

KBS NEWS

The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village News

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Ah! The smell of the diesel, the sounds of the trucks, the thrill of espying the lesser spotted brickie. Keith Graham takes a stroll in Kingston Bagpuize. Countryfile it isn't.

Village Walks in the Battlefield.....



One of the points of interest on the village walk

Many of us have enjoyed walks in and around our Village. However our KBS News Editor has described the Village as a Battlefield — and as you walk near the Village Hall, the constant “beep beep” of reversing trucks, and the line of lorries blocking one side of Draycott Road while waiting to enter the building site, sends a not too subtle warning. This may not be an enjoyable walk ! Whichever route you take you will meet other building sites—two sites if you head towards Beggars Lane. More beeping lorries— delivering cement, soil, cable, bricks etc. If you take the route by the School, the throbbing Sewage pump and the overland sewage pipes leading to yet another investigation hole takes you into Faringdon Road, and leads to the Post Office. Here the 24 hour sewage pumping system greets you—look right down Bellamy Close . Too many trucks, vans, cars, and surveyors surveying to take that route. So on towards the Hinds Head. The three-way traffic system at the roundabout while the road is being dug up could lead you to the left, where another set of builders' trucks and lorries are turning left into another beeping, throbbing, thumping building site on the Witney Road. To give up, and try to return, could lead to another “Road Ahead Closed” sign, as a hole is being dug to try to stem sewage leaks and blockages on Blandy Avenue. Some walk!! It confirms the feeling that our Village is indeed a Battlefield !! AND THEN —adding insult to injury – The Vale of White Horse District Council delivers a leaflet, “Supporting Growth in the Village” and “Protecting our Quality of Life.” Unbelievable!! Keith Graham

**"Merry
Christmas!"**



Well another year comes to an end. A year in which our village has seen changes like never before. We have well over two hundred new houses built or nearing completion. We have a new One Stop Shop and a new butty shop but alas now no newsagent. I can hardly wait to see what next year brings

*Even with all the changes this has still got to be one of the best places to live in the UK. We moved here forty years ago and never regretted it once. There is easy access to the beautiful city of Oxford. Good links to the south coast and London via bus and train and with the motorway network pretty much anywhere in Britain. We are on the edge of the Cotswolds and the Berkshire Downs, our village has endless clubs and societies and there is a great selection of pubs and restaurants, plus an excellent village magazine! 😊
So no wonder they are building hundreds of houses, everyone wants to live here.
Lance Bassett*



The village pays its respects: Page 11

NEED A DOCTOR URGENTLY?

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

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

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

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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**

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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

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Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

I get so angry at the attitude that for some reason the older generation are blamed for all the ills of today. We have had it easy some smart arse on a 'think tank' says. Let me put the record straight. Firstly we had free university education because in the 50s/60s only 7% of pupils leaving school went to university. Now it's something approaching 50% and therefore can't be funded free by the State. When we left college/university we went into a job, no gap years, no touring the world. We got married and found somewhere to live before we had children. (How quaint). There were no affordable houses, all right there were council houses but you had to have kids and be put on a waiting list. Mortgage rates were 15% plus. We couldn't afford a house and a year after we were married we moved into a maisonette and I can still see the bare floors and second-hand bed together with the deck chairs to sit on. You saved up for a deposit and went without. 'Went without', a term alien to many people today. No one I knew had a new car or anything like it. Many had to sell their cars when they got married, just for the money it raised. Marriages weren't the spectacular events they are today and honeymoons were a few days on the coast, not two weeks in the Seychelles. We seem to rear our young with the expectation that everything is provided. Children should be versed at an early age that life is hard and totally unfair in the real world but it is up to you how you get on in life, and no one else. Merry Christmas to all my readers.

VILLAGE DIARY

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

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Monday	1st	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Southmoor Village Hall	16
Monday	1st		Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy Close 11.15	
Tuesday	2nd		Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club Christmas Party	
Wednesday	3rd		**** Food Collection & Green Bin Collection & Brown Bin Collection ****	
Wednesday	3rd		Kingsmoor Community Club Christmas Party	10
Wednesday	3rd	7.30pm	Southmoor Pre-School Meeting to discuss joining with John Blandy	24
Thursday	4th	6.45pm for 7.00pm	Longworth and District History Soc - Xmas Feast "Dickens & Christmas"	23
Friday	5th	3.00pm - 6.00pm	John Blandy School Christmas Fair - John Blandy School	6
Saturday	6th	2.00pm	Tubney Church Gift and Table-Top Sale - Southmoor Village Hall	12
Tuesday	9th	7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Womens Institute - SVH	23
Wednesday	10th		**** Food Collection & Grey Bin Collection ****	
Wednesday	10th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Serendipity Over 60's Club - Swallow Room, Southmoor Village Hall	10
Saturday	13th	10.00am - 1.30pm	Longworth Pre School Christmas Crafts & Food Fair. Free entry	
Sunday	14th	10.30am	Christingle Toy Service St John the Baptist Church, KB	4
Sunday	14th	11.00am - 2.00pm	KB&S Bowls Club Annual Wine & Mince Pie Social - Clubhouse Oxford Rd	17
Monday	15th		Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy Close 11.15	
Wednesday	17th		**** Food Collection & Green Bin Collection & Brown Bin Collection ****	
Wednesday	17th	11.00am - 1.00pm	Southmoor Pre-School Christmas Party	
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Wednesday	24th	4.00pm	Christmas Eve Crib Service, St John the Baptist Church, KB	4
Wednesday	24th	11.30pm	Holy Communion, St John the Baptist Church, KB	4
Thursday	25th	10.30am	Christmas Family Communion, St John the Baptist Church, KB	4
Friday	26th	2.30pm	Boxing Day Village Walk - Millennium Green, Oxford Road	24
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Tuesday	6th	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club - Gill Ferguson	21
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Thursday	15th		Closing date for Child Applications to Primary School for 2015 / 2016 School Year	24
Thursday	15th	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Longworth and District History Soc - The Battle of Cropredy	23
Monday	19th	4.00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for KBS News February 2015 Edition	2
Wednesday	21st		**** Food Collection & Grey Bin Collection ****	
Wednesday	28th		**** Food Collection & Green Bin Collection & Brown Bin Collection ****	
Friday	30th		Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club Quiz Night	17

Regular Events each Month

What	Where	Day	Time
Apple Quilters	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd & 4th Monday	9.30am - 12am
Anchor Church Youth Group (14-18 yrs)	1 Oxford Road	1st & 3rd Sundays Term	6.00pm - 7.45pm
Friends Church Youth Group (10-14 yrs)	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Sundays Time only	6.00pm - 7.30pm
French for Fun	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Wednesday	9.30am - 11.00am
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth Village Hall	Monday Term Time Only	7.30pm - 9.00pm
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth Village Hall	Tuesday Term Time Only	11.00am - 12.30pm
KB Drama Group	St John the Baptist Church Hall	Tuesday (except below)	7.30pm
KB Drama Group	Southmoor Village Hall	3rd Tuesday each month	7.30pm
KB & S Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.30pm
KB & S Cafe	Southmoor Village Hall	Thursday	9.00am - 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	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday Term Time Only	7.30pm - 9.30pm
KB & S Womens Institute	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd Tuesday	7.30pm
Kingsmoor Community Club	Hinton Waldrist Village Hall	Tues, Wed, Fri	10.00am - 3.00pm
1st Longworth Beavers	The Scout Hut	Thursday	6.00pm - 7.15pm
1st Longworth Cubs	Faringdon Road	Tuesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Longworth Explorers	Faringdon Road	Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Scouts	Faringdon Road	Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Southmoor Guides	Southmoor Village Hall	Wednesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Nordic Walking Classes	Call Lisa 07885 635367 for details	See Advertisers Corner (page 20) for days / times	
Pilates Matwork Classes	John Blandy School	Monday	7.00pm - 9.10pm
Serendipity Over 60s Club Meeting	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	2nd Wednesday	2pm - 4pm
Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday Term Time Only	10.00am - 11.30am
Southmoor Exercise & Dance	Southmoor Village Hall	Wednesday Evenings	7.45 Exercise 8.45 Dance
Southmoor Rainbows	The Scout Hut, Faringdon Road	Monday Term Time Only	5.45pm - 6.45pm
Zumba	Southmoor Village Hall	Monday	8.15pm

KINGSTON BAGUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

NB NEW WEBSITE: <http://stjb.churchinsight.com/>

Sunday 7th Dec	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Speaker: Mrs Anne Curtis
Sunday 14th Dec	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	All-Age Christingle Toy Service	Speaker: Mrs Delyth Hallion
Sunday 21st Dec	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Questions of Life Service	Revd David Pickering
	7.00pm	Carol Service	Speaker: Revd David Pickering
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Crib Service (NB New time)	Revd David Pickering
	11.30pm	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
Christmas Day	10.30am	Christmas Family Communion	Revd David Pickering
Sunday 28th Dec	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Geoff Maughan
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Dr Elizabeth Pitkethly
Sunday 4th Jan	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Epiphany Morning Worship	Speaker: Mr Stephen Haywood
Sunday 11th Jan	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	All-Age Service	Speaker: TBC
Sunday 18th Jan	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Questions of Life Service	Speaker: Mr Samuel Durant
Sunday 25th 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 14th DECEMBER – CHRISTINGLE TOY SERVICE: at

10.30am, 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.

FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER – CAROL SINGING: Join us for a great carol singing time. This year, we meet at the Hind's Head at 6.00-6.30pm, head off at 6.30pm to sing carols for an hour round Southmoor, then return to the Hind's Head at 7.30pm for a couple of final rousing carols and a convivial drink.

SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER – CAROL SERVICE: Our traditional carol service, at 7.00pm, 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 4.00pm (NB new time), and for grown-ups our traditional Midnight communion at 11.30pm, a wonderful way to begin Christmas. Followed by our Christmas Day Family Communion at 10.30am.

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



Fyfield Baptist Chapel

Morning Service & Sunday School
Sunday 11.00 am

Communion monthly 2nd Sundays
location: (south side of main village)
Digging Lane, Fyfield OX13 5LY

more information:
www.fyfieldchapel.org.uk
info@fyfieldchapel.org.uk
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,

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/>

VILLAGE VOICES



Letter received by Rob Belk on Armistice Day this year from Jacqui Pemberton (née Viner), in Mandurah Western Australia.

Dear Mr Belk, My name is Jacqueline Pemberton (nee viner) born 1958 in Andover, Hants. I have lived in Australia since the age of six and over the years have spent many hours researching my family history, which also traces back to Kingston Bagpuize. From now deceased family over there I have been piecing an interesting jig saw puzzle together over the years.

I recently came across your site and would like to personally thank you for remembering Vincent Hubert VINER especially on this day of remembrance. Bertie was my grandfather's brother who of course went to France and gave his life at age 19. I was fortunate to have been given some post cards sent from Bertie to his family at home, and I have his medal. It seems you have created a memorial stone for him to which I, the last one standing truly appreciate and say thank you from my heart!

Vincent Hubert 'Bertie' Viner was named at our Remembrance Day ceremony. He is on Stone Two. Bertie was born in Kingston Bagpuize, the son of Gamekeeper Walter and Hannah Viner. Bertie was in the 5th Bn, Ox and Bucks Light Infantry. He was killed in an artillery barrage when in the line at Ronville, near Arras on 8 June, 1916.



DOG FOULING AWARENESS NOTICE

I am writing to you as a resident of the Vale to highlight the problem of dog fouling in your area. Unfortunately, dog mess is on the increase in your locality and the Council needs your support in helping to eradicate the problem. Dog mess is not only unpleasant but it spreads diseases which can cause illness and even blindness. Under the Dogs Act 1996 a person who is in charge of a dog must clean up after it when it fouls any footpath, highway, verge or other open space to which the public have access.

It is a crime to allow a dog to foul any public area without cleaning it up. By doing so you could face a fixed penalty notice of £50 or prosecution.

Advice for Dog Owners: In order to ensure that you do not fall foul of the law, simply follow these pointers:

- *Never let your dog walk a great distance in front of you as this makes it difficult to see when they foul.
- *Always carry a bag when walking your dog so you can clean up after it.
- *Encourage your dog to stay on the perimeters of fields or pitches to ensure that any remains of the fouling do not cause any harm to innocent bystanders.
- *Do not just park up next to a public area and let your dog roam on its own. This dangerous practice could result in not only a fixed penalty for your dog's fouling – your dog could also be taken away as a stray. A collar and ID are also required by law.
- *Please report any dog mess that needs cleaning up to the Council's Waste Contractor Biffa on 03000 610 610 or email Biffa at admin.vale@biffa.co.uk identifying the exact location, eg on pavement outside 114 Green Lane, Dean Court, Cumnor.

If you see another dog owner committing this offence please keep a record of anything that can identify them and contact the Vale of White Horse District Council's Environment Wardens on 01235 540555 or email env.health@southandvale.gov.uk

Village Notice Board

I have put a petition in the Post Office to try and get a PERMANENT BRANCH DOCTORS' SURGERY in the village due to all the new build going on in the village, so hopefully there will be a lot of support for this very important and needed facility in our village.....Please sign and support. Thankyou. *Pat Smith*

KBSONLINE AGM

The KBSONline AGM was held on Monday 27th October 2014 in the Swallow Room in the Village Hall. Reports were read out by the Chairman, the Webmaster and the Treasurer. The chairman declared that the year had gone very well, especially the computer classes which had again been successful. Currently the KBSONline website is in the process of being updated. Therefore we look forward to another successful year starting with another round of computer classes in January and the new website up and running.

CALLING ALL VILLAGE OLDIES!!!!

An inaugural meeting of some of the older members of the village was held on Thursday 30th October, when they converged on the Thursday morning KBS Cafe venue. While there it was decided that they would meet on a regular basis on the last Thursday of each month and that they would spread the word to all over 70's that they are welcome to come along for a wee beverage and a chin wag. We are calling ourselves the "Cingston Codger's Coffee Club" and will form the oldies section of the now well established KBS Cafe. Please feel free to join us.
Don Viney

I am planning a Charity Event in the Village Hall on Saturday 28th February 2015 - all proceeds to Diabetes U.K. This will be a 60's evening with the Saga Louts Band (60 dress optional) PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY. More details in the February KBS News or from *Pat 820775*

Vale Leader attends next PC Meeting

Please note, Matthew Barber, leader of the Vale will be attending the Parish Council meeting, 7pm December 1st. Swallow Room. Should be a lively meeting!

"Cat sitter wanted over Christmas, 25th December to 3rd January, to pop into our house for half an hour each day to feed and play with our cat, Chloe. Please call Simon on 07815158732 if you are able to help. pay rate negotiable."



Admission 50p

ATTENTION KBS DISTRIBUTORS!

Due to the sudden death of Cyril Gliddon would you ALL please note that your KBS News will be in the porch of Keith Graham's house, 6 Acacia Gardens, Southmoor each month, and they are usually ready for collection early afternoon on the Friday applicable. Please make sure you leave the folder in the porch - just take the News. Thankyou all for your continued help throughout the year. If anyone has a couple of hours each month just to oversee the collating please contact *Pat 820775*

Cherry Pie

A reader has kindly sent me this piece from The Abingdon Herald in response to the question "What happened to the Cherry Pie Diner?"

' Claire and Jonathan Hilsdon opened their first Chariots and Cherry Pie restaurant on the A420 near Buckland in June, and were opening another in the former Volunteer pub in Grove. They have now appointed London chartered accountancy firm SPW to help liquidate the business assets and pay off its debts. Insolvency practitioner Steve Taylor said: "The company went into liquidation on November 17th.' So now we know...



FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT? No: 21 The Blue Boar, Longworth

I have always liked the Blue Boar. It has a great atmosphere and there always seems to be a never-ending supply of young staff from around the world who I have found to be always been very pleasant. And so it came to pass that one late summer's evening four of us descended on the Blue Boar, mainly 'cos I thought it was time it featured in this column.

We went straight to our table and ordered our pre-dinner drinks, and settled back to examine the menu. Not being over hungry the bride

and I went for a starter Italian sharing platter of focaccia bread with a balsamic vinegar and olive oil dip. Very Mediterranean and very good.

For the main attraction I chose my signature dish of medium rare fillet steak. Savouring a bottle of Australian Shiraz we awaited our food, ah, this is the life on a Wednesday night. The food came in good time, looked great and tasted the same. The steak was succulent, tender and for a fillet, very tasty.

The accompanying fries were crisp and dry and the only negative I could find was the crumpled leaf that was provided to give the dish colour, I guess, seemed just that, a crumpled leaf. Then I could have ordered a side dish I suppose.

Now here's the rub. The bride had a salmon fish cake on wilted greens. (I think that is restaurant speak for a crumpled leaf). I digress, the fish cake was just that, one fish cake. Now for £12.95 they could have paired it up with another of the same species but no, just the one and a very dry one at that. Shame. With two starters, four mains and no puds, coffee or liqueurs the bill for four came to £111. With two bottles of Australia's finest and two steaks in there, not bad I thought.

The service was good and in all an enjoyable evening. So The Blue Boar still stays high in my list of favourite local eateries. *Eton Lovett*



HERE'S A QUESTION ???

Which is the oldest? The operator or the machine?

The picture shows Maurice Hillsdon, who lives in Southmoor, using his hand driven and operated pillar drill, the age of which is not known. Perhaps you have the answer or even a maker's name, he would love to know. Maurice is in his 90th year, so which is the oldest, man or machine? Any ideas?

Contact him at 62 Laurel Drive, or through the KBS News. Incidentally, Maurice founded and ran Hillsdon Construction, which those of you who were in the village back in the 60's, will remember was situated where Oxford Fencing now resides and was a well known and much respected company.

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



CYRIL GLIDDON

We were shocked to here of the sudden death of Cyril Gliddon, who had been a member of the KBS News Team for several years. Cyril was in charge of the distribution for the magazine and could always be relied on to turn up in all weathers and organise the rounds. Cyril wil be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to his wife Gita and family. KBS News Team. (Obituary page 25.)



WORDS OF WISDOM

Circumstances determine our lives, but we shape our lives by what we make of circumstances.
Sir John Wheeler Bennett

THE KBS NEWS WINE LIST: WINES FOR CHRISTMAS 2014



It hardly seems possible that it is that time of the year again and we are thinking of wines to go with Christmas Lunch, where does the time go! It is difficult choosing wines for Christmas as, in view of the copy date, we need to select wines at least six weeks before you are likely to go out and buy them. Offers in the supermarkets and wine merchants will be completely different in December. Therefore, we decided to approach The Oxford Wine Company again this year, situated on the Botley Road, Oxford. The Manager, Lee Isaacs, was extremely helpful and was only too pleased to offer the same discount as last year, which is 10% off wines purchased when you take this copy of the Village News along with you.

To give the Festive Day a sparkling start, fizz is a must, and we have selected a Vilarnau Brut Reserva Cava, priced at £9.89, from Spain. This wine is pale yellow with golden highlights, candied on the nose with a good concentration of aromas, predominantly white flowers and green apple fruit. It is rounded in the mouth, and offers a perfect balance of flavours. It is rich and smooth with a very pleasant, well structured effervescence, and should be served cold. Not only this, but it is in a beautifully decorated bottle, with a mosaic pattern in blues, yellows and green, ideal to put a festive touch to your table.

To go with the starter or for those who prefer white wine, we have selected a Nostros Reserva 2013 Sauvignon Blanc, priced at £7.56, from Chile. This wine is made from Casablanca fruit which was fermented in tanks at a cool temperature to retain those beautiful aromatics. It is pale yellow in colour with some greenish hints. On the nose aromas of white flowers mingle with those of citrus, herbs and green peppers, with crisp flavours of grapefruit and gooseberry – an extremely refreshing wine.

To go with the main course, whether it be Turkey, Beef or any other meat, we have selected an Ederra 2011 Rioja Crianza, priced at £7.19, from Spain. Made by Grupo Codorniu who were established in 1551, this wine has a toasty nose with raspberry and cinnamon notes. The palate is round and soft with lots of bright red fruit, a hint of earth and a dusting of coconut. A great accompaniment to the main meal and would complement the Stilton afterwards instead of the traditional port.

Please note the prices quoted are with the 10% off. The Oxford Wine Company will offer 10% off of any wines purchased, not just the above wines, just take along your copy of the Village News to take advantage of this offer. Wishing you all a Very Happy Festive Season. Cheers, The Wine Quartet



KINGSMOOR COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

Kingsmoor club has had many memorable activities in the lead up to Christmas. We always have our Christmas party early so weather doesn't disrupt. So that is on 3rd December with a Big Raffle, Father Christmas and a day full of festivities and games. We have been very busy with Christmas crafting activities to make the hall at Hinton festive, a giant snowman and a winter wonderland scene fill the stage area! We definitely get in the mood with a handbell ringers workshop, a harpist Rosemary Munro recital and the Steventon Singers. We also will have our annual Christmas dinner at the Hinds Head pub generously provided by Lynne and Steve by their fundraising.

We haven't done our usual Christmas trips to Millets and Christmas shopping due to Gwyne's broken arm, this is now healing so we should soon have our full staff compliment restored. BIG THANKYOU to everyone who has helped us over the year and for all the Harvest Gifts we have received. They were gratefully shared out between our members or used in the cooking at the club.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION –if you are a senior citizen, stuck at home or lonely, come along and see what we get up to. You will find new friends or meet up with old ones and have fun. Try a FREE taster day – to see if you like us ! Tel 01865 820166.

SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

Our meeting this month was just a chat over coffee and cakes, and arranging our December meeting. We all signed a card of condolence for Gita after the sudden passing of Cyril Gliddon and our thoughts are with Gita and her family at this sad time. We also send our good wishes to Billie Chandler and hope she will be back with us soon. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 2 - 4 pm in the Swallow Room, new faces always welcome. For more details contact Pat 820775

Our village commemorates Remembrance Day



For the first time soldiers from Dalton Barracks attend our Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day on November 9th, in glorious autumn sunshine, the village again paid tribute to the fallen of the armed forces who fought for our freedom in the wars of the last and this century. A respectable crowd of around five hundred villagers lined up on the Memorial Crescent for the short service given by the Rev. David Pickering. This year the traffic was stopped for the brief service and the two minute silence following the playing of the Last Post, adding to the solemnity of the occasion. Also for the first time, a detachment of soldiers from Dalton Barracks were present, again adding to the event. The laying of the wreaths was followed by the crowd singing the hymn 'Abide with Me' led, as last year, by Stan Webb, followed by the final prayer.



Parish Council Chairman Brian Forster lays a wreath on behalf of the Council



'Abide with Me' is led by Stan Webb the Rev David Pickering and Simon Dando

John Blandy Primary School

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Ron's Green Gardening Tips for December

With inclement weather and short days, we gardeners are forced to retreat from gardening. However, these darker days will give time to catch and reflect back on the successes and failures of the past season. In the main, it has been a good year with better than average temperatures, and the warmest October on record. Most of us have experienced a bumper crop of fruit and vegetables from the garden throughout. However, there is little time to rest, the 2015 seed catalogues are available, some with 'Early Bird Offers', and the garden centres will soon be stocked with a choice of new season seeds ready for early Spring planting.

Christmas is a time when many readers will receive a potted plant as a present. Plants such as the popular Poinsettia or Cyclamen can lead to disappointment when they begin to show signs of wilting early in the New Year, so here are a few useful tips, which may help you keep your plant healthy, and in flower for much longer. Poinsettia; commonly called 'Christmas Flower.' Whereas most of the winter-flowering plants require cool and airy conditions indoors to maintain them in good condition, the Poinsettia is the exception to the rule and must have reasonable warmth. It is important that the minimum temperature recommended is 15C (60F) if it is to prosper. The growing position must be the lightest possible. Large brightly coloured bracts surmount the bright green leaves. Scarlet is the most common although white and pink are also available. However, in spite of their need for preferential attention, the modern Poinsettia is very much more durable than its predecessors, is much more attractive as a pot plant, and also much easier to care for in the home. Attention to careful watering is essential, and one must practice a routine that permits the soil mixture to practically dry out between each watering, so that the soil is kept just moist. Overwatering and badly drained soil or allowing the plant to stand in water, will cause the leaves to lose their colour, eventually drop off and rapidly shorten the plants life.

Cyclamen (persicum): These are among the most popular of gifts at Christmas time. They have attractive dark green rounded leaves, marbled with white or silver, with slightly scented, pink, crimson mauve or white flowers carried high above the foliage. The cyclamen plant is best kept in a room or entrance hall where the conditions are light, airy and not too hot. In a moderately cool room, plants will remain in flower for very much longer and look generally healthier. Water the cyclamen by standing the pot in tepid water to avoid pouring water among the leaves, but be sure that the space between the rim of the pot and the surface of the soil mixture is well filled to ensure the roots below are thoroughly wet. Allow the water to soak through the soil. It is important to allow the soil to dry a little between each watering; water left on the surface may cause the corm to rot, resulting in the inevitable premature loss of your plant. When flowering is over and the leaves turn yellow the cyclamen can be placed outdoors, place the plant on its side and allow the soil to remain dry. When new growth appears at the centre of the corm the old soil mixture should be completely removed and the corm re-potted using fresh compost. Water and feed, and with care you should be able to enjoy your cyclamen in flower again in time for next Christmas. Regrettably, some plants are difficult to keep growing from year to year but it is worth trying. My favourite vegetables for December have to be the Brussels Sprout fresh from the garden and Parsnips, which are at their sweetest after a few nights of frost. Parsnips are delicious roasted with Christmas turkey or mashed with a knob of butter, and make a delicious and warming soup on a cold January day. This is my final gardening tips for the time being so I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 2015.

We would like to thank Ron for his gardening input and hope he returns with his timely tips in due course. Ed.

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Saturday 6th December 2014
at 2.00 pm

£1 entrance to include a cup of tea or coffee

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Contact

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or at rosemarykitto@gmail.com

if you would like a Table Top. £5.00 per table.



NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The November meeting of the KBS Parish Council took place on Monday 3rd November in the Village Hall, together with 14 members of the Public,

Public Participation: Mrs Grant advised that planning consent for the Sports Field development had finally been granted and thanked the Parish Council, and the very many residents, who had written to support the application. Mrs Grant requested that the Parish Council sign the new lease (for a period of 125 years) and Deed of Adherence before the end of November (this will have occurred by the KBS News publish date) in order that prospective developers will have all necessary info prior to entering negotiations.

Clr A Chartres reported that all, bar one, of the required updated BT cabinets are in place. This should facilitate fibre to the cabinet by the end of 2014.

Gigaclear had now decided to adopt a phased approach in the village, rather than a minimum number sign up.

A question was raised as to who had commissioned the traffic monitoring near the entrance to "The Paddocks". The Council had no official information and assumed that it possibly relates to a potential planning application for the field behind "The Paddocks". The Resident observed that the monitoring began on the eve of the October half term and also during the closure of Pinewoods Rd which would distort the figures downwards.

Questions were again asked regarding lack of attention to overhanging vegetation on the footway along Faringdon Rd from Little London towards the Lamb and Flag. This is an O.C.C. Highways responsibility, and although constant requests are made for this to be addressed, they are mostly to no avail due to finance cutbacks! It is not impossible for the Parish council to commission the work in future but this would require additional precept. It was suggested that Community Payback (Probation Service) may be able to clear the Vegetation (Clerk to examine the feasibility). Report from District and County Councillor: Apologies - none received.

Planning: Works by Thames Water. The company had written to all residents outlining their programme to clear and repair blockages from Fir Tree Close to the Faringdon Rd via the School Path This will require the closure of the Path commencing Monday 17th Nov for a period of up to a month. The work will then move to the Faringdon Rd / Bellamy Close area, forecast to take up to 4 months or more, dependent on what problems may be encountered!

Applications received: Qty 1 P14/V2429/hh 6 Frax Close No Objections - for details please refer Oct Minutes.

Decisions: Qty 7 Received - for details please refer to October Minutes. Accounts: Donations - £100 South and Vale C.A.B. was approved. Expenditure £5517.60 Receipts:- £Nil

Road Safety: A public consultation is underway for the provision of a Zebra Crossing on the Abingdon Rd adjacent to the Southbound bus Stop/Shelter near to the Hinds Head. Funding for this will come from S106 monies from the Witney Rd development. Details available at the Post Office, On Line, Hinds Head, and Village Hall Notice Board. Members will request this is upgraded to a light controlled crossing. The 30 M.P.H. speed limit on the Hanney Rd will be extended by 50 metres to include the access to two new dwellings to the south of Town Pond Lane.

Land to be leased or purchased under S106 Agreements. Sports Field and Pavilion: The licence to occupy is now in place. The lease and other documents will have been signed ahead of the publication of this KBS News. A start will be made on identifying the costs of the Parish Councils' tenancy, including buildings, maintenance, insurance and mowing, to assist in discussions with the clubs on whether their expected resources could cover these. Land to south of Pye Development: nothing to report

Land adjacent to Village Hall: Meeting held. A proposal from Taylor Wimpey for a decorative wall fronting the village hall, incorporating some of the old Cotswold stone dry wall, is likely to be approved. Transfer of land intended for the additional tennis courts, to the Parish Council, will proceed as quickly as can be arranged.

Land off Witney Rd: Meeting arranged with Scout group has taken place indicating problems with access to a potential new building.

Village amenities: The replacement see-saw, departing from the traditional pattern, has been installed. Jubilee Fort, cushion bark badly eroded. Burial Ground: Condition satisfactory.

War Memorial: A Remembrance service was attended by a platoon of soldiers, together with their Commanding Officer, 2nd In Command and Adjutant from Dalton Barracks. Probably the first time since the end of WW2 that there has been a major armed forces contingent at a Nov 11th service within the village.

Defibrillator: Now installed, courtesy of Pye Homes, to right of main entrance of the Village Hall adjacent to Disabled parking. The Parish Council to be responsible for future maintenance and inspection.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 1st December, in the Village Hall at 7.00pm, and will be attended by Clr M Barber Conservative Leader of V.O.W.H. District Council. You may wish to question Clr Barber on a number of topics. *Brian Forster, Chairman KBS Parish Council.*

KINGSTON BAGUIZE & SOUTHMOOR BOWLS CLUB

Improvements still carry on with the old storage container being demolished to make way for a new one. The bar is also in need of upgrading; this is in the hands of a subcommittee and will be dependent on available funds. Thanks are due to three lady members, who have pruned the trees and shrubs on the west side of the green - Men take note. Our Halloween Supper was once again a sell out with excellent cuisine from the catering team. Our Short Mat indoors continues in the Meg Plass competition with roll ups every Monday and Wednesday at 2.00pm, and weekly outdoor roll ups on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1.30pm. The outdoor Autumn Triples competition progresses each Sunday morning until December. Our Competition Secretary has placed a sheet on the notice board for those wishing to take part in the 'Winter Madness outdoor competition'. A large number took part last year in this event and it will run through January, February and March. Full members please note the new Club locking up procedure, details of which are in the Club newsletter. On Sunday 14th December, our annual wine and mince pie social gathering takes place in the Club House from 11.00am - 2.00pm, and our next Quiz is on January 30th. We still endeavour to search for new members and all the information regarding our Club can be found elsewhere in this issue. The Bowls Club would like to thank the Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor News for their time and effort in producing this monthly newsletter and hope it continues to be published even with the huge expansion taking place in our Village. A Happy Christmas to them and to all those who read the News Letter. Mick Fuller (01865 820818)



KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR



The KBS Café is the perfect place to meet old friends and make new ones. The café is doing well, and most weeks we are welcoming new people.

Our Christmas party is on Thursday 18th December at a later time than usual, 10am-1pm. We'll have hot, spiced apple juice, mince pies, sausage rolls and other festive foods. There will be Christmas crackers, a free raffle, and a visit from Father Christmas with presents for the children.

The café is held every Thursday except Christmas Day and New Year's Day, which both fall on a Thursday this time. We meet from 9am – 12 noon at Southmoor Village Hall, Draycott Road. We serve Fair Trade tea, coffee and hot chocolate, orange and blackcurrant squash, bacon sandwiches and a selection of (mostly) home-made cakes and scones, including some dairy- and gluten-free options. We have toys for the children and newspapers and magazines for the grown-ups.

We do need more volunteers to join our team. It would only mean helping for one morning approximately every two months. If anyone is interested, please contact Jenny Bone on 01865 820368. We look forward to seeing you. If anyone needs a lift please contact one of us on the numbers below.

"We are friends you haven't met yet"

Jenny Bone (820368) Carole Watts (821710)

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

The Way We Were



Winter fun in the snow December 1985, in the field where Stone House Close now stands.



"... AND WHERE WERE YOU ON THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 24TH ?"

1st Southmoor Guides

On Saturday 25th October a group from 1st Southmoor Guides set off for a long weekend in the New Forest. We arrived at Foxlease and after a quick packed lunch, headed straight for the zip wire. Our theme for the weekend was Hollywood, so we challenged the girls to sing on their way down and do some dance moves as they zipped past us. We had renditions of I believe I can fly and I Wanna Be Like You with some fabulous arm movements. After this we held a pampering session before our red carpet party, followed by bingo. The next day we started off with a nature treasure trail, and saw our first two deers in the forest. After a quick snack we headed over to the archery targets, where after some instruction, some Guides showed they were very good and most girls hit the target at least once. The afternoon saw us participating in a geocaching and a bushcraft session, where the girls made hammocks, ate stinging nettles and made fire using flints and steel – hard work, but we all managed it. The evening's entertainment was pumpkin carving followed by Hollywood quizzes, before hot chocolate and bed. The next day we left Foxlease and headed to Lepe country park where we flew kites and paddled in the sea, the weather was so warm and the sun was shining. We headed to Brockenhurst for a fish and chip lunch and then onto the Tall Trees walk for a leaf hunt, before heading back home. A very successful and enjoyable start to half term. The Guides also attended Remembrance Sunday, and took part in this important village event. They were a credit to Guides and should all be very proud of themselves. We meet on Wednesdays at 7pm to 8.30pm in the Swallow Room at the Village Hall and can be contacted at southmoorguides@gmail.com. Our leaders are Sarah Harris, Sally Dance and Carole Armstrong.



Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group

Christmas is rapidly approaching and the fun continues each week at Baby and Toddler Group. We kicked off the holiday season with our Halloween party. Ghouls, ghosts, witches and mummies had a ball dancing and singing along with our special guest host from Boogie Beat music and movement. We also enjoyed some fiendishly tasty treats so thank you to everyone who baked up a storm and decorated the hall.

From creepy to crafty, we've introduced a new Activity Time element to the group every other week. It'll give those who fancy a break from running around a chance to have some slightly calmer fun – think colouring, sticking, simple crafts. Hopefully it'll particularly appeal to the older members of our cohort. We've already had the creative juices flowing with autumn and firework themes.

Our range of toys seems to get better all the time and we need to say a big thank you to the very kind – but anonymous – donor who gifted us a vacuum cleaner, tiger golf set and Peppa Pig house – all are proving very popular.

The group meets on Friday mornings during term time from 10:00-11:30 at Southmoor Village Hall. It's only £2 per family – the first visit is free – and with that comes a snack for the little folk and refreshments for the grown-ups. And by grown-ups, we mean mums, dads, grandparents, carers – anyone with a small person is welcome!

Looking ahead, on December 19th, we'll be having our Christmas Party. There'll be crafts, party food and festive singing, and – if all our boys and girls are good – we're hoping for a visit from Father Christmas. Snap up a ticket soon to ensure his sack is full! Why not come and join us!

Do get in touch if you'd like to know more. Email: southmoorbabytoddlergroup@hotmail.co.uk Victoria King

You have to laugh!



It was mealtime during a flight on a British Airways plane:

"Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked the man seated in the front row.

"What are my choices?" the man asked.

"Yes or no," she replied.



Winter league update

Although it's only mid-November as I write this, the Thames Valley Winter League is well underway. The club has five teams entered - three ladies and two mens. The Ladies A are currently towards the bottom of Division 2 with one win and one draw, but the Ladies B are fifth in Division 5 with two wins and a draw and Ladies C are mid-table although having played just one match - a draw. The men are doing pretty well. The Men's A are third but have made a mixed start with two wins and two defeats, whereas the Bs are second with two wins and a draw. However, as each division has 13 teams there are 12 matches in a season so there's still some way to go. Meanwhile coaching continues through the winter too, with regular sessions for juniors and adults a like. Find out more and join online at: <http://www.kbstennis.org/>
Paul Gill



Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

January's talk: Garden & Plant Photography

Both gardeners and photographers will enjoy January's talk by Gill Ferguson. Gill will guide you through a series of simple techniques that turn 'record shots' into more memorable pictures. She also has an in depth knowledge and lifetime passion for plants, which is clearly demonstrated by her many beautiful images. So, brighten up a winter evening and learn how to take better pictures of your own. Talk details: Tuesday 6th Jan, 7.15 for 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. Non-members £3; members free. Tea and coffee served after the talk.

Our AGM was held in November and we are pleased to welcome five new members to the committee. A very big thank you to Steve Smith for all his hard work as Chairman and the rest of the 2014 committee.

As usual we'll be happy to welcome new members at the next meeting; January is also our renewal month for existing members (£10 for the year). Don't forget membership could make a lovely Christmas present!

For more information about the club, call Rebecca on 01865 820793 or email skbgardeningclub@gmail.com. Paul Gill, Secretary.

Mark Potts' Christmas Kitchen Talk



As Christmas is fast approaching were gearing up at the hotel for a busy time. There's certain food and drink that is just associated with Christmas time and people look forward to different things. A lot of people's favourites are mince pies. We decided to do a blind tasting at the hotel to see whether the most expensive would be the favourite. We got five different types and all the staff here gave them a score. Prices are all for a pack of six

1st Co-op luxury £2.90 score 25/35

2nd Tesco basic £1.00 score 22/35

3rd Lyon's £0.80 score 20/35

4th Sainsbury's £1.30 score 16/20

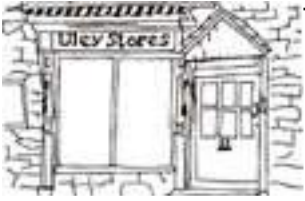
5th Mr Kipling £1.50 score 14/20

It was good fun and the most expensive did show to be the most popular. Maura is showing the winning pies that received the best comments for the pastry. I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. We all work over the Christmas period which does feel abit strange but there's always a good atmosphere in the hotel.



Mark Potts is Head Chef at Fallowfield's Hotel

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Youth Matters

Hi, this month's, article will be on food (yaaaay!), or more specifically where to get food. Hey, I love food as much as the next guy my age, but this is important. As most of you have probably realised, our beloved Southmoor Food and Wine has been taken over by the One Stop chain, and I'm pretty sure something's going on at our much loved Log Cabin, so, using my *ahem* incredible powers of deduction, I decided that a column on local businesses would not be out of place.

Starting off then, local businesses are important. Independence is important in the way that you get more variety of items to buy. Independent businesses are also good by the way that they are run less autonomously and feed more money back into the community. I'm not sure if this is just with Southmoor Food and Wine or not, but if I go looking to find sour cherries or hamster straw, I will find sour cherries and hamster straw (all real experiences), not five different brands of cola. Although I have nothing against cola. That's almost heresy in my books.

But it's not just a one-way street, One Stop has all kinds of deals on that I love wasting money on. A twirl, wispa and a kit-kat for a pound, not bad, not bad at all. It's also open at much later hours than Southmoor Food and Wine, which I don't personally utilise much but, ah well.

One thing though that the village would collapse into anarchy without though, has got to be the local pubs. I count myself so lucky amongst friends from other villages that we have three of them in one village alone. My heartiest congratulations to those who run these pubs, your definitely doing a better job than I ever could. I can picture it all, 'Scott's tavern', plastic pizza, soggy chips and watered down ginger beer for all, at only £19.99. Whoohoo, yeah.
Scott Thomson

Our second contributor in our Youth section kicks off on the benefits of village life

From town to village

For much of my school life, I have spent my time in the town infamous for its power station and railway centre heritage: Didcot. Braving all weathers, daily treks drudging either an oversized art portfolio or a paper laden English folder from one end of town to the other signified the end of a busy school day (I got lifts in the morning). Often I would pause for a humble cone of chips whilst watching the hustle and bustle of the Broadway; the rush of cars, the cries of babies in their prams, the chitter chatter of schoolchildren who began to look somewhat bedraggled are just some of the commotion that gave the Broadway its personality. Eventually the cycle of ceaseless walking would bring me to the weekend, which was spent either working as a shop assistant or wiping tables in a café. Every shift was filled with a mixture of queries, unforeseeable problems as well as happy customers. For me, Didcot is associated with activity; I always had something to do and I always knew which direction to pursue.

Imagine then, when I was told our new house would be in Kingston Bagpuize, a village that I had never heard of but sounded like it belonged to the middle-of-no-where. I thought the sleepiness of the village environment would be a cruel twist of pathetic fallacy, for the unknown of life after university had sedated my sense of direction. Having moved to Kingston Bagpuize for a couple of months, I now know my prejudices were unfounded. The tranquillity of the village does not feel forlorn but aids much needed pensiveness and taking walks through its meandering footpaths do not make me feel lost but rather encourages me to slow down and reflect on where I want to go. As well, there is genuine warmth in the village's community spirit which makes it all the more natural to feel rooted in our new home. The transition from town to village has ultimately been a happy experience and means more to me than just moving houses – the village's serenity has helped to find an optimistic mind-set again. *Yizhen Clark*

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.



The members enjoyed a fascinating and informative talk this month from Marie Noelle Witty a very accomplished speaker talking about " How the French Eat Part 2". We were very appreciative of this as our original speaker withdrew at the last minute. Our hostesses did a splendid job with refreshments.

Next month at our Christmas meeting we will enjoy " The Sound of Christmas " from Abingdon Operatic Society. The members competition will be " A Christmas Tree Decoration " and refreshments will be provided by the Committee along with a Christmas quiz.

All of our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7-30pm in Southmoor Village Hall. New members are always welcome and we have more information on our own website and Facebook page.

Karen King 803169



Longworth and District History Society

The Christmas Feast and meeting will be over by the time you read this. We are hoping for an interesting Dickensian evening with Colin Oakes, after our Feast. Next year's programme has now been settled. The Rambler which has the programme will be available from the December meeting. Membership is due in January, £10 per person and £3 for a visitor. As usual our meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next meeting is on 15th January to hear about the Battle of Cropredy, a talk by Stephen Barker. The following meeting is 19th February with a talk about Blanket making in Witney. We hope to see many members and visitors coming along to Southmoor Village Hall, 7.15 for a 7.30 start, for the meetings. All welcome. Kathy Fletcher 820193

Pat Dando's book "The History of Alresford House, the story of the village shop at the Cross Roads in Southmoor, Oxfordshire" is due to be published by Thematic Trails on December 1st and will be the most recent addition to the Longworth and District History Society long publications list. Peter Keene



Buy heating oil early to cut costs

As winter approaches, Abingdon Citizens Advice Bureau is urging heating oil users to buy early to help reduce the cost of heating their homes.

By stocking up on heating oil now, people can make the most of lower costs before high demand over the winter months pushes up the price. Fuel is generally more expensive from December to February. People who buy oil now could also benefit from faster delivery times, as suppliers often have spare capacity before demand picks up. It is also important to shop around for the best price. One of the challenges for heating oil customers is the large upfront cost so, if you have difficulty paying for your fuel on delivery, ask your supplier about flexible payment options. Joining a heating oil club can help cut the cost of oil significantly. An oil club is a buying group that purchases oil in bulk on behalf of its members. The club is able to negotiate a lower price per unit of oil because it has more bargaining power. Many oil clubs also order from a number of different suppliers in order to get the lowest price. Buying with others reduces the number of journeys suppliers need to make, which can mean lower delivery costs. Many oil clubs already exist in Oxfordshire. The Oxfordshire Rural Community Council runs a bulk oil-buying scheme which you can join via its website at www.oxonrcc.org.uk To find out more about oil clubs, go to www.citizensadvice.org.uk/oilclubs The website also has advice on how to start your own oil-buying group. If you are struggling with your household bills, the CAB can help you to draw up a budget and make sure that you're getting all the help to which you're entitled. For further help, call Adviceline on 08444 111 444 or drop in to your nearest Citizens Advice Bureau, which is located at Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon OX14 3JE. For opening hours, see www.caox.org.uk

Free Christmas Parking

Once again residents in the Vale of White Horse can take advantage of an entire day of free parking in the run up to Christmas. The Vale of White Horse District Council car parks on the following days:

Abingdon – all day on Saturday 29 November

Faringdon – all day on Saturday 29 November

Wantage – all day on Saturday 13 December.

By tradition the annual free parking day is provided by the Council in the run up to Christmas to encourage people to use their local market towns. On the above days only, people can park for free and do not have to display a ticket.



Have your say about Southmoor Preschool becoming a part of John Blandy School

As well as the children getting excited and preparing for Christmas, with crafts and festive activities, there is also something very exciting proposed for the running of the preschool. That's why the committee is asking as many people as possible to get involved and have their say.

On Wednesday 3rd December at 19.30 we will be holding an extraordinary general meeting (EGM). This is to discuss and then to vote on a proposal to transfer ownership to John Blandy School. John Blandy School have kindly given permission to use their car park for the meeting.

Currently, the preschool is run by a small and dedicated committee of volunteers made up of parents and guardians. However, in the new proposal for the preschool, the current committee will no longer exist and the preschool will come under the umbrella of John Blandy.

As well as representatives of the committee and preschool staff, Clare Silvester head of John Blandy will be attending the meeting to answer questions.

We value everyone's input from the community into this decision making process, so please come to the meeting and have your say. However, only committee members and those individuals responsible for children currently attending preschool before the end of the spring term are allowed to vote on this decision. We are aware that there are some of you who will not be able to attend due to other commitments, so we would be grateful for your written representations for consideration at the EGM. If you have any questions please contact preschool or one of the committee members.

Don't forget if you are interested in a pre-school place we are currently taking children from 2 years old. There are several places still left. 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 (Committee Member)*

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Closing Date: 15th January 2015

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This can be handed in to John Blandy Primary School office, or sent directly to:
OCC Admissions team
Children Education and Families
County Hall New Road
Oxford
OX1 1ND
01865 815175

admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk

*75% of children in their F1 year at John Blandy Primary achieved a Good Level of Development in 2013, compared to 60% Nationally.



Aelfrith's Last Stand

BOXING DAY

VILLAGE WALK

Millennium Green

2.30pm

**Free Mulled Wine & Minced Pies
- All Welcome -**



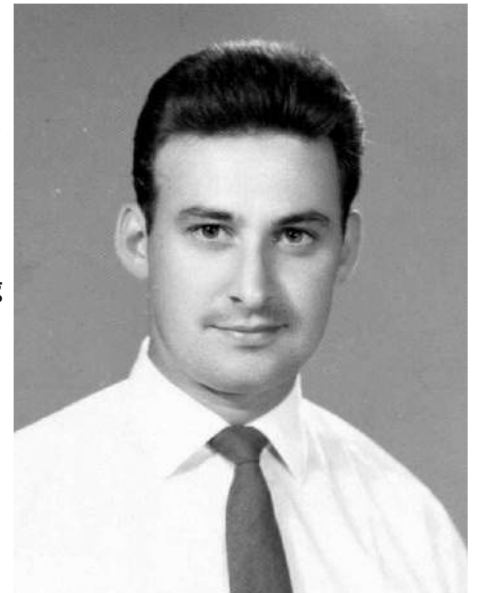
Cyril Gliddon 1937- 2014

It is with deep shock and sadness I received the news that Cyril had passed away in the John Radcliffe hospital during the early hours of Monday 10th November. A Cornish lad, he was born in Bude, where he lived with his parents along with his three brothers and one sister. Two brothers were casualties of WW2. One died in an English hospital aged 21 after being shot on the beaches of Normandy and the other, who became a POW, also died later in England aged 36. Cyril was a bright pupil at school, who left home at the age of 14 to attend Camborne Technical College, which helped him on his future career. However, with work prospects poor in Cornwall at that time, Cyril looked to the RAF for a career, where he was to spend the next 10 years as an Electrical Aircraft Fitter, serving his time in the UK and Aden among other places. It was whilst serving in the RAF in 1963 that he met his future wife Gita. Cyril left the RAF in 1965 and they married in February 1967. Cyril would frequently reminisce with visitors of his many experiences whilst stationed in Aden.

After leaving the Air Force, Cyril and Gita settled in Oxford, where they had

three lovely daughters, Zena, Tricia and Zoe. Whilst living in Oxford, Cyril embarked on a number of careers. He joined Hartwells Oils as a Technical Representative, before starting his own plumbing and heating business. He was also churchwarden at St Matthews Church, off Abingdon Road, whilst living near by. After the death of Zoe and illness, Cyril joined Marks and Spencer as a Maintenance Foreman and later joined Oxford Instruments.

Cyril and Gita moved and settled in Southmoor in February 2005 and quickly became involved in the community. They were active members of the Gardening Club, KBS News and Gita with WI and Serendipity. Cyril was a very active Trustee of the Village hall. The Trustees and I are indebted to his knowledge and tireless work in ensuring that the hall was maintained and kept to a high standard. No job was too much trouble saving the hall and the community hundreds of pounds. Cyril's hobbies and interests were numerous, as a secret peep into his workshop would reveal a treasure-trove of bits and pieces. Cyril loved his vintage Jawa motorcycle, which was acquired whilst in Aden and shipped to England "courtesy of the RAF", where it was totally restored and Cyril would regularly attend rallies and motor cycle events locally with other enthusiasts. Many of us will remember Cyril immaculately dressed with polished shoes on Remembrance Sunday, proudly wearing his own and his two brothers' medals, (see picture) and later around the Memorial Crescent where he had set up and operated the public address system for the service of Remembrance. Our heartfelt thoughts go out to Gita, Zena, Trish and all the family. Ron Green.



Cyril at 26

Charity Concert

On October 18th, a Charity concert was organised in St John the baptist church by Thomas Christensen, in aid of the Church and the Rafiki Thabo Foundation, which supports education, medical assistance and community projects in



Uganda, Kenya and Lesotho. It was a well-attended and extremely enjoyable evening. Thomas Christensen, a talented young pianist, and only sixteen years of age, organised and advertised the concert, and designed and printed the programmes. He played several solo pieces and also accompanied two of his friends, young singers Heidi Lawson and Cate de Buriatte Moglia. The music was by Mozart, Beethoven, Handel, Chopin, Yiruma. Debussy, Einaudi, Eva Cassidy, Christina Perry and Rachmaninov, and Thomas played a couple of pieces that he had composed himself as part of his course work. Carole Watts

Public Access Defibrillator

Regular users of the village hall will have noticed the recent addition of a shiny new yellow box on the front wall of the building next to the disabled parking spaces. Inside is a defibrillator that has been provided with funds from Cllr Melinda Tilley's delegated fund and the Parish Council. Our village is now home to one of a growing number of public access defibrillators in the UK.

Emergency medical services attempt resuscitation in approximately 23,000 cases of out of hospital cardiac arrest in England each year. Unfortunately survival rates remain low with less than 10% of patients ultimately surviving to be discharged from hospital. However, there are things that can be done to help improve the chances of survival. These include:

1. **Early recognition of cardiac arrest**
2. **Early call for help by dialling 999**
3. **Early effective cardiopulmonary resuscitation i.e. chest compressions with or without rescue breaths (CPR)**
4. **Early defibrillation**

The first 3 steps are extremely important, especially starting effective chest compressions as soon as possible. However currently only just over 40% of cardiac arrest patients receive CPR before the arrival of emergency medical services.

The last step is of importance to approximately 20% of cardiac arrest patients who have a "shockable rhythm" i.e. one that can be treated with a defibrillator, and the chances of survival are higher in this group of patients. Unfortunately, the likelihood of successful treatment with a defibrillator decreases with time, and so by the time emergency medical services arrive on scene, it is possible that the heart may no longer be in a shockable rhythm. The aim of public access defibrillators like the one in our village is to allow early treatment of these types of cardiac arrest when the treatment is likely to be most effective. A recent study suggested that defibrillation was



attempted in less than 2% of cardiac arrests before the arrival of emergency medical services. This number is likely to be low due to lack of availability of defibrillators, poor knowledge of how to find a public access defibrillator or lack of confidence to use one. If you're reading this then you now know where to find one. When you dial 999, the operator should be able to give you the code needed to unlock the box and access the defibrillator. However, effective chest compressions are the most important step and this should be continued whilst another person fetches the defibrillator. If you are ever in the unfortunate situation that you need to use the defibrillator, you'll be pleased to know that these devices involve none of the dramatic paddle wielding much loved by medical dramas! They are designed to be used by members of the public with no medical training, and contain everything you need including clear instructions. The defibrillator speaks to you and will talk you through the process of delivering a shock if the machine decides that one is needed. You should feel confident that it would not allow a shock to be delivered unless it is necessary.

Whilst the above is not meant to provide instructions on how to carry out basic life support for a cardiac arrest patient, I hope it gives some insight into the most important steps and gives people the confidence to use the defibrillator if it is ever needed. If you would like some more information about what to do in the event of a cardiac arrest I would recommend having a look at an interactive video produced by the Resuscitation Council (UK) entitled Lifesaver <http://www.unit9.com/project/lifesaver-cpr>. In addition, if enough people are interested I may be able to organise some local basic life support training in the future. *Richard Siviter*



.....and finally don't forget there's no KBS News in January, next issue February 2015, when the winners of the 'Out and About with the KBS News' photo competition will be announced. Copy date 4pm on Monday 19th January.

We are always keen for new people to join the KBS News team. If you are interested in any way call Pat on 820775

