning our Christmas Café which I can announce will be held on Thursday 20th December from 10am - 1pm. We're just sorry that we couldn't time it right so that the children would be able to make it, but they don't break up from school till the Friday. Anyway, whether or not you have children of school-age or younger, EVERYONE is welcome to come along on that day. Amongst the usual cakes, we will be providing mince pies, hotdogs, jacket potatoes, maybe a Stollen or two, and we may get a visit from you-know-who if we're lucky!

Please note that we won't be opening the week between Christmas and New Year because we need that time to recharge our batteries, but we will re-open after the holiday period. In the meantime, we'd like to wish all our customers a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

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

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



## Aelfrith's Last Stand BOXING DAY

## TURKEYBUSTER!!

Millennium Green Village Walk

2.30pm

Free Mulled Wine & Minced Pies

– All Welcome –

## JOHN BLANDY VC PRIMARY SCHOOL



We have had our annual change of the high level displays in the school hall. The old displays illustrating the continents have been replaced with art based upon the letters in BLANDY. Each board is covered with images beginning with one of the letters from this name and the result is very exciting.

The children in Class 3 are studying aspects of Roman-Britain and although there will no longer be a chance to visit the excavation of the Romano-British cult site at Frilford they were able to visit Cirencester (Roman Corinium) where they walked around the amphitheatre and went to the museum. Corinium was the second city of Roman Britain from the second century onwards and we are lucky to live close enough to make a day trip possible. The children also visited Chedworth Roman Villa which is now considered to be a cult centre as it was a very extensive establishment focused upon a natural spring. Both of these sites have given the children plenty of opportunities to consider human behaviour and belief as well as to reflect upon continuity and change.

During the next week Class 3 were visited by Harkirat Singh from the Sikh Education Service. Harkirat used art and craft activities to introduce the children to features of the Sikh faith such as the 5 Ks, the use of music in prayer and the overriding belief in tolerance and sharing that have enabled Sikhs to survive in their homeland even though it has been fought over for centuries. Harkirat also took a Key Stage 2 assembly so that all of the junior children could learn and understand a little about another world religion. The annual bonfire and fireworks event was, I believe, the very best yet. The fireworks let off by Andy Dance and his team were marvellous and the huge bonfire, largely donated by Paul Smith, burned fiercely and for a long time into the night. The Friends of John Blandy School worked very hard to make this yet another exciting community event and were rewarded with a large profit to be used for the benefit of the school.

The actual meaning of Guy Fawkes Night has lost most of its resonance with our children who have been brainwashed by commerce into celebrating Hallowe'en which has no cultural associations in England, being a prehistoric celebration formerly confined to the 'Celtic' areas of the British Isles and taken from there to America where it has become an enormously enjoyable family event.

In school we use the story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot to promote tolerance and democratic processes rather than the prejudice and violent persecution so common in our past and, sadly, still occasionally evident today.

Children in Class 5 visited Oxford's cathedral, Christ Church where they learned about mediaeval pilgrims and looked at the architecture. Later they walked in the water meadows and some visited an art museum.

Monday 12th to Friday 16th November was Anti-Bullying Week. There is much concern about bullying in life and in secondary schools in particular. We see few incidents of serious bullying at John Blandy VC Primary School but work hard to equip pupils with the skills necessary to avoid becoming victims, to deal with bullying if it occurs and how to avoid bullying others as this may occur inadvertently during play and day to day interactions.

This is the last time that I shall write on behalf of the school and so I will say "Goodbye and Thank you" to everyone in the village who has supported the school during the time that I have been Head Teacher.

*Chris Spring, Head Teacher.*

## Shaun the Chef



'Tis the season to be jolly.....Oh yes Christmas is rapidly approaching at Fallowfields, the lights and decorations are

coming out and more importantly the menus are changing. We run a festive menu this time of year, which is great value and more importantly tastes and looks fantastic. My team and I have been working on the new dishes for a while to ensure they are exactly how we want them. This time of year is great if you love deep, rich flavours and as some say, comfort food, it's the type of food that warms you inside, brings back fond memories of christmas' gone by and the joy of knowing you can slob out on the sofa, warm in the knowledge you won't be going hungry any time soon!

This time of year, for any of you that are not keen shooters, may not know is game season. We are incredibly fortunate to have a close friend, Kevin Larson, who provides us with a fantastic selection of birds and four legged friends. In the past 2 weeks alone, we have had over 20 brace of pheasant, half a dozen partridge, hare and woodcock. Though these are all great animals, the stand out one of the bunch is the Woodcock, this is a bird that, for a nicer way of wording it, clears its guts before every flight. This means you get to eat the whole bird. At the restaurant we merely just pluck it, wash it, tie it then roast it. Then once rested we scoop out the insides and season it, to create a pate. This sounds incredible to me but can understand why some people may not like the sound of it, but believe me if you ever fancy trying it, it is superb. So if you are feeling festive and feel like being spoilt then please come down to see us, and let us do all the hard work while you sit back and relax.

**We wish you all a very Happy Christmas.**

Shaun Dickens is Head Chef at Fallowfields Hotel.





## BOWLS CLUB

I start these notes off with great sadness. Monica Cadman a club member for a number of years passed away on Monday 22nd of October and we offer our sincere condolences to her family. Monica, who lived in the village, was a lovely lady, greatly respected within the Club, a friend to all and an excellent bowler. Monica passed away only four months after her husband Tony, who was Club Treasurer from 2000-2007, and she had cared for him for the last few years of his life. As an accomplished bowler Monica is remembered on our honours board by her record which includes Ladies singles 1999, Greengage triples 2000 & 2006 and the Gordon Cobb mixed pairs 2008. Other honours were the Autumn Triples 2011 and in the winning Ashley Baker teams of 2007 and 2008. She was also Ladies Secretary from 2004-2008. She represented the Club in numerous friendlies, the Ladies Ridgeway League, and the Bob Edwards Trophy. Her name was on the team sheet for the game against West Oxford on November 3rd and I found it difficult to cross her name out and replace her, and she had played in various County Competitions. Monica will be greatly missed at the Club but as we enter the Club House and see her name on the honours board we will always remember her, and I, and all who knew her, will cherish her memory and say we were privileged to have known her.

My apologies to our hard working Secretary for omitting his name from my list of re-elected Officers in the Oct. issue of the news, a senior moment on my part, we all get them. Peter van de Mortel was re-elected for a tenth term of service. He combined this with the Club Presidents position which he held for nine years but stepped down at the AGM. Peter is a valued member of our Bowls Club both on and off the green and the membership appreciate his commitment. Peter had a little dig at me as did our Chairman who said I should be exterminated for such an omission, all in good fun and banter, I hope, such is the friendliness within the Club. The first two games at Carterton in the BE Trophy both ended in defeat.

Our Club improvements are progressing well with the kitchen near completion and the new changing rooms well under way. Our mulled wine & mince pie get together is on the 16th December 11.00am-2pm. The Christmas draw will take place on the 7th December at 7.30pm in the club house.

I tried to contact Tony who lives locally last month to see if he still wants to join us but omitted my phone number which is *here* - Mick (Club Captain) 01865 820818



**It's back for the 6th year!**

## FUN FACTOR

### Christmas Celebration

Come along for some 'family time'

**In the Methodist Chapel - Southmoor  
(opposite Crossroads Garage)  
Saturday 8th December  
10am until 12**

**Café for adults... relax and enjoy a hot drink and home made cakes  
Christmas crafts, clay and story telling  
for the children (3yrs - 10yrs approx)**

**This event is free but we will be taking a collection for the village 'Bell Tower Appeal' and for health care in Malawi. Hosted by KBS Café; funded and organised by St John the Baptist Church**



## **"I wonder what he does for a job?" Chris Spring - An appreciation**



My oldest daughter, now in her mid twenties reminded me the other day of the time when aged about five she was in the hall of John Blandy School. As she sat cross-legged with her friends on the floor looking up in mild awe at the man speaking in front of them, her mind absently wandered as the mind of a five year old often does and a puzzling thought occurred to her - "I wonder what he does for a job?"

The man in question of course was Chris Spring, a teacher and headmaster who during his career has inspired generations of young children and has embodied all of the things that make John Blandy School such a special place. During his 24 years tenure as head of the school he has enjoyed the support of a fantastically loyal staff sometimes through difficult times.

When I joined the governing board under the chairmanship of the late Elaine Stewart in the mid 1990s the school was facing some quite extreme budget difficulties and at the same time we were considering a major building project for the new nursery. Under Chris's leadership and with the support of the governors the school got through those challenging years together.

Ofsted reports, both in my tenure as a governor and chair and since have noted the role Chris has played in creating a school with a remarkable ethos – I think a direct quotation from a recent report sums this up well:- "Parents speak highly of the head teacher's commitment and continuing enthusiasm for the school, and this is evident in the way he values and cares for both staff and pupils"

Such commitment has inevitably dominated Chris's life and given him little free time to pursue his many other interests. He told me only a few weeks ago of how much he is now looking forward in retirement to having the time to devote to them. I wish him well in that.

Chris and I share a common interest in natural history although our approach to the subject is somewhat different. Whereas I would be content with reading a fieldguide to the identification of some obscure species, friendship with Chris has opened my eyes to looking at wildlife with a broader view particularly through the nature writing of authors such as Richard Mabey.

Not only John Blandy, but the village as a whole has had in Chris an outstanding head teacher and friend who will be I believe a hard act to follow. So returning to my daughters question, the answer of course is that Chris has dedicated his working life to the education of children. And a fantastic job he has made of it too - thanks, Mr Spring. *Peter Pool*

## **KINGSTON BAGPUIZE DRAMA GROUP**



The Drama Group's production of Robert Harling's *Steel Magnolias* was quite rightly well received by the audience on the final night of its run. This tale of six women in a Louisiana hair salon directed by Rob Bateman revolved around Shelby convincingly played by Emily Eastham, starting on the eve of her wedding and in three further scenes moving on over a period of months with its tragic consequences.

The play made up for the lack its action by its, at times, very witty banter and the script moved along at a lively pace.

The all female cast was headed by Paula Eastwood as the salon owner Truvy, who coped extremely well with her huge role. Paula is new to the group but obviously has had previous experience in treading the boards. She was supported by another newcomer, Grace Lochrie, as Annelle, Truvy's young assistant whose debut on a stage was made more obvious by the rest of the very experienced cast. Many of her lines were lost unfortunately. The village hall does have bad acoustics with the high wooden ceiling and actors therefore have to be aware of this when delivering their lines.

Andrea Spencer and Sally Lacey can always be relied upon to turn in a good performance and this time was no exception as they played M'Lynn, Shelby's mother, and Ousier the typical Southern American say-it-as-it-is gun toting mama. Our own Susi Dalton ably coped with the role of Clairee who owned the local radio station.

The sound effects and set were up to scratch as usual except I found it a shame that outside the windows the set was pitch black when it should have been daytime. Nearly full marks then to Stage Manager Mike Lacey and technical wizard veteran Ian Ashby who must by now have provided more lighting plots and sound for productions than Universal Studios. Overall another credible addition to the long line of KBDG's productions.

*Phil Leseats*

## **POLICE UPDATE Faringdon East – November 2012**

This month has seen the PCSO's out and about at the local schools making the children aware of the Do's and Don'ts for Halloween and Bonfire night. We hope that both occasions were a great success.

On 3rd October we had some fly tipping in the Littleworth area between Littleworth and Thrupp.

Environmental Health are conducting a full investigation into the matter and any new information regarding this should be directed to them.

On 8th October we had a couple of overnight Thefts from Motor Vehicle in Littleworth. All vehicles were parked either on drive ways or the street. There is limited lighting in Littleworth and it is not clear how offenders have entered the vehicles. A car stereo was stolen from the boot of one car and a number of power tools taken from the front passenger seat of another. I would urge you to be extra vigilant especially as the nights are drawing in and keep everything fully secured and park under lights if possible. If anyone has any information about these crimes please contact us on telephone number 101.

Sadly we had a number of Burglaries on our area on 15th October 2012 where six occurred in the same day in daylight hours. We have arrested two offenders who are currently being dealt with for the offences at this time. If anyone saw or noticed anything suspicious between 0800-1600 hours in Longworth, Buckland or Faringdon please contact police on telephone number 101. You will note that there is an increase in Police patrols in the area and our PCSO's have done door to door enquiries in these villages.

On 18th October we had a Burglary at Littleworth which was again during daylight hours between 0800 and 1500 hours. If you noticed anything suspicious or have any information regarding this please contact us on 101. There was nothing taken during this burglary.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that you live in a safe low crime area and if you need any help or assistance in any way including crime prevention advice please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Neighbourhood Team who will be more than happy to assist. I look forward to seeing you all out and about but in the meantime if you do have any issues please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Neighbourhood Team on 101. We wish you all a safe month and hope to speak to many of you when out and about.

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 101 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email: [FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) - please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or Anti Social Behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crime stoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

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### **ED VAIZEY MP Christmas Newsletter December 2012**

*As we come to the end of an amazing year where we celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and hosted the hugely successful London Olympics and Paralympics, I wanted to wish all the readers of this publication a Happy Christmas and New Year.*

*I'm always aware of the many people who work so hard, across the constituency and the country to help make Christmas a truly special occasion. This year, as in every previous year I have been an MP, I'll be visiting all the local sorting offices to say a personal thank you to all the postal staff who have the humungous task of delivering all our cards and parcels. With the rise of internet shopping, that heap just keeps getting bigger! Over the bank holiday period, many others will be working in hospitals, on duty with the police and fire services or keeping the electricity flowing so we can cook our Christmas lunches. Others still will be making sure that some who might have had problems over Christmas are better able to cope. There are many more – far too many to list, but they all make such a difference to the rest of us.*

*So, huge thanks to everyone who will be working for others over the Christmas season, and a very happy and peaceful Christmas to us all. Ed Vaizey MP*




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**Finally, may all of us at KBS News wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**



1<sup>st</sup> Longworth Scout Group



# CHRISTMAS BINGO

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
at Southmoor Village Hall

Doors open 7pm - Eyes down  
7.30pm

Join us for an evening of fun, family bingo. There  
is a licensed bar, adults raffle, children's raffle  
and light refreshments available.

For further details ring Mrs Badger on 01865  
821266





