



# KBS NEWS

## The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village News

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## In Memory of the Fallen



*Elizabeth Paris, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, lays the wreath on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen at the village Remembrance Sunday service*

Again fortune favoured the brave and the sun shone down on the new Memorial Crescent on Remembrance Sunday. A crowd of several hundred from the village attended the short service held by the Rev. David Pickering to mark the falling of service personnel not only from the community but those from afar who lost their lives locally whilst in training. The war dead from recent conflicts are also commemorated on the memorial stones, each stone receiving a wreath of poppies laid by representatives of the armed forces and village associations, including the Parish Council.

Just before 11 o'clock, the bugler played the Last Post, the flags and standards were lowered and the two-minute silence observed. Now the memorial is complete with the sparkling white poles flying the Union flag beside the banners of Canada and the USA, it is a superbly fitting tribute to the men and women who died fighting for our freedom, and one of which our village should be very proud. Our thanks go again to the team that made the idea bear fruit and provide us with such a monument.

After the final prayer the crowd was lead by Stan Webb and Jan Carlisle in the hymn 'Abide with Me', a fitting end to such a perfect tribute to our War dead. *Lance Bassett*



*Stan Webb sings 'Abide with Me'*

## 'SATURATION'

*Every Autumn the District Council holds a 'Town and Parish Forum' at which councillors from throughout the Vale are informed of current strategies and two-way discussions take place with officers relating to planning, policing, health and other topics of general interest. This year a new word was introduced to Local Government Speak – not new in the same way a 'siloing' or 'Scopeing', but a new meaning for an old word.....'Saturation.'*

*Apparently there is a view that some of the developments in the Vale may not reach their full potential. It is possible that not all the houses currently being built in Didcot or about to be built in Grove will in fact find buyers and that the developers may decide not to complete the full number of planned houses. In Local Government Speak this means that these developments have reached saturation !! Ah, you may think, an excellent result. But be warned. In the eyes of Government, this only means that those houses still have to be built, somewhere else, in order to achieve the agreed target...The District Council will then be empowered to look for additional sites on which these houses can be built and naturally they will look to those locations that have proved popular and where new houses are selling well.....Could Southmoor fit this scenario. Quite possibly, yes. So be warned.....Ian Charlton*

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## Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

Last week I had the misfortune to attempt to travel clockwise on the M25 from the M40, only to find the entire motorway had been closed due to an accident.

I am certainly not devoid of sincere sympathy for the victims of this mishap, far from it, but is it necessary to close the whole motorway in both directions to carry out accident investigations, and take 8/9 hours in which to do it. I can't remember this always being the case surely. Didn't they just use to take photographs, take witness statements and then drag the vehicles off the road? The entire M25 was in chaos, mile after mile of traffic congestion with drivers having to travel anti-clockwise around the whole circuit to get to the Dartford Crossing into Essex. The crossing itself was gridlocked, I have never seen traffic like it.

Now I am not suggesting it's the fault of the Police it's probably another benefit of being in the EU, but does this have to happen? Thousands of people with planes to catch, important business meetings, hospital appointments etc. all thrown into disarray. I am not forgetting we may be talking about a fatal accident but 9 hours to clear a road? Or am I missing something?



# VILLAGE DIARY

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

December	Day	Time	What & Where (SVH = Southmoor Village Hall)	Page	
Monday	2nd	7.00pm	KBS Parish Council Meeting – Swallow Room, VH	15	
Monday	2nd	Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15			
Tuesday	3rd	7.30pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club - Christmas Supper	10	
Friday	6th	7.30pm	Longworth & District History Society - Meal and Entertainment by Harmony InSpires	12	
Saturday	7th	1.00pm - 3.00pm	John Blandy School Christmas Fair	21	
Saturday	7th	9.00pm	Waggon & Horses Live Band - Hippy Haze	11	
Sunday	8th	10.30am	Christingle & Toy Service, St John the Baptist Church, KB	16	
Monday	9th	8.00pm	KBS Online AGM, Swallow Room, Southmoor Village Hall	6	
Tuesday	10th	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Womens Institute-Wine Tasting SVH	12	
Wednesday	11th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Serendipity Christmas Meeting - Swallow Room SVH	10	
Wednesday	11th	10.30am	Southmoor Pre-School Christmas Performance	10	
Friday	13th	10.30am	Southmoor Pre-School Children's Christmas Party	10	
Friday	13th	7.15pm	Christmas Concert - St John the Baptist Church, Kingston Bagpuize	21	
Saturday	14th	7.00pm for 7.30pm	1st Longworth Scout Group, Family Christmas Bingo SVH	23	
Monday	16th	Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15			
Thursday	19th	11.00am - 1.00pm	KBS Cafe @ Southmoor Christmas Party - Methodist Church	12	
Friday	20th	9.45 -11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group Christmas Party - SVH	11	
Sunday	22nd	4.00pm	Tubney Church Candlelit Carol Service		
Friday	27th	**** Grey Bin Collection ****			12
January					
Friday	3rd	**** Green Bin Collection NO GARDEN WASTE ****			12
Saturday	4th		Last Date for Entries in the Christmas Colouring Competition	17	
Tuesday	7th	7.30pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club - SVH “Trees and Shrubs for Winter Interest”	10	
Thursday	9th	**** Grey Bin Collection ****			12
Friday	10th	10.00 -11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group Back after Christmas - SVH	11	
Wednesday	15th		Come Back to Singing with Harmony Inspires - Appleton Village Hall	6	
Monday	20th	4.00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for KBS News February 2014 Edition	2	
Monday	20th	7.00pm	Computer Lessons Begin - Swallow Room, SVH	21	
Friday	24th	7.30pm - 9.30pm	KBS 14+ Drop In 4th Year celebration	22	
Friday	31st	7.30pm	KB & S Bowls Club Quiz Night - Bowls Club, Oxford Road		
February					
Saturday	22nd	10.00am - 1.00pm	Coffee Morning & Sale in aid of Maggie's Centre,Oxford	5	

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

## Regular Events each Month

What	Where	Day	Time
Apple Quilters	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd & 4th Monday	9.30am - 12am
Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday Term Time Only	10am - 11.30am
Church Youth Group	1 Oxford Road	Sunday Term Time	6.00pm - 7.30pm

French for Fun	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm		Wednesday	9.30am - 11.00am	
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth VH from Jan 8 2013		Tuesday Term Time Only	11.00am - 12.30pm	
KB Drama Group	St John the Baptist Church Hall		Tuesday	7.30pm	
KB & S Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize		Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.30pm	
KB & S Cafe	Methodist Chapel		Thursday	8.30am - 12 noon	
KB & S Gardening Club	Southmoor Village Hall		1st Tuesday from Feb	7.15pm for 7.30pm	
KB & S Health Walk	Leaves Southmoor VH 10.45am		Tuesday	10.30am - 11.30am	
KB & S 14+ Drop In Centre	Methodist Church Hall		Friday Term Time Only	7.30pm - 9.30pm	
Kingsmoor Community Club	Hinton Waldrist Village Hall		Tues, Wed, Fri	10.00am - 3.00pm	
1st Kingston Bagpuize Brownies	John Blandy School		Wednesday	Term Time Only	5.30pm - 7.00pm
1st Longworth Beavers	The Scout Hut Faringdon Road	Contact Mike Furse 01865 820162	Thursday		6.00pm - 7.15pm
1st Longworth Cubs			Tuesday		7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Longworth Explorers			Wednesday		7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Scouts			Thursday		7.30pm - 9.00pm
Pilates Matwork Classes	John Blandy School		Monday	7.00pm - 9.10pm	
Serendipity Over 60s Club Meeting	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm		2nd Wednesday	2pm - 4pm	
1st Southmoor Guides	John Blandy School		Wednesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm	
Southmoor Karate Club	Southmoor Village Hall		Sunday	10am - 11.30am	
Southmoor Rainbows	Methodist Church Hall		Tues Term Time Only	5.45pm - 6.45pm	
KB & S Womens Institute	Southmoor Village Hall		2nd Tuesday	7.30pm	
Zumba	Southmoor Village Hall		Monday	8.15pm	

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Back Page £110

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Inside Part Page % of page used Min £10

## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

<http://kingstonbagpuizechurch.wordpress.com>

<b>Sunday 1st Dec</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Speaker: Revd Roger Howell of the Barnabas Fund</b>
	10.30am	Morning Worship Speaker: Revd Roger Howell of the Barnabas Fund
<b>Sunday 8th Dec</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill</b>
	10.30am	All-Age Christingle Toy Service Speaker: Miss Jenny Weaving
<b>Sunday 15th Dec</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill</b>
	10.30am	Questions of Life Service Speaker: Revd David Pickering
<b>Sunday 22nd Dec</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill</b>
	10.30am	Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
	7.00pm	Carol Service Speaker: Revd David Pickering
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Crib Service Revd David Pickering</b>
	11.30pm	Holy Communion Revd Suresh Menon
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Christmas Family Communion Revd David Pickering</b>
<b>Sunday 29th Dec</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill</b>
	10.30am	Café Church Mrs Mel Gulliford
	10.30am	(at Shippon) Cluster Communion. Speaker: TBC
<b>Sunday 5th Jan</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Revd David Pickering</b>
	10.30am	Epiphany Morning Worship Speaker: TBC
<b>Sunday 12th Jan</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Revd David Pickering</b>
	10.30am	All-Age Service Revd David Pickering
<b>Sunday 19th Jan</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Revd David Pickering</b>
	10.30am	Questions of Life Service Speaker: TBC
<b>Sunday 26th Jan</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Revd David Pickering</b>
	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 8th 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 needs a lot of 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. (*See page 16*)

**THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER – CAROL SINGING:** Join us for a great carol singing time. This year, we meet at the Waggon and Horses at 6.30pm, sing carols for an hour round Southmoor, then return to the Waggon and Horses at 7.30pm for a couple of final rousing carols and a convivial drink.

**SUNDAY 22nd 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  
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Parish Priest: Fr Leslie Adams, 1 Coxwell Road, Faringdon, SN7 7EB  
 Tel: 01367 243510, email: [blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com](mailto:blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com),  
**Masses: Sunday One Mass at 9.00am.** Weekly Masses: Tuesday and  
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 Newsletter available at Blessed Hugh Church or from the Parish  
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## VILLAGE VOICES

### HAPPY CHRISTMAS KBS NEWS

KBS News has reached its 40th Christmas edition!! Congratulations to ALL Villagers over these years who have been involved in this project—you deserve our thanks for your commitment. A Happy Christmas to our dedicated Distribution Team—some of whom will have helped for close to all of those 40 years. They unfailingly turn out to deliver the News to each household. And a Happy Christmas to the current KBS News Committee for your valuable time ensuring we are all kept up to date with Village news and events.

One very important role in the News set up is, of course, that of the Editor. We have enjoyed a set of remarkable Editors over the 40 years -- very dedicated Villagers who have played a crucial part in the monthly production of the News. So it is sad to read in last month's edition, about an anonymous letter criticising Lance Bassett (our current Editor). Lance is big enough to cope with that ---but a special Happy Christmas to Lance, with a reminder that a very large majority of our 1000 households really appreciate his efforts—and trust we will have future Editors to keep the News alive for another 40 years. *Keith Graham*

*Dear Editor, Having just read your comments on the writers of anonymous letters I have to say I agree. Such socially unacceptable types are to be deplored, and in my view on a par with benefit cheats and others of that ilk. Keep up the good work, Derek Lambert.*

**THANK YOU** I would like to thank friends and neighbours for all their help and care whilst I was ill. What a wonderful village!! *Juliette Dyer*

I live in Stone House Close K.B. I was so annoyed at the report in KBS news, that our exchange has no plans to be updated that I e-mailed Ed Vaizey. To the credit of his office, I was contacted almost immediately by Bill Murphy who said he was the MD at BT responsible for the latest deal with OCC. He said he would check the speed on my line. I estimate this to be about 3mbps. BT have told me I should be getting 5mbps but of course this drops the further you are away from the exchange. Last week during the half-term holiday, speeds in the afternoon were abysmal. A further e-mail from Bill Murphy states that Peter Cowen the BT regional manager for Oxfordshire would be willing to meet with our community together with OCC to discuss the matter. I notice that the map on The OpenReach website shows the exchange in Longworth village. I thought that it was next to the Waggon & Horses pub, part of which used to be in Longworth! Have the powers that be looked at the map and decided that Longworth is a sparsely populated rural village and overlooked the large population south of the A420? I pointed out to Mr Vaizey that the village will be increased by 1/3rd and that will put a further strain on the current broadband lines. Is there any mileage in taking this matter further, bearing in mind what happened with the housing applications!

I am sure that house prices will be affected in the long term if decent broadband is unavailable. *Ken Ritchie*

***As the next KBS News will not be issued until February, could I just ask if anyone would be willing to make cakes or donate raffle prizes or items for sale for a COFFEE MORNING AND SALE in aid of MAGGIES CENTRE, OXFORD on Saturday 22nd February from 10 - 1. Posters and more details soon. I am happy to collect if need be. Contact Pat 820775***

We hear that there is a class-act rumpus running in UK over the latest +/- 10% energy price hikes - so I have compared our energy bills in France with those at TSC. I took the latest bills this summer in each case - so the UK prices are before the latest price increases (no news of price increases in France, as yet). Both UK and France have the same 5% VAT on energy consumption.

The result is that at the current exchange rate, gas prices per kWh are +/- the same in both locations - but the UK electricity price per kWh is nearly 80% higher than the price in France. Our supplier in France is EDF and our supplier in UK is SSE - but since all the supposedly competing companies charge about the same, the comparison is valid.

It's interesting that nearly 80% of France's electricity is generated by nuclear - whereas most of UK's electricity is generated by carbon sources - so 'blame' for the 80% higher electricity prices in UK can possibly be laid at the door of the anti-nuclear lobby and their fellow-travelling politicians. *Rob Belk*

**THANK YOU** *Thank you Jake and Shannon for laying the wreath at the War Memorial during the Remembrance Service. I was very proud of you. John Weston*

## Village Notice Board

*Looking for a new hobby - a resolution for the New Year that hits all the right notes? "Come Back to Singing" with Harmony Inspires.*

*We are a ladies Cappella chorus which meets on a Wednesday evening in Appleton Village Hall OX13 6JS and we will be holding a free course in the New Year 15th 22nd & 29th January. The group welcomes women of all ages who are interested in singing and is always on the lookout for new members to keep the chorus growing. For more information about the Course see [www.harmonyinspires.org](http://www.harmonyinspires.org), e-mail [Harmonyinspires@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Harmonyinspires@hotmail.co.uk) or call Christine on 01235 831352.*

It has been pointed out to KBS News that the letter from the ex-landlord of the Waggon & Horses in the October issue may have intimated that the Hind's Head pub undertakes 'lock-ins'. We have been asked to state this is certainly not the case, the Hind's Head have a licence to serve alcohol Mon-Sat from 11.00am until 1.30am and from Noon till 12.30am on a Sunday.

### ROBERT DYER

We were sorry to learn of the death of Robert Dyer at the beginning of September. Robert had been a faithful deliverer of the News at the Kingston end of the village for a long time until ill-health intervened earlier this year. We knew that he was a keen sailor and had been Mayor of Faringdon, but it was at his funeral that many heard for the first time what an interesting and influential life he had led. A graduate of Cambridge University, he later became one of the Directors at EMI at the time when there was a lot of money to be made from the success of the Beatles. He played an important role in the 1970s in bringing the newly invented brain and body Scanners to market - on which so many of us now rely.

### KBS Online AGM

*The KBS Online AGM will be held at the Swallow Room on Monday 9th December 2014 at 8pm (Prompt)*

### Would you like to be involved in a Village History Project?

As part of our grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to repair the Church bell tower we have the opportunity to produce a booklet on the history of the Church and its origins in Kingston Bagpuize going back to Norman times. The HLF funding will provide a unique opportunity to do this and, together with the History Society, we are looking for volunteers to help with this exciting project. You don't have to be a member of the History Society or to be a church goer, just have an interest in the history of our village. We will be holding a kick off meeting in the New Year if you would like to be involved contact Susan Green on 820063 or me on 820885 for more information. *Chris Carpenter*

*The KBS News team wish all our villagers a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*



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### Keith's Kartoon Kommentar

#### Bowled over by Boles - again!



### The Way We Were



*Faringdon Road in the early 20th century  
Our thanks to the History Society*



## FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT? No: 10 The White Hart, Fyfield

This venue has been one of my favourite eateries for a while now. It's local, it's easy to park, the staff are friendly, the food is good and the atmosphere is warm.

Four of us dined tonight, the table booked two days earlier. There were some empty tables, which is strange because I was told when booking they were busy and pushed back my attempted reservation time, but hey ho.

After a drink at the bar we were shown our table and in short order supplied a complimentary dish of balsamic vinegar and olive oil with homemade bread-very continental and a nice touch.

Having all decided we wouldn't have a starter but go for a pud instead, I chose the slow-roasted belly of Kelmscott Pork. The meal came in good time and not only looked fabulous, decorated with a single thin finger of crackling, but tasted superb. Supported by celeriac puree, cider jus and apples and carrots from the White Hart garden. The pork was so tender it melted in your mouth, a triumph of the culinary art.

The bride and friends had the beer battered haddock, proper chips with mushy peas tasted as good as it looked apparently.

The pudding menu offered a host of temptations but I succumbed once again to my favourite sticky toffee pudding with butterscotch sauce and ice cream.

Waitress Louise looked after us magnificently and came up trumps supplying the extra butterscotch sauce I requested. In the words of Oscar Wilde, I can resist anything except temptation.

I have to say every mouthful was a treat and when the inevitable bill arrived, the meal, including the bar drinks, two course meal for four and a rather nice bottle of wine clocked in at just £62 per couple. Excellent value for this standard of cuisine. I shall start looking forward to my next visit today. *Eton Lovett.*



## KBS Christmas Wine List

Our subject this month is "Wines for Christmas", and for this we visited The Oxford Wine Company on the Botley Road, Oxford (situated just before PC World on the right hand side). The Manager, Lee Isaacs, was extremely helpful, and with his assistance chose the following wines:

For a Christmas Morning aperitif, we selected a PassaParola Prosecco from Italy, priced at £9.99.

Prosecco is the name of the grape that is used and many of the best examples are 100% Prosecco. It has a slightly yeasty nose, with a touch of spring flowers and apple skin fruit. The palate has flavours of nectarines with touches of green herbs, some real zest and a hint of peach. This is a wine which will suit all tastes, not too dry and not too sweet, ideal for Christmas Morning.

The white wine is a Falerio 2011 priced at £8.40, from a little known enclave of The Marche, in the centre of Italy. This wine, which includes the rare grape varieties of Passerina and Pecorino, is delightfully lemon oil and fennel scented, and is crisp, dry, intriguing and compelling. It should be served lightly chilled, not too cold, to retain its delicate flavours, and would complement a fish starter and also turkey should white wine be preferred.

The red wine is Los Haroldos Malbec 2012 from Argentina, priced at £8.49. Los Haroldos is one of the most important wineries in the Famillia Falasco stable, a company started in 1939. Having the bright red fruit of a good Malbec, this wine is medium bodied and well balanced. Smokey tannins support raspberry, plum and cassis flavours alongside a healthy dose of aromatic wood and spice. This wine will accompany the turkey and cheese courses extremely well.

**Special Offer:** *The Oxford Wine Company normally offers a 5% discount off any six bottles, but are offering the K.B. & S. News readers 10% off any six bottles. To take advantage of this offer, just take this article along to their store. They stock a wide variety of wines at all prices and are only too happy to give assistance when selecting wines. We Wish You All a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Cheers! The Wine Quartet*

## WHY SO SOON?

***I was upset to see the flags and poles being taken down after the Remembrance Service, on November 11th, which is actually the day when the country remembers those who have given their lives on active service. Surely they could have been left for one more day? John Weston***



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## SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

The October meeting had members reading poetry and other things out, and making arrangements for our December meeting.

Each member will bring a plate of Christmas food and we will have a "bring and share" party. We also will have a visitor showing and helping us all to make a Christmas pomander.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 11th December from 2 pm - 4 pm, our next entry in KBS News will be February and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. New members always welcome in the New Year. Pat 820775

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## SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL

December is always going to be a very exciting time for the pre-schoolers and their parents as we look forward to all the wonderful Christmas activities. We will be kicking off the celebrations with a Christmas performance by the children on Wednesday 11th December. The performance is currently top secret but judging by last year's it will be a heart warming affair. Then the Children's Christmas Party is on 13th December with a special visit from Father Christmas, themed lunch and presents. The final week is all about getting creative with Christmas activities ready for the big day itself. Please note that the end of term is a half day (11.45) on the 20th December.

**Toy Appeal:** If you are trying to make space for more toys this Christmas or having a general clearout in January then please bear us in mind. We have a few particular requests for toys that we would be very grateful for if you are happy to donate. We are in particular need of toy cars (wooden or matchbox style), toy prams/buggies ideally ones that might appeal to boys and dressing up outfits 3-6 years old.

We are currently in the very final stages of completing our new website which will be Southmoorpre-school.co.uk. All being well this should be up and running by January. This will have a whole host of useful information for both existing and prospective parents, including how the Preschool is run, learning opportunities for the children, admissions process and even lunch box suggestions.

Don't forget if you are interested in a pre-school place we are currently taking children aged from 2 years. Some pre-school sessions are already fully booked and looking increasingly busy from January 2014 and into the summer term. So, if you are thinking of registering your child or increasing your child's sessions, please contact Jackie (Manager) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. All children who are 3 in the term following their 3rd birthday are entitled to 15 hours free early years education! Email southmoorpre-school@live.co.uk Tel: 01865 821505. Marie Siviter



### Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

On Tuesday December 3rd we will be having our annual Christmas Supper with entertainment to be provided by Ohuki, who describe themselves somewhat tongue-in-cheekedly as "Oxford's premier ukelele orchestra, playing a wide range of aural delights and entertaining crowds round the globe." Possibly a slight exaggeration, but undoubtedly

talented and hugely entertaining! Note that this is a ticketed event – please contact us if you would like more details.

Our next regular meeting is on Tuesday 7th January at 7.30pm in Southmoor Village Hall. Marcus Dancer's talk is entitled "Trees and Shrubs for Winter Interest" and we will be looking at stem and foliage colour/texture, and scented plants flowering through the winter. There will also be plants for sale.

Annual membership of the club costs just £10 and entitles members to FREE entry to our regular meetings – which include a free cup of tea or coffee and biscuits - as well as discounts to any ticketed events. You can also attend as a visitor for £3. If you have any questions about the club or to join, rejoin or purchase membership as a gift for somebody else, please either come along to a meeting, email us at skbgardeningclub@gmail.com or call Sharon or Steve on (01865) 820399.



### WORDS OF WISDOM

*Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. R.W.Emerson*

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

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## Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group

*Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need's 'Teddy Bears Picnic' fundraiser in November.*

*The children had a great time decorating cakes and enjoying them with their favourite toy and friends.*

*Baby and Toddler are celebrating Christmas with a big party on Friday 20th December. We will be opening our doors at the slightly earlier time of 9.45 until 11.30 at the usual venue Southmoor Village Hall. In addition to all the usual lovely trikes and toys available, there will be Christmas decoration making and a visit from Father Christmas who will be giving out presents. There will also be themed party food for children and hot drinks and festive snacks for adults. If you are interested in coming please either book a ticket or let us know in advance.*

*This helps us to ensure no child misses out on a gift from Santa. Call or text Marie 07904524676*

*We break up for Christmas after the party but will welcome everyone back in the New year on 10th January 2014. Marie Siviter*

## Returning home after 62 years!



Elsa Green recently returned to visit her home of St Helena in the South Atlantic. Elsa who has lived in Sandy Lane Southmoor for 53 years, left her remote island of St Helena at the young age of 15 years and travelled alone to England to join her mother and sister then living in Northern Ireland.

Returning to St Helena for the first time since leaving 62 years ago brought back many past memories. Re-visiting her old family home for example, unoccupied since 1974 and her old school now a village community centre. A live interview on the only local radio 'Saint Helena FM' brought Elsa in contact with some of her school

friends and meetings with many relatives and friends still living on the island. St Helena is one of the remotest places left on the planet situated between Africa and South America deep in the South Atlantic ocean with no airport, no mobile phone service it can only be reached by sea from Cape Town, a 5 day voyage, or from its sister island of Ascension two days sailing away. The Royal Mail Ship RMS St Helena is the only ship serving the island and is literally the island's lifeline; it carries 128 passengers and 1500 tonnes of cargo.

This tiny island measures only 9 miles by 7 miles was discovered by the Portuguese in 1502 and in 1658 the English made claim to the island and it has been an overseas colony ever since. St Helena is best known as the final home of Napoleon; he lived in exile on the island and died at Longwood House now a museum to his memory. Also the island boasts to have the oldest living tortoise Jonathan, said to be over 200 years old and lives in the grounds of Plantation House which so happens to be the home of the current Governor of St Helena. Ron Green

### The Waggon and Horses Faringdon Road Southmoor

Tel: 01865 821676

### Paul and Kim welcome you to the New Stable Dining Room

We are taking bookings for Christmas  
Party menu from £15

Sunday Carvery served 12-4 pm

Thursday Steak Night served 6-9pm

Two steaks and a bottle of wine from £25

Friday Night Fish and Chips Take Away  
Served from 6-10 pm

Senior Citizens menu served Mon- Fri 12-3pm

Two meals for £10 on selected meals  
Served 6-9 pm

Next Live Band Hippy Haze (60s and 70s covers)

Saturday 7th Dec 9pm

**And not forgetting showing All Sky and Terrestrial  
Sports in the Traditional Locals Bar**



*There have been two recent thefts of Land Rover vehicles in the South Oxfordshire & Vale of White Horse area.*

*A blue Land Rover Defender was stolen from Oxford Road, East Hanney, near Wantage*

*on Friday 8th November, and a green Land Rover Discovery was stolen from a car park in Didcot, on Saturday 9th November.*

*Thames Valley Police are advising Land Rover owners to be extra vigilant. The Crime Reduction Advisor, Alison Smith, has provided the following crime prevention advice and suggested preventative measures for your consideration:*

*Unless your Land Rover Defender is a "County" model it is unlikely to be fitted with an alarm or immobiliser. This makes it easy to steal without the keys.*



## LONGWORTH AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

The December Meeting will be held on Friday 6th in Southmoor Village Hall. It is a ticketed meeting, a meal and entertainment by a local choir, Harmony InSpires. Tickets are still available from Pam Woodward, tel 820500 at a cost of £10. This event is usually sold out so if you wish to come make sure you get your ticket. Our November speaker, Richard O Smith, will take us on 'An Eccentric Tour of Oxford' via a power point presentation. Unfortunately this comes in between copy dates for the KBSNews so no report. Some volunteers have come forward to help us continue to produce The Longworth Rose. We are aiming to have the first issue in March 2014. We hope to have an interesting mix of articles from all our villages, and surrounding countryside. Have you an interest in some special aspect of history, or a question that we may be able to help you research or have information in our archives? Remember that yesterday is now history? Maybe you already have done some investigating on your own and would like your research printed in The Rose. Do get in touch if this is the case. Our programme for next year will be ready for the December Meeting.

Kathy Fletcher tel 820193

## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.

Our November meeting featured guest speaker Amy Kuzemka, a forensic reporting officer, who gave a fascinating talk on "What is Forensic Science". The majority of her work is from the Police force applying science to assist in solving crime by linking evidence in crime and this topic generated interesting and varied questions from members present.

Next month our Christmas meeting is on the 10th December at 7-30pm in the Village Hall. The subject is "Wine Tasting" with the members competition :A Corkscrew.

Finally all our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in Southmoor Village Hall at 7-30pm. Our own website ([www.bagpuizewi.co.uk](http://www.bagpuizewi.co.uk)) gives details of all our future meetings and the WI own Denham College in Marcham as well as links to the NFWI website. You can also follow what we get up to on Facebook.

Karen King 820046



## KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR

As school is now opening a little earlier in the morning, we too are opening earlier for people coming straight from dropping their children off. We'll be serving tea, coffee, cakes and scones every Thursday (except between Christmas and New Year) from 8.30am until noon, in the Methodist church on the corner of Faringdon Road and Hanney Road, opposite the Crossroads Garage. We are now serving toast and marmalade, and delicious bacon rolls, in addition to our usual fare.

Our Christmas party is on Thursday 19th December at a later time than usual – 11am-1pm. We'll be serving sausages, bacon rolls, mince pies and a selection of cakes, cookies and scones. We'll have Christmas crackers and a free raffle, and we'll be welcoming a special visitor just for the children – yes, Father Christmas is going to make time from his busy schedule in order to give presents to all the good little girls and boys at the café. Come to the KBS Café - it's the perfect place to meet old friends and make new ones! We look forward to seeing you.

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

Jenny Bone (820368) Carole Watts (821710)



"Our financial outlook is improving.  
The price of red ink just went down."



### Bank Holiday Bin Collection



Normal Collecting Day	Now collected	Colour Bin
Wednesday 25 Dec	Friday 27 Dec	grey
Wednesday 1 Jan	Friday 3 Jan	green (no gw)
Wednesday 8 Jan	Thursday 9 Jan	grey

**No gw – no garden waste collection – Garden waste will commence Monday 13 January**

No bulky waste collection - The last bulky waste collections will be Friday 13 December and collections will commence on Monday 20 January

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



The November meeting of the KBS Parish Council was held on Monday 4th November in the Village Hall, together with District and County Councillor, Melinda Tilley, and three members of the public.

**Public Participation.** A resident of Springhill noted that current activities on Springhill Farm are acceptable to neighbours. Two residents had learnt that Taylor Wimpey plan to start work on their development towards the end of the month, earlier than initially indicated to the Council. The situation regarding the landscape scheme (and noise attenuation measures) has also been considered as inappropriate.

**Report from District and County Councillor.** Councillor M. Tilley reported that OCC have just launched the revised consultation on Home to School Transport, and emphasised that all responses will be carefully evaluated. Parents of affected children and of those soon to leave Primary school are urged to respond most vigorously against the proposals, and highlight the current and historical situation within this area, now further exacerbated by the fact that it is possible that children now attending John Blandy Primary, find themselves at Larkmead School in Abingdon not by choice. The Parish Council will continue to vigorously oppose the proposals.

As regards Childrens' centres, in response to a question from the Chair, the Cllr advised that a small cross party group had been set up within OCC to examine all Childrens' centres within Oxfordshire, and what alternatives to current arrangements may be appropriate, in each case. (This as a result of a current cost saving proposal by OCC to close some 95% of existing centres!)

**Matters Arising:** Emergency Planning. The Chairman had attended a recent meeting at the Vale offices, run by OCC and The Vale at which all councils were encouraged to create an Emergency Plan in order to improve responses to Major events that might occur both within the Village, and the wider vicinity. (eg A major road incident on the A420). Close liaison with the Village Hall Management Committee will be required as a plan may be developed. A booklet published by OCC will be delivered to all households shortly.

**Foul Water Blockages.** There have been recent instances of sewage blockages in and around the Blandy Avenue area. On investigation, Thames Water had advised that they were due to deposits of fabric material/rags etc together with fat deposits. Residents are urged to think about what they might be depositing in an already "Close to capacity" system and the potential consequences.

**Planning.** The names of Wild flowers identified in the ecology report, will be used to name the Roads on the Draycott Rd. Development.

An earlier decision to object to P13/V1797/Ful. Was reviewed in the light of a letter from the applicants agent. Members resolved that the earlier objection should stand..

A number of members requested that an earlier decision not to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan (based on Potential Cost) should be reviewed once updated information on costs and benefits is obtained.

A request that a meeting with OCC Rights of Way Officer be held to discuss improvements in the Public Footpath network was agreed in view of opportunities presented by on-going development.

Mr. Carter will be approached to discuss the future use and management of his land to the South of the Pye Development. For applications and decisions, please refer to November Minutes.

**Accounts. Donations:-** Oxfordshire South and Vale, Citizens Advice Bureau £100. Millennium Green Trust. Half cost of Wheelchair access Picnic bench (Approx £350). **Payments.** Please refer Nov. Minutes. **Correspondence.** Letter of thanks South and Vale Carers for donation

NHS litigation authority Application by Salman Healthcare to provide NHS Pharmaceutical Services, Applicant has appealed decision to refuse. Member confirmed their opposition to proposal in view of site not specifically identified, and opinion that current system works well and to users advantage.

**Village amenities.** New/replacement improved safety surfacing for the bank of swings is still awaited. The cradle swings have had components removed. Some bolts missing on tube slide of Jubilee Fort.

**Burial Ground.** Ivy threatening the Church Yard Wall has been removed.

**War Memorial.** A successful and moving Remembrance Day service was conducted by the Rev D. Pickering, attended by some 200 people, and notably the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Mrs Elizabeth Paris, who attended as HM the Queens' Representative. Together with a large young peoples' contingent of Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies. Wreaths were laid on behalf of HM the Queen, Serving members of the Armed Forces, The Parish Council, The Scouts and Guides and Cubs and Brownies, and a grateful civilian. Flags of the three nations who flew from Kingston Bagpuize Airfield, during the Second World War, were also flown.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 2nd. December, in the Village Hall, at 7pm. All are Welcome. *Brian Forster Chair.*



## The 'OXFORDSHIRE' Blitz

As someone with more than a passing interest in WW2, I did some research into how the London Blitz had extended west and north, plus were there any local targets the German Luftwaffe would consider worthwhile given it would leave many enemy aircraft short of fuel.

Were there any targets in Oxfordshire? It appears our county did in fact endure high level bombing in the early part of the war, and Hitler's much vaunted terror weapon the V1 and other heavy ordnance attacked the aerodrome at Drayton St. Leonard. There is no record of attacks by the V2 rockets.

Closer to home I have listed here some of the targets round us that were bombed by the Luftwaffe.

Brize Norton on the 16th August 1940 and the 10th November 1941.

Bampton 30th October 1940 and 9th March 1941

Broughton Poggs 29th September 1940

Carterton 14th October 1940

Cote 20th November 1940

Minster Lovell 21st October 1940

Minster Lovell (400kg Phosphor) 12th March 1941

Stanton Harcourt 16th August 1940, 3rd October 1940,, 5th May 1941.

Stanton Harcourt was also machine gunned on one particular raid.

Shilton (400kg Phosphor) 5th September 1941

Witney 22nd November 1940.

Raids like these occurred almost everywhere stretching from Claydon to Kelmscott. Many of these are areas that appear to have no military use. Did the War Department use Oxfordshire as a quiet hiding place for hiding munitions or was it merely stray bombardment by German pilots reducing weight in order to return to France without ditching in the unforgiving Channel? *Latham Clarke.*



*There have been recent reports of a carpet company cold calling elderly and vulnerable residents in the Thames Valley area.*

*Since the beginning of November, Oxford Trading Standards have received 6 complaints from elderly residents who have been cold called by telephone by a carpet company who state they are in the area and offering to clean carpets for £19.99. Workers come and clean the carpet, but then issue a bill for anything between £300-700 and insist that this cost is paid. Please be aware of these cold calls and refuse the 'service' which they offer.*

*If you have received a phone call recently from a carpet company offering to clean your carpet for £19.99, or know of anyone who has (if possible check with any elderly neighbours) then please contact the Doorstep Crime Team at Oxfordshire Trading Standards on 0845 051 0845 (option 2).*

### **Short, Sweet & True!!!**

*I dialled a number and got the following recording:*

*"I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life.*

*Please leave a message after the Beep. If I do not return your call, You are one of the changes."*

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*I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.*

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*God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.*



**All welcome at the Christingle and Toy Service**

**Sunday 8 December 10.30am**

**St John the Baptist Church, Kingston Bagpuize.**

During the celebration children receive a Christingle.  
If you don't know what it is – come along and find out!  
At this service we collect (unwrapped) new children's toys for the Salvation Army to distribute to less fortunate families in our area. You have been most generous in the past and we would ask you to be generous again this year when times are even harder. If you'd like to join in the giving please choose a toy to bring along and donate to this excellent cause. *Thank you.*



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# Childrens' Christmas Colouring Competition



Our Christmas Colouring Competition offers children the chance to win a prize in two age groups. The first category is up to the age of 7 and the second 8-11 years. Colour the drawing using any medium, the best ones will be displayed in the window of Southmoor Food & Wine and the winners will receive a box of paints suitable for their age group, and have their photograph in the KBS News. Latest dates for entries to be handed in to Southmoor Food & Wine is Saturday 4th January. Good Luck.

Name.....

Address.....

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Age.....PhoneNo:.....

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## **Computer Lessons**

*Want to know about emails & surfing  
the web?*

*Our weekly classes re-start at the*

***Swallow Room, Kingston Bagpuize  
with Southmoor Village Hall,  
Monday 20th January 2014 ~  
7.00pm***

*Whether you are an absolute Beginner,  
young or old, need a  
refreshment course or more advanced,  
we can help you.*

***Possible topics could be:  
Family History; Photo editing; iTunes;  
Internet Banking and  
online Shopping.  
Come & join us in a continuation of  
our popular sessions!***

***Contact: Jill 820493  
£3.00 a session***

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

***Find out more on  
Saturday 7th December  
at the John Blandy School  
Christmas Fair 1 - 3pm!***

As some of you may remember at the John Blandy Christmas Fair last year, St John the Baptist Church had a crafting and Christingle table at the school Christmas Fair, which was very well received. Well, this year the organisers have agreed for us to be there again, but this time we will just be making Christingles for the children to take home. And once again a team of lovely ladies will be on hand to assist the children with making their Christingles. The idea then is for the children if they wish to, to bring their Christingles to the Christingle and Toy service at the Church on **Sunday 8th December at 10.30am.**

If you would like to come along and make a Christingle, or come to the Toy Service on the 8th, you would be more than welcome.





## A Villager's View: KBS 14+ Drop In

There has been a significant amount of negative press surrounding the village youth in the KBS News in recent months so I thought I'd go and meet a few in their natural habitat in order to check them out.

I paid a visit to the KBS 14+ Drop In on Friday evening. It's open for Yr 9s up (to 18yrs) every Friday 7.30-9.30pm in the Methodist Chapel opposite the Crossroads Garage – unfortunately I could only go as a visitor because I'm far too old to join.

The place was buzzing! Loud music was playing from a 'proper' DJ set-up, courtesy of Sammy and Ben (they generously bring in their own gear each week). The pool and table tennis tables were in use and a competition was in full swing on the Wii, showing on the big flat screen of the new TV. It was packed. There were students from Faringdon Community College, Matthew Arnold and other local schools. Ben told me it's grown massively in the last year.

In the kitchen toasted sarnies were on the go and the tuck shop was well stocked and ready for the onslaught.

The young people were friendly, well mannered, very articulate and keen to share their opinions about the KBS 14+. Louisa told me that the volunteer adults who help out are "all nice, caring and ready to have a laugh".

Kate said they're the type of people you can "go to if you need help ... like a really good friend". There are always three adult volunteers present all interviewed and DBS checked. There are 12 volunteers in all and approximately 40 young people on the books.

More volunteers are needed (18yrs+) as is a chairperson and a minute's secretary for the committee (meets once a term). If you feel able to help out please drop Delyth an email on [delythhg@ymail.com](mailto:delythhg@ymail.com)

The KBS 14+ Drop In opened 15 January 2010 for young people in Year 9 and above. It's run by volunteers and has been faithfully led by amazing Delyth and her committee. I'm not exaggerating when I say amazing: in the first six months there were very few young people who came along – but Delyth was determined to keep going and faithfully opened it every Friday evening. Numbers slowly began to pick up and her vision has been accomplished. It's now bursting at the seams.

Jack told me that it's a "good place to be" as it "keeps us off the streets". He said that Fridays are best because he's "now allowed out later because there's somewhere to go" and it's a great way of meeting others. I asked a group of them what they thought about negative perceptions of teenagers; Hannah commented that "adults assume we're all bad. They don't see the real you and assume from other peoples' bad behaviour that we're all the same". Vanessa quickly followed this up – "It's not true! We're lovely people". And they are.

There are some great trips out too: bowling, Laser Quest, workshops (e.g. boxing and dodge ball), midnight ice-skating; the list goes on. And to help fund all of this the proactive teenagers organised a sponsored walk which raised nearly £200 for the club.

It's not entirely funded by the teenagers though. Some local people kindly make donations. Funds also come from St John the Baptist church, our Parish Council and the County Council; this has bought a great deal of equipment for the group including the TV, Wii and table tennis table.

There are plans for a party to celebrate four years of KBS 14+ Drop In on Friday 24 January, 7.30-9.30pm. It will be an open session so villagers, supporters/funders, past and present volunteers and parents are all welcome to pop in and see it in action. Do go – I recommend it! *Jenny Weaving*



### ED VAIZEY MP Parish Notebook

*On 7th December this year Small Business Saturday will be coming to the UK. It is one day of the year when across the country people are encouraged to do their shopping exclusively in small businesses. Businesses supporting the*

*day provide special offers to help encourage the public to shop small. The initiative has been a great success in the United States, where it was pioneered by American Express and was quickly taken up across the country by Federal and state authorities, big businesses and many other organisations. President Obama famously took part in 2012, visiting his local bookshop 'One More Page.'*

*This is not a Government led effort. Many businesses, organisations and local authorities are backing it. But the Prime Minister and Government are fully behind the event and are working with American Express and other partners to help ensure it gives the biggest possible boost to small business.*

*We have some fantastic small businesses across the Constituency, and this is just the right time of year to be out shopping, so why not join in? Ian and Rebekah Pugh of Faringdon saved £895 in a year of shopping in local independent stores rather than supermarkets, which shows just what a good idea this can be. Ed Vaizey*

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