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What a year it's been

What a year it has been for the village. We've welcomed hundreds of new residents, have loads more planning applications in the pipeline, some already accepted. There is even talk of a massive new housing development that includes a new school and access to the A420. We have a new Parish Council complete with new Parish Clerk. We've had the great flagpole debate, which raised more excitement than the World Cup. The eyesore sewerage pump on the corner of Bellamy Close has finally gone. There's been a bumper Village Show and a great Church Fete in the grounds of Kingston House. Kingston House has even featured on Downton Abbey and our Remembrance Service on-the-green goes from strength to strength. Loads of other great things have happened in the village and after forty years here it still amazes me just how many clubs and groups abound here. So Merry Christmas to all from the KBS News team especially to all the new villagers who have moved in during the year. Let's hope next year will prove as good as 2015 has been for
KB & S. Lance Bassett, Editor

A village remembers

On a grey November 8th morning around three hundred villagers attended the Remembrance Service at Memorial Crescent conducted by the Rev David Pickering. The hymn Abide With Me was led by Stan Webb and Ruth Hastings followed by the laying of nine wreaths including one by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Elizabeth Paris, on behalf of the Queen. Numerous uniformed personnel were also in attendance including Wing Cmdr. Richard Curzon (representing RAF Brize Norton). Luckily the rain kept off as a detachment of soldiers from Dalton Barracks paraded on the Green as their colleagues held back the traffic during the two-minute silence and for the hymn. A full turnout from the Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Rainbows and Beavers supported the presentation and parading of their colours. The Remembrance Service has fast become a major feature of our village life and it's good to see it so well supported.

Simon Dando reads out the names of the fallen and the flags are lowered ahead of the two minute silence

More Remembrance Service pictures on Page 17

Village Notice Board

COACH WANTED KINGSTON COLTS U6'S FOOTBALL TEAM

A new Coach is urgently needed to train the U6 Football Team (current year 1 children) at Kingston Colts Football Club

The role of Coach would involve coaching the children for up to an hour once a week (currently Monday evening's) at Kingston Colts football ground with a view to developing them to play 5 a side league games from Sept 2016.

If you are interested in taking on this role, or for more information, please contact Amanda Thompson on 07554 422738

Kingston Colts Football Club, The Sportsfield, Abingdon Rd (A415), Kingston Bagpuize, OX13 5AR

Christmas parking days

As usual the Vale of White Horse District Council is offering free parking days to help encourage people to shop locally in the run up to Christmas.
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Faringdon - all day on Saturday 28 November
Wantage - all day on Saturday 5 December.

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Our 'New Resident' columnist has moved away due to his work so we are again looking for someone to write about life in our village, what it means, what we offer and how it compares to other areas. If you have recently moved here and would like to write a monthly column in the News please contact me on editorkbsnews@gmail.com. Or if you just want to comment on how you find life in KB & S, that will do nicely. Ed

Garden waste and Christmas tree collections over the festive season

Like every year there will be no garden waste collections over the Christmas and New Year period so the crews can concentrate on all the extra waste generated over the festive season. This year that means no collections between Friday 25 December and Monday 11 January but there'll be extra-large collections in the spring and autumn to make up for it. Head to www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/gardenwaste to find out more.

If you've got a real tree this Christmas and you're a garden waste customer, they'll collect it from Tuesday 12 January - just leave it by your brown bin (but please not in it, as it's tricky for the crews to get it out). If you're not a garden waste customer, you can drop your tree off at one of a number of locations around the district for composting.

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

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTION

Usual collection day	*New Date*	*Bin*
Wednesday 30 December	*Saturday 2 January*	*Green bin and food bin (no garden waste)*
Wednesday 6 January	*Friday 8 January*	*Grey bin and food bin*
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FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT? No: 32 The Flowing Well, Sunningwell

For those of you who have never visited Sunningwell, it is a delightful village nestling behind Wootton, near Boar's Hill. In the centre of this tranquil spot is their biggest secret, The Flowing Well. We arrive and the restaurant shouts welcome even on a dark autumn night. (The terrace bars here must be absolute heaven on a summer's eve.) We are welcomed, shown to our table, drinks ordered, menus distributed and away we go. Here I must give mention to a party in the restaurant that consisted of some very noisy folk, but then it was a party and live and let live. Opening a huge parcel, the girl whose celebration it was, with much shouting and mirth, was delighted to find some relative jump out who she thinks is in Australia. That's fine but I'm not sure that the rest of the diners appreciated the experience, as we couldn't hear ourselves talk. I digress.

The menu is diverse and imaginative and after my Broccoli and Stilton Soup chosen from the 'Specials' board I was nearly converted to the Mushroom, Brie and Hazelnut Wellington but held my ground and selected the Homemade Chicken & Smoked Ham Hock pie. What is it about pies?

The soup was delicious and served with crusty bread, full of flavour a tad too hot but no criticism.

Light puff pastry, the pie lived up to expectation, plenty of meat and full of flavour and a bottle of Cabernet/Shiraz tickled the ivories. At this point I should mention that before the meal was served I had asked to be moved away from the contingent from the colonies who were still extremely loud. Perhaps they should have had a private room, in Banbury perhaps. Anyway we were moved and peace restored.

Back to the plot. As we finished our main course a young waiter who we had met earlier and had been very pleasant and helpful, dropped some plates by our table on his way to the kitchen. I felt for the guy as he apologised and went for the cleaning materials as quick as a flash and asked if anyone had been splashed. Just as quick came a bottle of wine with the Manager's compliments as a formal apology for the incident and the fact we had had to move table. Professional or what? The Flowing Well was at this point moving rapidly up my 'Let's eat here again' list.

I really didn't feel like dessert but again couldn't resist the Warm Chocolate & Almond Brioche Bread & Butter Pudding with Strawberry Ice Cream. No wonder I can't lose weight. Stuffed to the gunnels with service so sharp we were back in the car in well under two hours.

So what did this banquet cost? Meal for four, two starters, two puds, bottle of wine and aperitifs all came to under £120. Good value I thought. *Eton Lovett*

ACTUAL MOMENTS FROM BBC QUIZZES: LINCS FM PHONE-IN

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Presenter: I was really after the name of a country.
Contestant: I'm sorry, I don't know the names of any countries in Spain.

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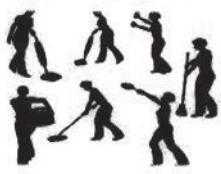

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Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club

The cricket season for Kingston has now come to close with KBCC holding their AGM at The Waggon & Horses on the 10th November. This year the AGM was well attended by players and supporters. As promised the new committee line up for the 2016 Season is:-

President : Paul Temple
Chairman : TBC
Vice Chairman : Dave Warner (Acting Chairman)
Club Secretary : Simon Watts
Club Treasurer : Simon Watts
Welfare Officer : Donna Jacob
Membership Secretary : Hannah Woodley
Fixture Secretary : Hannah Woodley
Coaching Co-ordinator : Rich Woodley
Junior Co-ordinator : Menna Murray
Publicity Officer : Rich Woodley
1st XI Captain : Dave Warner
2nd XI Captain : TBC

KBCC would like to say a Big Thankyou to out going Chairman Tom Scrase for all his hard work within the club especially with the coaching of our thriving Junior Section, but hopefully work permitting Tom maybe around some training nights to lend a hand.

As Tom is leaving the coaching role as such, KBCC are looking for new coaches to help out on a Friday evenings 6pm till 8pm during the cricket season. So if there is anybody from the village who has recently moved here fancies coaching cricket, please contact KBCC via the website (Google, Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club). KBCC could help out financially and all coaching courses are run by Oxfordshire Cricket and if you pass you will have a recognized cricket badge from the ECB. If interested to become a coach please go to www.oxfordshire.cricket and all the courses are on their website.

Good Luck to all our KBCC Juniors who will be doing County Stream B for the next 4 weeks.

Rich Woodley, KBCC Head Coach ECB Level 2

KBS NEWS

Please note the box for KBS News contributions has been removed from the One Stop Shop and the only box now available is in the Post Office.

THE KBS NEWS WINE LIST: WINE OF THE MONTH

It's that time of year again, Christmas is upon us and it's time to celebrate! With so many wine offers from the various supermarkets and wine suppliers at this time of year, it is very difficult to recommend individual wines, particularly as we have to select so far in advance of Christmas. Therefore, we decided this month we would give you a recipe for the old Christmas favourite, MULLED WINE! What more can you want than a steaming glass of fragrant, fruity hot wine, particularly on a cold evening, there is nothing better to banish the winter chills.

Our recipe, which serves approximately 8 people, consists of the following:

1 75cl Bottle of good red wine
Half a pint of water
Half a pint of Orange Juice
2 Tablespoons of Caster Sugar
Quarter a pint of Brandy
2 Tablespoons of Grand Marnier (or other orange based liqueur)
1 Orange sliced
1 Apple diced
2 Schwartz Mulled Wine Spice Sachets

Place wine, water, orange juice, sugar and mulled wine spice in a large saucepan. Heat to just below boiling point and hold this temperature for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove sachet. Stir in Brandy, Grand Marnier and fruit, leave it to stand for a couple of minutes and serve.

So, our recommendation is to pop the Sausage Rolls and Mince Pies in the oven, wash them down with a glass of this delicious mulled wine, and Hey Presto it's Christmas! So enjoy! Cheers and a Happy Christmas and New Year to you all. *The Wine Quartet*

The KBS News is delivered to every house in the village. Extra copies are available from the Post Office and One Stop shop.

KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR

Don't forget our Christmas party is on Thursday 17th December, from 10am until 1pm, an hour later than our normal times. We'll be serving our usual fare, as well as some festive foods. There will be Christmas crackers, and a free raffle. Father Christmas is coming to visit us, arriving at eleven o'clock with presents for all the children.

The café will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve for our annual break. We'll be open again on Thursday 7th January 2016.

The café is open on most Thursdays from 9am until noon, in the main hall 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 also have some newspapers and magazines to read.

For our more mature visitors, the Kingston Codgers meet here on the last Thursday of the month. For younger people we also have toys for the children to play with while their parents can relax and chat. If you are interested in joining our band of lovely volunteers, please contact Jenny Bone on 01865 820368. 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)

SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes for our bake sale. We made a very impressive £101.50 which will go towards new toys for the children.

This month the children have been learning about bonfire night and fire safety. They have created their own model fireworks and even learnt a new song - 5 little fireworks! We have also been talking about Remembrance Day; looking at poppies and making our own paper-plate poppies.

We would also like to say thank you to Oxford Edens who trimmed back our hedge and tidied the garden for the children during the half term.

Don't forget if you are interested in an "Outstanding" preschool place or increasing your child's sessions, we currently still have a few places left for 2016 so please contact manager Jackie Taylor as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. All children who are 3 in the term following their 3rd birthday are entitled to 15 hours free early years education! Email southmoorpre-school@live.co.uk Tel: 01865 821505 – *Adam Dewar*

Keith's Kartoon Komment

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Kingsmoor Community Club at Hinton Waldrist

We have had a celebration tea party for Stan Webb who has been volunteering at Kingsmoor for 20 years. He continues to come once a fortnight and play the keyboard and help with refreshments. Events are booked for fun filled sessions at Kingsmoor over November and December. Our last day before Christmas is 18th December. The club reopens on 5th January 2016.

Trips out have been seeing the decorations at Millets farm, Christmas shopping at Wantage. We have had lots of art and crafts getting the hall festive and decorating the Christmas tree. We often have unexpected visitors who drop in this time of year to catch up and bring festive cheer. A show will come to us on 9th December by party-time performers called 'Ring out the bells ' the actors are always high standard. The Steventon Singers also have been booked for Christmas Songs. The Kingsmoor Club Christmas dinner is planned for Wednesday December 16th and Father Christmas (the real one) is coming!! A BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE is on that afternoon so all donations are gratefully received.

On 18th December we are having a Christmas Service in the morning with choir, all from St John the Baptist Church Kingston Bagpuize and then we are off to a wonderful Christmas dinner at The Hinds Head. The meal is provided free each year by Linda and Steve and those who made donations as a grand gesture of Christmas Spirit. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in 2015. *Gwyne Diment*

News from the Village Hall

For some unknown reason the village hall article didn't appear in the November issue of the KBSNews. As a result we missed out on a couple of notices.

Christmas; many local clubs and village organisations will be preparing to celebrate their seasonal events in the Village Hall. To ensure there is a Christmas atmosphere the hall Management committee would like some help to make it welcoming for your event, and appeal for 3 or 4 willing volunteers to assist with the decorations on Sunday 29th November. This should take about 2 hours meeting at 10am, and will involve one agile person to mount the stepladder with others to assist decorating the Christmas trees etc. Give me a call if you are able to assist.

Many of you who use Draycott Road will have noticed that, at last, the boundary treatment boarding the village hall copse and the footway has been completed, and the work to erect a natural stone wall entrance and extended pavement to the Village Hall is under construction and should be completed shortly. Later, set within each side of the entrance there will be an art feature stating the name 'Village Hall'. Our thanks must go to Taylor Wimpey for undertaking these improvements which will benefit the village community.

The hall has recently had an Energy Efficiency Survey carried out by TOE2, the results of the survey will help plan future improvements to the hall and assist in our application for grant funding.

Following a request from the Baby and Toddler Group the hall has installed a new Horizontal Baby Changing facility; this is located in the disabled toilet adjacent to the main entrance and available for any parents with babies. However, we do ask that you kindly takeaway soiled nappies for disposal.

It has been reported recently that mysterious happenings have been occurring at night in the Village Hall carpark, usually after all legitimate hall users have departed, cars arrive some times 2 or 3 and park out of sight (yes I can guess what some of you are thinking)? The CCTV has yet to identify the vehicle registration numbers, but some of the vehicle makes have been noted.

If you spot any suspicious vehicles or happening around the hall please let me or a member of the management committee know giving the date and time, so that we can notify the police. *Ron Green. Tel: 820051*

Royal British Legion Poppy Collections

Many thanks all those street collectors who braved the weather with their poppy boxes, also the landlords of the village pubs, the Post Office, John Blandy School and the shops. In all the village's collections amounted to £1622.58 which, together with the Remembrance Day collection in the Parish Church gives a grand total of over £1960. Special Congratulations to Kerry Hastings who leads the field this year having collected over £200!!

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Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

AGM and Unusual Edibles

The club's AGM was held in November, followed by an entertaining quiz on animal/plant interactions by chair Rebecca Gill. We're sorry to see Berice Large and Rod Haggarty depart the committee and would like to thank them for their hard work, but we are pleased to welcome Barbara Micklem to the committee.

The first talk of the New Year is on Tuesday January 5th, and features Paul Barney talking about unusual edible plants - perhaps an interesting way to inspire those post-festive diets! Paul founded Edulis Nursery, a walled garden near Pangbourne, that specialises in rare plants. The garden also contains a large collection of unusual edible plants; pictured is Hedychium spicatum - the fruits of which are eaten with lentils in India.

We'll be happy to welcome new members at the talk; January is also our renewal month for members (£12 for the year). Don't forget membership could make a lovely Christmas present!

As the winter isn't the best time to be out in the garden, we just have one tip this month: December and January are good months to prune deciduous trees (including apples/pears). The foliage is gone so it's easy to see the branch structure, and they are dormant so sap won't bleed from the cuts. Always remember to use clean, sharp cutting tools to avoid infection. For more information about the club, call Rebecca on 01865 820793 or email skbgardeningclub@gmail.com. *Paul Gill, Secretary.*

Longworth & District History Society

The next event is on 10**th December starting at 6.45 for 7.00 in Southmoor Village Hall** with a seasonal meal and entertainment. Chloe, raconteur, will tell us Lost Legends, Festive Fables and Cotswold Tales. We hope a good evening will be had by all. If you have a ticket please note change of start time from our usual meetings.

2016 programme will start on **21st January** with a talk about the History of Harwell. The complete programme for 2016 is available at all meetings.

If you are new to the village discover its history by looking at our website.

You are very welcome to come to our meetings held in Southmoor Village Hall. Our meeting are on the third Thursday of each month.

Membership renewal is due in January, same as last year £10 per member. **There are some tickets left for the December meeting available from Pam Woodward 820500 or me, Kathy Fletcher 820193.**

Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Tennis Club www.kbstennis.org

Winter Leagues

Most of the club's competitive tennis takes place over the winter, with four teams entered into the Thames Valley League. We've had a mixed season so far. Best of the bunch are the Men's A who are on top of Division 3 (W2 D1), having been promoted last year. Ladies A are 4th in Division 5 with a mixed start of W2, L2, and the Ladies B team are 5th in Division 6, W2 L1. The Men's B team have made a slow start in Division 7, also lying 5th with D1 L1.

The tennis isn't all competitive - there are ladies' general play sessions on Monday and Wednesday, men's on Wednesday and Thursday, and a mixed session on Sunday morning. If you'd like to find out more, please email info@kbstennis.org or visit www.kbstennis.org. *Paul Gill*

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The October meeting saw the group entertained by Richard Westacott and Confessions of a Pantomime Dame. He was ably assisted by Sylvia Downs as his dresser and was full of anecdotes of his time as an actor in this role. The refreshments were delicious as always.

The December meeting is our Christmas meeting organised by the Committee and the entertainment will be by Susan Read playing hand bells. The competition is a bell.

All of our meetings are held in Southmoor Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7-30pm. New members are always welcome and information is on our website and Facebook page. *Karen King 01865 803169*

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The November meeting of the KBS Parish Council took place on Monday 2nd November in the Village Hall, together with 9 members of the public plus District Councillor, Eric Batts. Apologies received from OCC. Councillor, Mrs M. Tilley.

Public Participation. A question was raised regarding Southmoor House and the relevant planning application. Why had it been refused? Clr Batts advised that planning regulation regarding affordable housing had changed. The Southmoor House application had none, and was now required to provide some (40%). The applicant could not currently meet this requirement and the application was therefore refused.

A member of the Public commented on the fact that some of the new houses on the Southmoor Grange development are exceedingly close to the Waggon Path, and why had the designers built so close? The issue will be raised with Taylor Wimpey.

The level of "Art" provision to be incorporated in the Village Hall entrance feature (Dry Stone walls) was raised. The Village Hall Committee expected to discuss that week. The Village Hall Management committee had received little feed back to applications for improvement grants from S106 monies. Although the Chair advised that the info from a meeting held that afternoon with VOWHDC officials had advised that the application was likely to be granted.

Further info, since then, indicated that a priority area for S106 monies was in fact to be directed at Village Halls, in order to cope with the perceived increase in usage demand from the ongoing developments and increased population. Mention was also made as to the undertaking by the Parish Council to match the funding made by the Village Hall to the desired Improvements, in addition to S106 monies.

The rebuilt Bus Shelter at Latton Close; a decision had been taken to make better use of the Bench seat, and relocate within the village and utilise ABS planking to provide seating. Difficulties were being experienced in fastening and support of said planking.

A meeting has been held with VWHDC, S106 officers in order to discuss the distribution of S106 monies, in particular from the Taylor Wimpey site, and the fact that there is a disagreement as to how the monies should be apportioned. A further meeting is scheduled for some time in December. Clr. Batts to continue to pursue an agreeable outcome.

The issue of the Sports Field Development, the proposed New Pavilion, and the prospective hand over of the Sports Field land to the Parish Council was raised and the "Licence to occupy" was considered, in that does it constitute sufficient security to the Sports Clubs, and the Parish Council. There is also only 6 months remaining of the original planning consent, that required building to commence on the pavilion.

Report from District Councillor: Clr, Eric Batts. See Separate Article.

Report from County Councillor: Clr. Melinda Tilley. (See extract on page 21)

Planning Applications and Decisions: please see November minutes..

Accounts: The Six month report was accepted. A degree of overspend is indicated, due to income from insurance claim for Bus Shelter indicated as 2014/15 income and expended 2015/16 as settlement of build account.

Matters Arising: The Defibrillator is now fully serviceable subsequent to new Conductor pads being purchased. Donation to new Age Curling Approved for £150 to encourage a new activity within the Village Hall. A new sign is being procured for the small recreation ground, to indicate contact info for the Parish Council. Contact will be provided by a new Phone No. for a "Pay as you Go" mobile that will be held by the Clerk or a nominated Councillor in his absence. This should enable contact to be made at all times, and not rely on a land line or personal Mobile.

Village Amenities: Small Recreation Ground, Jubilee Fort. Repairs and replacement parts have been ordered and are underway'. The order to replace "The Sidewinder" See Saw has been placed.

Burial Ground: A "Brown Bin" has been ordered for the Burial Ground, in order to better remove "Tribute" waste by using VWHDC facilities.

War Memorial: A successful Remembrance Day Service and ceremony was held on Sunday 8th. November. Many thanks are extended to the Deputy Lord Lt for Oxfordshire, Mrs E. Paris, C.O. Dalton Barracks, and 4 Regt R.L.C., Wg Cmdr Curzon, RAF Brize Norton, Rev D. Pickering, church officers, members of the congregation and the Scouts, Guides and Brownies, who all played their part. Thanks are also due to residents who refrained from parking on the Oxford Rd to help keep the road clear.

Next Parish Council meeting - Monday 7th December, Village Hall 7pm.

Brian Forster. Chair KB&S PC.

Remembrance Day Memorial Crescent November 8th

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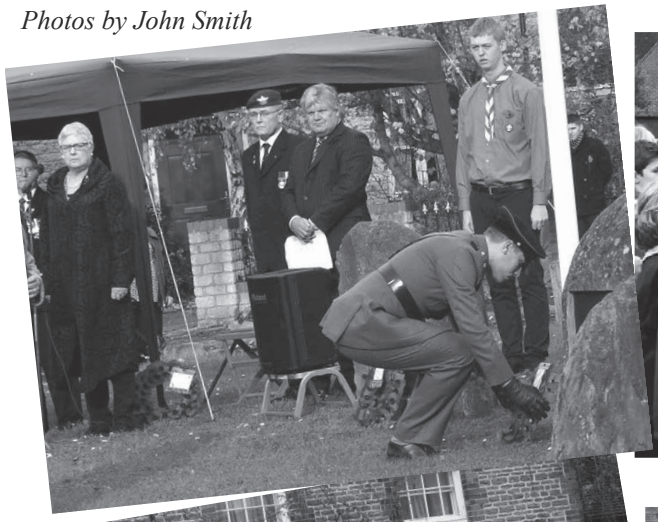

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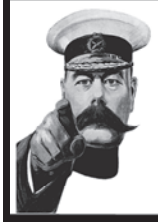

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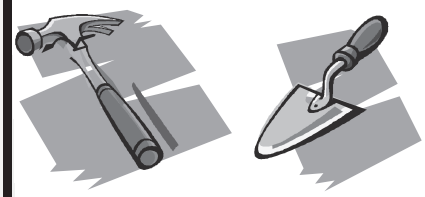

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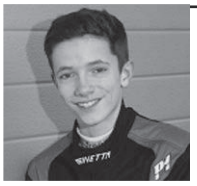

Racing to the Top

Last month I mentioned that the business side of motor sport is as important to my success as my driving and racing ability. It is important that I am able to work with and communicate with people in business as well as with my racing ream.

I am very much focused on bringing on companies into the fascinating world of motor sport and focus on this the majority of time off track around training and media practise.

Practicing doing things out of my comfort zone is really helping me. Last month to help me learn more about running a business and to start to practice networking I attended a business workshop organised by Inca, a firm of accountants from the village. It was run by external certified business coaches at the Oxford Abingdon Hotel. When I arrived the other local business owners seemed to look down at me as if I had no purpose at a business conference. However after we had been able to spend some time talking about what we were each doing in our businesses they seemed to accept me as the serious career person I am. I learnt a lot from the workshop and it was great to push myself to go up to as many of the business owners as I could to talk to them about their business and let them know what I was doing.

Networking and bringing potential businesses together as referrals will play an important part of my motor-racing career. I will be looking out for more chances to do this from now on. Matt Chapman Twitter: @mattcracing

NEWS FROM O.C.C.

Better Broadband for Oxfordshire

OCC is back on track to achieve the target-agreed-back in 2013-of connecting 64,500 homes and businesses with superfast broadband by the end of 2015. By the end of August OCC had enabled over 56,000 premises to be connected to superfast (24mbps) broadband, and expects the reach the goal of 64,500 premises by the end of the year, on time and within budget.

Free Wi-Fi in Libraries

OCC has been awarded more than £86,000 by the Arts Council England for Wi-Fi to be installed in the 28 Oxfordshire Libraries that currently do not have it. (It is already installed in 15 of the county's 43 libraries). The Wi-Fi fund supports the Arts council's goals around developing library services, ensuring that they are fit for purpose now and in the future. This is a one-off grant from the Arts Council. It is therefore not a substitute for the money that may be saved from the Library service's annual revenue budgets in future years as part of the council's 2016-20 budget savings options. Installation will take place during Spring 2016. *Melinda Tilley*

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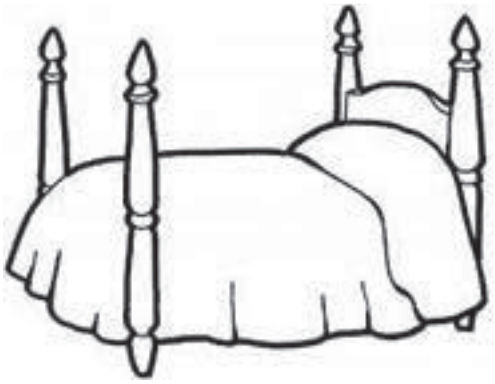

I was scrolling through New Scientist, as you do, and I was struck by the amount of articles in there about how teens need to sleep in more. I was really interested by this as I honestly feel its cause is justified. No, really, this isn't just an excuse to spend more time with my head in a pillow. Especially as teenagers get older, we feel that we need stay up later because of the shift in our body clocks that comes with adolescence, usually staying up by about two hours later than we normally would. This means that we need to get up later to manage the amount of time we sleep for. However, school times have not changed to allow the extra time. I'm not saying two whole hours later, but even an hour would make a huge difference.

By doing this, it would make teenagers less irritable and moody, making them more likely to study well and behave better in lessons and co-operate with classmates and teachers. There is also a distinct correlation between sleep time and better grades. Other benefits include less teenage car crashes and a decrease in depressed students. It would also be easier for teachers; bus drivers and any school staff to get ready for what I am sure are extremely stressful days.

I know I am advocating what seems like a luxury, but this would really benefit teens and other young people. Just think, if every day was like a Saturday how good this world would be.

Kitchen Talk

Unfortunately Head Chef Mark Potts has left Fallowfields and so no column from him this month. However Veronica Wolfe has sent in this recipe which she got from the late Daphne Richardson and apparently rings the bell with many of her friends at Christmas, if anyone tries the recipe let us know how good they are.

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1/2 lb Butter or Margarine
1/4 Tea Spoon Red Pepper (Paprika)
2 Mugs of Plain Flour
2 Mugs of Rice Krispies
Makes about 50 biscuits
Beat butter or margarine to soften.
Mix cheese with butter/margarine and pepper.
Add 1/2 the flour and 1/2 the krispies to the cheese/butter/margarine/pepper and mix.
Add the remaining Flour and Krispies to the bowl and mix again.
Roll into small balls about the size of a cherry and place onto an ungreased baking sheet.
Flatten the balls with a fork (they do not spread during baking).
Bake at 350f - 375f (160c -170c) until lightly brown (about 15 mins).
DO NOT OVERCOOK as they firm up whilst cooling.
They will freeze and keep well in a tin.

JOHN BLANDY AFTER SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB

For sometime recently the children have spent their time weeding and taking out plants that have finished flowering and thinning and replanting others ready for spring. All of the vegetable and fruiting plants have been harvested and taken home and no doubt enjoyed by the children. Looking to next year the children spent time preparing the soil and recently planted Broad Bean seeds to over winter along with some onion sets.

Most of the rest of this term will be spent in school making a Christmas wreath from holly and other traditional foliage from the garden. When these are finished the children will be able to take their wreath home to hang or display at Christmas.

From Melanie Ferguson, Rob Branston and Ron Green, we wish the children and parents from the Gardening Club ***a very Happy Christmas.*** *Ron Green*

ED VAIZEY'S Parish Newsletter

Earlier this month we stopped to remember those who gave their lives in service to their country, I was struck once again by the hundreds of people who turned up to parades and memorials. I had the honour of laying wreaths at both Wantage and Didcot along with veterans and serving men and women. Supporting our armed forces is as important as ever and I thank everyone that has donated to the Royal British Legion or any of the other Forces charities this year.

There are a few issues which have crossed my desk which may be of interest.

Last month I took part in a very interesting debate in Parliament around the issue of nuisance calls. These are an ongoing problem, especially for elderly and vulnerable people. I am pleased to say that the government and phone companies have taken steps to combat them, for instance lowering the legal threshold of what constitutes a nuisance call (and so making it easier to prosecute) and ensuring Ofcom and the Information Commissioners Office share information to tackle those who make these calls.

If you run a small business, a campaign and roadshow by "Exporting is GREAT" has been launched to encourage and advertise opportunities to businesses to export their products and services around the world. The initiative also provides guidance, training and expert advice to help first-time exporters. Do to visit the "Exporting is GREAT" roadshow, which will be in the south-east in May 2016 or visit their website exportingisgreat.gov.uk.

A new road safety dashboard has recently been brought to my attention. Created by the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS), the dashboard provides statistics for traffic accidents. Unfortunately it shows that there was an increase in the numbers of accidents in the constituency in 2014. While we all work to make our roads safer, you can find out more information at www.pacts.org.uk/dashboard.

This month, my mailbag has been dominated by letters of concern about Fracking and its potential effects on drinking water and risk of damage to the UK's National Parks. I can assure readers that Government legislation provides clear and strong regulatory protections for the environment, ensuring that fracking cannot be conducted from wells that are drilled at the surface of National Parks. Other issues that have been brought up include the dog-meat trade in Southeast Asia and the teaching of First-Aid in schools.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or dicksonce@parliament.uk. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please do email me at badyaljb@parliament.uk or sign up at www.vaizey.com.

Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need fundraiser. We raised lots of money with a pyjama party, tucking into a gigantic Pudsey cake and making Pudsey cookies from playdough. Both were consumed!

We meet on Friday mornings during term time from 10:00-11:30 at Southmoor Village Hall. We're a fun and welcoming group and are always keen to make new friends. Each session is only £2 per family and your first visit is absolutely free. We provide refreshments for the adults and a snack for the children.

Tickets for our Christmas Party are on sale. We're looking forward to a bit of a disco, plenty of festive treats and a visit from Santa himself! Tickets cost £3 for one child/£5 per family (including babies). This ensures Santa brings a gift for each child! Hope to see you soon! Please email us if you'd like to know more. Rachel Skeet, Secretary (southmoorbabytoddlergroup@hotmail.co.uk)

ACTUAL MOMENTS FROM BBC QUIZZES

BEACON RADIO (WOLVERHAMPTON)

DJ Mark: For 10, what is the nationality of the Pope?

Ruth from Rowley Regis: I think I know that one. Is it Jewish?

PAUL WAPPAT (BBC RADIO NEWCASTLE)

Paul Wappat: How long did the Six-Day War between Egypt and Israel last?

Contestant (long pause): Fourteen days.

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE & SOUTHMOOR BOWLS CLUB

The final Ladies Ridgeway league table ended as shown. Not quite as high as last year but only five points off the second spot. The league was won by a very strong Hagbourne team. The Vale Short Mat League, which we re-joined after a year's absence, thanks to the appearance of a new Captain, and under the name of Kingston Kites, are progressing quite well at the moment. After five matches we are currently top of section one of the afternoon league, but the team lying second still have points from their fifth match to be recorded.

The Clubs Annual General Meeting held in October, saw not to many changes. Pat Durrant taking over from Peter van de Mortel as Secretary, Peter held this post for a number years and the Membership thank him for efforts. Peter remains on the Committee. Liz Garside takes over from Pat as Catering Manager and Mick Fuller makes a return as Club Captain after a year out.

Our Halloween dinner was as usual a full house with some members in the appropriate dress and unrecognisable. The Ladies are gathering for a Christmas Lunch on 4th December at the Fox in Denchworth. December 20th is the date for our Mulled Wine social gathering at the Club House from 11.00am, and our January Quiz, to which all are welcome, is on the 29th January. The one in our fixture card on January 15th will not run. We held a whist Drive among a few Members in November with a view to running these in 2016 and open to all comers, more on this in the future. Mick Fuller (Club Captain) 01865 820818

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Hagbourne	8	6	0	2	54
Wantage	8	5	0	3	40.5
Didcot 'E'	8	4	0	4	38.5
KB&S	8	5	0	3	35
Abingdon 'j'	8	0	0	8	12

St John the Baptist Church
http://stjb.churchinsight.com

Powerpack
A Club for 5 to 11 year olds.

Wednesdays 4.00 – 5.00 p.m.
(4th Nov- 16th Dec.)
At Southmoor Village Hall
Swallow Room

Thursdays 4.00 – 5.00 p.m.
(5th Nov – 10 Dec)
At John Blandy School

We have FUN!
There are team games,
refreshments,
a story and a team quiz.

The club is free!
(Donations are accepted towards the refreshments)

For more info contact Gary Long:
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THE FRIENDS OF JOHN BLANDY.

LOTTERY WINNERS

September 2015

1st Prize
£25 Amy Bowden Associate Member
2nd Prize
£15 Margaret Baxter Associate Member
3rd Prize
£10 Elke Clarkson John Blandy Parent
4th Prize
£3 Mrs D Jones Associate Member

October 2015

1st Prize
£25 Lucia Parker John Blandy Parent
2nd Prize
£14 Ruth Hastings Associate Member
3rd Prize
£10 Zena Howarth John Blandy Staff
4th Prize
£3 S Melling Associate Member

Congratulations to the winners!

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support the Friends of John Blandy School Lottery. £105 (£54 from September draw and £51 from October draw) will go towards school funds.Lottery Administrators: Melanie Singleton & LeeAnne Burgess.

The Way We Were

No this isn't a village version of Where's Wally but a celebration of the Millennium at Kingston House following a procession through KB & S. If anyone can add any details of the occasion, please let me know. Ed

For Anoraks Only

Last month's note in Village Voices headed 'For Anoraks Only' seemed to lay down a challenge.
So where was Southmoor when the writer arrived in the village all those years ago. First I looked at a website with 'Old Maps' and I could see that in 1960 an Ordnance Survey map showed 'Southmoor' as the piece of land which is west of the Hanney Road and south of the Faringdon Road. It appears to be a fruit tree area. The land currently occupied by the John Blandy estate was at that time shown as Draycott Wood with Draycott Moor further north. Kingston Bagpuize is the main village area.
A few days later I happened upon Simon Dando, clearing leaves at the entrance to St John the Baptist Church and in conversation he suggested I have a look at his wife Pat's book, entitled 'The History of Alresford House'. Before turning many pages I found a map dated 1761 showing 'South Moore' covering the area described above but also going across to quite a lot of land north of Faringdon Road and both sides of what is now Draycott Road.
In another publication, from the Kingston Millennium Committee dated 1970, I found a piece which said that in the Village Plan, approved by Berkshire County Council on 1969, 'it is strongly advised that the parishes of Kingston Bagpuize and Draycott Moor should join to form one civil parish'.
At this point I started to wonder how 'Kingston Bagpuize' changed into 'Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor' and it struck me that perhaps the History Society might have some knowledge to enlighten me and perhaps interest others. So it's over to them now. *Roy Wolfe*

Do you have something to say? Why not get it off your chest and put it in the KBS News?
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Poets' Corner

This poem by village bard Don Viney takes us back to the halcyon days of summer with his take on the Village Any more poems written by villagers out there? Or do you have a favourite poem? We're happy to publish them in Poet's Corner. Send your copy to editorkbsnews@gmail.com

THE VILLAGE FETE

Mid June is here and in the sun,
A regular festival has begun,
Flags and bunting on the green,
Pronounce it's something to be seen.

Kingston House gates flung open wide,
Inviting all to come inside,
Enjoy a day of joy and revelry,
An annual event for all to see.

Club stalls all along the lawn,
Their colourful awnings do adorn.
Offering ways to spend your cash,
On many treasures and some trash.

Come along and have a go,
Find the treasure or have a throw,
Treat yourself to tea and cake,
Or jugs of Pimms, it's not too late.

People sitting here and there,
Also standing without a care,
Enjoying all that's to be seen,
Eating sumptuous strawberries & cream.

While others form an orderly line
To buy a hot dog cooked so fine,
By local scouts and guiders too,
Who never fail and that is true.

There's Simon Dando announcing loud,
The programmes details to the crowd,
While bands or singers do their thing,
To help make things go with a swing.

And as the afternoon wears on,
Displays by locals in the ring,
Give way to children's fancy dress,
Who will win? It's hard to guess.

All deserve to get a prize
And when they do it's no surprise,
For making the effort so worthwhile,
With ingenuity and style.

Let's not forget our hostess too,
Whose lovely gardens we use 'tis true
While she kindly offers her full support
Even though now a TV resort.

So as we homeward now wearily wend,
Try not to think how much we spend,
Just let's recall old friends we met,
And be so grateful it wasn't wet.

Let's hope our village once so small,
Now changing to an urban sprawl,
Holds on to this event, held dear,
For our enjoyment year upon year.

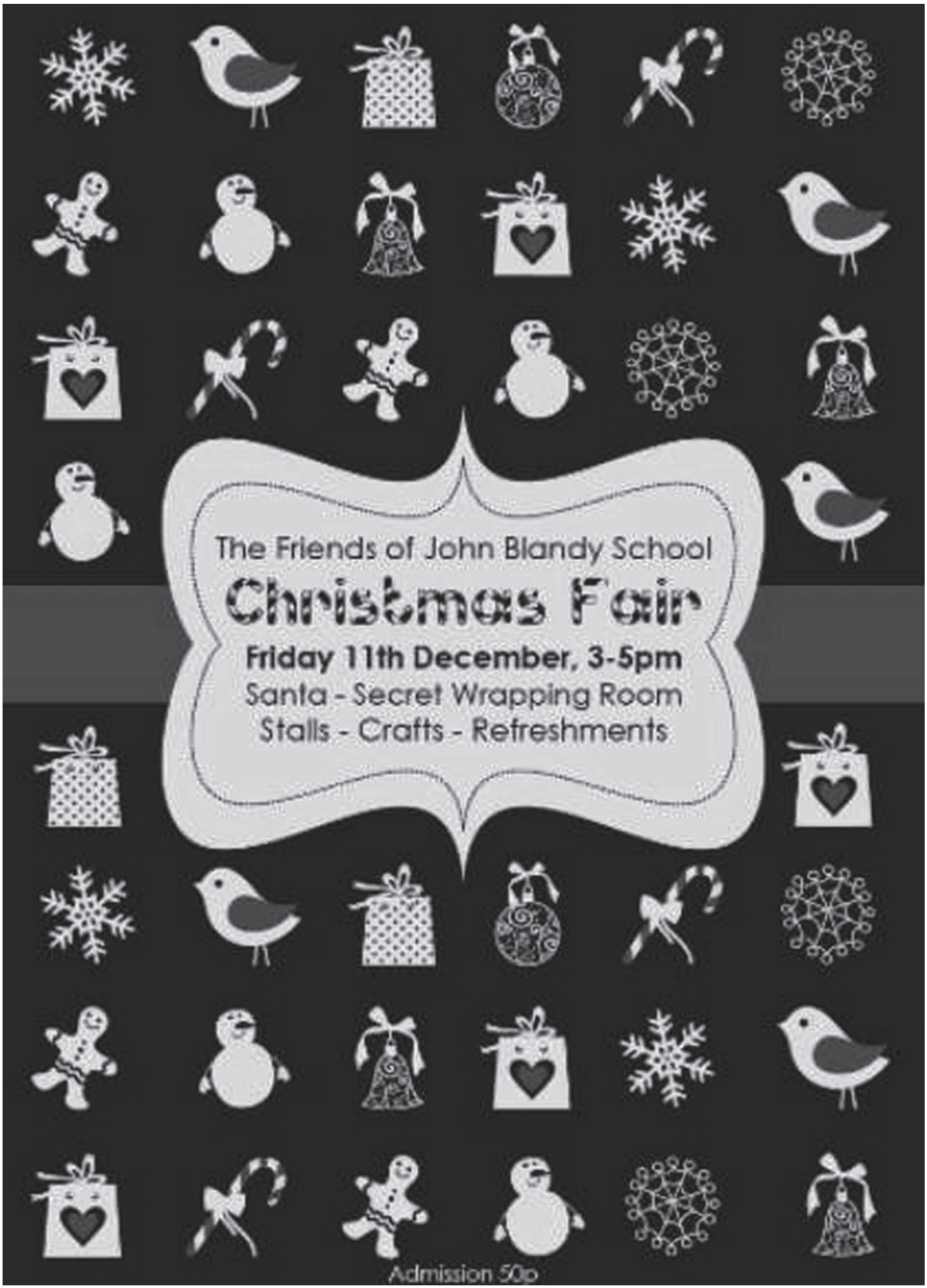
1st Southmoor Guides

Once again this term has seen the Guides enjoy a wide range of cultural, creative and educational activities. Leahy Disley organised a First Aid evening as part of her Baden Powell challenge. Using their new found skills, the Guides practiced making slings using their neckers as makeshift bandages.

The Worldwide Girl Guide Association has four centres around the world in the UK, Mexico, Switzerland and India. Inspired by activities run by the Sangam Centre in India, we celebrated Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. Dressed in brightly coloured clothing, we split into groups and took it in turns to make colourful model elephants, Lotus flower tea lights and Laddu – cardamom flavoured coconut sweets that are very popular during festivals.

Thank you to all the Guides and their families who came to the Remembrance Sunday service at St John the Baptist church. We continued the theme of Remembrance Day at our regular Wednesday night meeting with a visit by Captain Angela Tarleton and Corporal Paul Ingham. The Guides learnt about life in the Armed Forces today, and were particularly interested to hear about the roles of army medics as well as the vets and dog handlers who look after the animals in the army.

In the run up to Christmas we will be extremely busy making Christmas cards and seasonal crafts. We are also looking forward to a joint party with the Brownies and Rainbows to get us in the festive mood before the holidays. Our regular meetings take place on Wednesdays from 7pm to 8.30pm in the Swallow Room at the Village Hall. To put your name down for the New Year, please contact us at southmoorguides@gmail.com. Our leaders are Sarah Harris, Sally Dance and Carole Armstrong.



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THE KING OF CHRISTMAS?

What would an English winter be without Christmas? In a time of, sadly, much bad news from around the world, it's wonderful to be able to return to the story which, if true, is the best news in the world: God become a baby to save us and to lead us. Too good to be true? To answer that question involves a bit of investigation. Did that famous stable at Bethlehem really hold someone who was and is, in a sense, bigger than our whole world? Certainly, the baby of Bethlehem has influenced human history like no one else. Come to our Christmas services and find out more, and read the actual Christmas story in the gospels for yourself. Get beyond the tinsel and glitter and make this the year you find out the true meaning of Christmas.

Turn your back on the consumerfest of endless ads, look to the wonder of "the heaven-born Prince of Peace." If you want to really experience Christmas, or you want your children to, get into the carols, the story, the glory, and try a few of our Christmas specials. There's the Christingle Toy Service on the 13th: children get Christingles (want to know what that is, you'll have to come along). We get to give too: everyone is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy, which the Salvation Army collect and give to children who won't be getting presents this Christmas. Then there's the Carol Service, the classic candlelit Christmas event. There's carol singing: we meet at 6.15-6.30pm on Thursday 17th at The Waggon & Horses, sing carols round the village for an hour, then reconvene at the Waggon for a couple of rousing final carols and a convivial drink. The Crib Service on Christmas Eve is great for children … All welcome. Come and find out more this Christmas. Buckets of fun, spade loads of awe and wonder, as we study the story at the heart of human history.

Merry Christmas from all at St John the Baptist!

David & Rebecca Pickering

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Come and Join us in Celebrating the Birth of the Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday 13th December	**10.30am Christingle Toy Service**
Sunday 20th December	**7pm Carol Service**
Christmas Eve	**4.00pm Crib Service** **11.30pm Midnight Communion**
Christmas Day	**10.30am Christmas Family Communion**

See the KBS News and our website for details of our other services.