

# KBS NEWS

## The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village News

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### Superfast broadband is coming to the village.



As was announced in August 2013, Oxfordshire County Council, Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) and BT are working together to deliver broadband upgrades across the county to areas where no real commercial competition exists. The upgrades will involve work on our telephone exchange (Appleton Road, Longworth) and installation of additional "green boxes" at the road side. The technology being deployed is called "fibre to the cabinet" (FTTC) and allows internet providers to bring telephone exchange hardware closer to the customer's premises. The cabinet in this case will be an additional "green box". Because the distance from the customer to the exchange equipment has been reduced, the speeds available are much greater.

Technology has also improved so broadband speeds of over 40 Mbps are possible within 350m of a cabinet. Each new "green box" will be positioned close to existing ones as they need to be connected together.

At the time of writing, the countywide upgrade is still in the planning phase but there is an expectation that our village will see work starting by Q1 2015. We can expect further information on the exact timeframes in the next few months as the rollout starts. Initial feedback suggests that approximately 95% of properties in the village will receive speeds of at least 24 Mbps. This estimate is subject to various factors and should be used for guidance only.

It is worth noting that other communities in the county have pursued their own privately funded projects, either with BT or other providers. Where these communities have succeeded in drafting in a new service, they have effectively introduced competition and fallen foul of BDUK's rules and therefore excluded themselves from the county plan and funding. There is a real risk in these communities that a two-tier situation is being created; those who can afford the new service will benefit but those who can't will almost certainly never see a change as there wouldn't be any commercial sense in BT performing an upgrade. As a parish council, we have put a lot of effort in to ensure that our village, as a whole, will be part of the upgrade plan. I have no doubt that other internet providers will eventually install infrastructure in the village (assuming they receive sufficient demand) but it is of the utmost importance that, initially, the village gets upgraded via the county rollout so that all residents have a real choice in terms of broadband provider and the services they offer. Further information regarding the county rollout can be found here:

<http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk> The website will be updated during the project and people can register their interest to receive updates. *Alex Chartres, Vice Chairman, KBS PC.*

**NEW LOOK KBS NEWS:** We hope you like the new look KBS News. The old masthead had been around in its various guises for many years and we thought time for a change. The front page has been redesigned to appear fresher and more modern, what do you think?

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### 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)

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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.**

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

If there's one thing that starts me off (other than politics) it's supermarket trolleys just left anywhere around a car park because someone was just too lazy or inconsiderate to return the offending article to the pick-up point. Time and time again, especially when there's a lack of parking places, I have had to get out the car and move or usually return the trolley to its proper place before being able to park. Perhaps the system is too complicated for some. Let me explain. You borrow a trolley from the rack and here's the thing, you return it to said rack when you have finished with it. Any questions? Luckily this particular whinge is being addressed by supermarkets introducing a system whereby you have to deposit a pound coin to use a trolley and in order to retrieve it return the item from whence it came. Alas on its own this is a minor moan but it reveals a bigger picture. We are increasingly living in a world where nobody seems to care about anybody else anymore. Shame. Returning to the topic of trolleys, some years ago I was practically the only car parked in a huge garden centre car park on a very windy day. A trolley left for dead by some idle swine was blowing around the park. It started way over the other side of the park but I knew it was heading for me. This way and that it sailed around and eventually, you've guessed it, I had to get out and prevent it just in time from savaging my motor. You couldn't make it up.

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# VILLAGE DIARY

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

February	Day	Time	What & Where (SVH = Southmoor Village Hall)	Page
Monday	3rd	7.00pm	KBS Parish Council Meeting – Swallow Room, VH	15
Tuesday	4th	7.30pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club - "The World of Roses" SVH	16
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5th</b>		<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Grey Bin Collection ****</b>	
Thursday	6th	8.00pm	Pints of View - Hind's Head PH	3
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10th</b>		<b>Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon &amp; Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15</b>	
Tuesday	11th	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor WI Mouth & Foot Painting Artists - SVH	21
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12th</b>		<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Green Bin Collection &amp; Brown Bin Collection ****</b>	
Friday	14th		KB & S Bowls Club Medieval Supper - Bowls Club, Oxford Road	21
Monday	17th	4.00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for KBS News March 2014 Edition	2
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19th</b>		<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Grey Bin Collection ****</b>	
Thursday	20th	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Longworth & District History Soc - 'Archaeology of Stanford in the Vale'	16
Saturday	22nd	10.00am- 1.00pm	Coffee Morning / Table Top Sale in aid of Maggies Centre, Oxford -SVH	6
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24th</b>		<b>Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon &amp; Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26th</b>		<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Green Bin Collection &amp; Brown Bin Collection ****</b>	
Friday	28th	7.30pm	KB & S Bowls Club Quiz Night - Bowls Club, Oxford Road	21
<b>March</b>				
Thursday	6th		Longworth & District History Soc AGM - Swallow Room SVH	16
Friday	7th	7.15pm	Piano Recital - St John the Baptist Parish Church	6
<b>APRIL</b>				
Saturday	26th		Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group - Murder Mystery Evening - SVH	9

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

## Regular Events each Month

What	Where	Day	Time
Apple Quilters	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd & 4th Monday	9.30am - 12am
Church Youth Group	1 Oxford Road	Sunday Term Time	6.00pm - 7.30pm
French for Fun	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Wednesday	9.30am - 11.00am
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth VH from Jan 8 2013	Tuesday Term Time Only	11.00am - 12.30pm
KB Drama Group	St John the Baptist Church Hall	Tuesday	7.30pm
KB & S Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.30pm
KB & S Cafe	Methodist Chapel	Thursday	8.30am - 12 noon
KB & S Gardening Club	Southmoor Village Hall	1st Tuesday from Feb	7.15pm for 7.30pm
KB & S Health Walk	Leaves Southmoor VH 10.45am	Tuesday	10.30am - 11.30am
KB & S 14+ Drop In Centre	Methodist Church Hall	Friday Term Time Only	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Kingsmoor Community Club	Hinton Waldrist Village Hall	Tues, Wed, Fri	10.00am - 3.00pm
1st Kingston Bagpuize Brownies	John Blandy School	Wednesday	5.30pm - 7.00pm
1st Longworth Beavers		Thursday	6.00pm - 7.15pm

1st Longworth Cubs	The Scout Hut Faringdon Road	Contact Mike Furse 01865 820162	Tuesday	Term Time Only	7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Longworth Explorers			Wednesday		7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Scouts			Thursday		7.30pm - 9.00pm
Nordic Walking Classes	Millenium Green		Saturday		8.30am - 9.30am
Pilates Matwork Classes	John Blandy School		Monday		7.00pm - 9.10pm
Serendipity Over 60s Club Meeting	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm		2nd Wednesday		2pm - 4pm
1st Southmoor Guides	Southmoor Village Hall		Wednesday		7.00pm - 8.30pm
Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group	Southmoor Village Hall		Friday Term Time Only		10am - 11.30am
Southmoor Exercise & Dance	Southmoor Village Hall		Wednesday Evenings		7.45 Exercise 8.45 Dance
Southmoor Karate Club	Southmoor Village Hall		Sunday		10am - 11.30am
Southmoor Rainbows	Methodist Church Hall		Tues Term Time Only		5.45pm - 6.45pm
KB & S Womens Institute	Southmoor Village Hall		2nd Tuesday		7.30pm
Zumba	Southmoor Village Hall		Monday		8.15pm

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# KINGSTON BAGUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

<http://kingstonbaguizechurch.wordpress.com>



Sunday 2nd Feb	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Speaker: Mr Sam Durant
Sunday 9th Feb	9.00am	Holy Communion	Speaker: Mr Ian Bensted
	10.30am	All-Age Service	Speaker: TBC
Monday 10th Feb	8.00pm	Compline Service (in Church Room)	Revd David Pickering
Sunday 16th Feb	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Questions of Life Service	Speaker: Mrs Anne Curtis
Sunday 23rd Feb	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.**

**FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS: THURSDAY 6th: PINTS OF VIEW:** From 8.00pm onwards, at the Hind's Head, a men's discussion group over a beer or two. All men welcome.

**MONDAY 10th – COMPLINE SERVICE:** From 8.00 to 9.00pm in Kingston Church Room (with coffee from 7.30pm), there will be a 21st Century informal version of Compline (the traditional service of Night Prayer).

Using the prayers of Compline as a framework, there will be musical worship, open prayer, biblical teaching and discussion. All very welcome. See Anne Curtis (821614) for details.

**WEDNESDAY 19th – 'Filling station' informal deanery service:** At Manor School, at 7.30pm, all churches in our Deanery will participate in an informal worship service, with refreshments afterwards and good conversation.

**CHURCH GROUPS:** We have a range of groups for adults and children. Call David on 820451 or Hazel on 821358 for more information.

Do contact our Vicar, The Revd David Pickering (820451), re baptisms, weddings, funerals or pastoral care (on any day of the week except Saturdays).

## Fyfield Chapel (Evangelical)

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

Sunday Service: 11.00 am

Crèche and Sunday School

Communion: 2nd Sunday in month

Evening Tea & Fellowship

5.30 pm 1st Sunday in month

Home Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

8.00 pm 3rd Friday in month

(for details please email

or call 01865-769473)

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

BUCKLAND AND FARINGDON PARISH CENTRED AT  
BLESSED HUGH CHURCH FARINGDON

Parish Priest: Fr Leslie Adams, 1 Coxwell Road, Faringdon, SN7 7EB

Tel: 01367 243510, email: [blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com](mailto:blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com),

**Masses: Sunday One Mass at 9.00am.** Weekly Masses: Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.15am. Details of Masses on Holy Days and of Reconciliation - please refer to the Parish

Newsletter available at Blessed Hugh Church or from the Parish

Website: <http://www.blessedhugh.org.uk/>



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**Nordic Walking uses 90% of your skeletal muscles and burns up to 46% more calories than just walking and because it is a weight bearing exercise it strengthens bones and**

**reduces the risk of osteoporosis.**

**What is there not to like!**

**Wednesdays—6.15pm—7.15pm East Hanney—bring a head torch!**

**Saturdays—8.30am—9.30am Southmoor**

**For more information or to book a free taster session call**

**Lisa 07885635367 or email [lisayoung@homecall.co.uk](mailto:lisayoung@homecall.co.uk)**







## VILLAGE VOICES

I know that this subject has been mentioned a few times before, but it seems to be getting worse rather than better. There seem to be many more dogs in the village of late (I have one), but walking round the village and on the estates I have noticed that dogs are being allowed to mess on footpaths and also on other peoples properties. It is against the law to let your dogs foul the footpaths etc. If reported you can be served with a fixed penalty notice which could result in a large fine. It has been noted that some of the dog walkers are children/teenagers and make no attempt whatsoever to clean up behind the dogs (not all I might add as I have seen some youngsters clearing up). However, some of the culprits are adults. Only today I was walking on Blandy Avenue to visit a friend and there was a large amount of dog mess in the middle of a footpath for almost a yard. This is not acceptable so please can we make sure that we "pick up" behind our dogs - and put it in the bins provided and instruct your children to do the same. If your dog is walking off the lead please try and walk behind it so that you can see what it is up to. **WE ALL LOVE OUR DOGS BUT LET US TRY AND KEEP OUR VILLAGE CLEAN AND TIDY.** *Name and address supplied*

There is a link between Ken Ritchie's letter on page 5 of the December News & the photograph on the following page 6, of Faringdon Road in the early 20th Century, in which two of what used to be called Telegraph Poles feature prominently. In the last book of her Trilogy "Lark Rise to Candleford" Flora Thompson describes a "Telegraph Instrument" installed in the parlour of the Post Office in Candleford. This was an ABC Instrument which sent individual letters which were read visually on a receiver at the other end. She says it was easy to learn & reliable in working & goes on to say that larger offices transmitted telegrams by Morse code which was read by sound. It is very remarkable that today we can use the same copper wire system, developed by Samuel Morse over 150 years ago to send a few pulses per second of his code, to transmit "bits" at a million times that rate. However there seems to be common consent that this is still not reliable enough or fast enough to meet today's needs. Mr. Ritchie's call for a further meeting with BT and OCC to put an updated case to them, to which he says they are receptive, should be taken up & arranged by the Parish Council. In the meantime individuals can support the case by following John Smith's call in last November's News page 6 for more people to register an interest in Superfast Broadband on the BT Website <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when>. *Des Taylor.*

### THINK ABOUT IT !!

*What is the population of Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor likely to be at the end of the year once the majority of the new houses are in occupation ? Certainly more than in 1870 when the combined population amounted to less than three hundred.... Now we have a post office, a newsagent, an excellent 'Corner' shop and a hair salon - not to mention the Cross Roads Garage (no petrol of course - but perhaps that might change with more residents in the village!!). In 1870 there were two boot and shoemakers, a harnessmaker, a victualler, a mason, a tailor, a wheelwright and a baker....Ian Charlton*

### 1st Kingston Bagpuize Brownies

At Christmas we said goodbye to two girls who have left after three years with us at Brownies to go up to Guides. We started the new term with a fun evening, when the girls brought in games they had been given for Christmas. This term the Brownies will be working towards five badges: Discovering Faith, Entertainer, Hostess, Seasons and Writer. We'll also be having lots of fun enjoying Scottish foods on Burns Night, making Valentine's Day cards, going on a walk round the Millennium Green in the dark, making pancakes, and celebrating St David's Day and St Patrick's Day.

On a sad note, after twelve happy years at John Blandy School the Brownies have been given notice to quit, and have to find a new home after half term. This is not far off, so we are desperately trying to find an alternative venue and would welcome any ideas.

We have a few places at Brownies for girls aged 7-10 years. For information contact: Tel: 07779 640465, Email: [bagpuizebrownies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bagpuizebrownies@hotmail.co.uk) *Carole Watts.*

### Facts you may not know....

1. *The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year*
2. *The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust*
3. *Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 metres*

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## Village Notice Board

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COFFEE MORNING/TABLETOP SALE IN SOUTHMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY FROM 10 am - 1 pm. in aid of MAGGIES CENTRE, OXFORD. There will be a cake stall, raffle and refreshments. Donations of cakes or any items for the tabletop sale would be gratefully received. I can collect if necessary and if anyone would like to book a table for £15 please contact Pat on 820775

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### Winchester District Scouts

On the evening of the 1st March and early morning of the 2nd March 2014, several teams of Explorer Scouts will be undertaking a hike event, of which part will cross through the villages of Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor, and into the surrounding Country Side. The route is part of a 20 mile Hike which the Explorers are undertaking during the weekend. There will also be a number of vehicles in the area both manning check points, and driving round for safety reasons. The exercise is being organised and overseen by David Ashby of Winchester Scouting. If there any queries before or during the event David Ashby can be contacted on: 07925 508363. *David Ashby, Winchester Scout Leader*

**Is there anyone in the village that provides MATHS/ENGLISH lessons at GCSE level? If so please call Julia on 07920123284.**

### PIANO RECITAL IN THE PARISH CHURCH - FRIDAY 7th March at 7.15pm

*Some of the Village's talented young pianists will again be performing on Friday 7th of March. The programme, which will range from the Baroque to Romantic with a touch of modern jazz.... will include a Bach Prelude, a complete Beethoven Sonata and piano pieces by Rachmaninoff, MacDowell and Oscar Peterson. There will be interval refreshments - no charge for admission, but all donations towards the repairs to the church's historic bell tower and CLICSargent, Cancer care Support for children. Jennifer Charlton*

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### HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CHEF FOR A DAY?

Next month we shall be running a competition where the prize is to be a chef for a day at the fabulous Fallowfields Hotel. The prize includes working with top chef Matt Weedon, Number 45 Chef in the 2012 Sunday Times Top 100 Restaurants List. Help prep for the lunch and evening service, making bread, making pasta, preparing shellfish, vegetables etc. Feed the animals on the farm and also receive a complimentary two or three course Lunch in the restaurant. Full details of this super competition in our March issue.

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### Christmas Colouring Competition Winners

Giving a resounding boost for girl power, the two winners of our Christmas colouring competition receive their prize of a box of paints from KBS News Chair Pat Smith. Congratulations girls. The number of entries were disappointing but the quality was high and the winners were selected by an independent judge. Our thanks go to Tara of Southmoor Food & Wine for collecting the entries.



*Winner of the age 7 and under category, 6 year old Aleena Waqas*



*Ria Larsen, 10, from Spring Hill wins the 11 and under section*

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## FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TODAY? No: I I The Rose Revived, Newbridge

We have often eaten here on the way back from Witney, and still find the 'Two main courses for £9.95' hard to beat for sheer value.

The restaurant area is welcoming, warm, cosy and well laid out, and in the summer of course there are the glorious views of the river.

Sometimes on a meal-deal pubs and restaurants will cut back on the food portions, but this doesn't seem to be the case at this venue, with ample dishes served whatever you seem to order.

The downside of the Rose is that you have to order at the bar, so waitress service is restricted to bringing the food to your table. I chose the chicken and my bride had the hand-battered haddock. Admittedly you do have to pay a pound extra for these dishes but it's well worth the effort, especially as they offer to take the skin off the fish if required, a choice not often offered at much more expensive venues.

So how was the meal? Very good, tender farm-assured chicken breast in a tasty cheddar & Tewkesbury mustard sauce with accompanying fries and peas, just terrific value. The haddock served with fries and mushy peas pleased the bride who has been known to be a bit picky with her fish. So there we are, two satisfying meals and a bottle of wine for under £25!

However what Revives the Rose for me is the staff. Pleasant, helpful and courteous, and this has been the case on several occasions, so it wasn't just a one off. My compliments go to the management.

I heartily recommend the Rose Revived. We are fortunate to have such a place so near to us resting as it does right on the banks of the Thames. I also have had breakfast here on a number of occasions and very good they were too. *Eton Lovett.*



## THE KBS NEWS WINE LIST

Happy New Year everyone, we hope you all had convivial celebrations with some wonderful wines to complement them!

At the January meeting of the Village Wine Circle the wines we tasted were from Portugal, and one wine in particular stood out, so this is the one we have chosen for the February Wine of the Month. It is a Tesco Finest Touriga Nacional, 2011, made by the Winemaker, Antonina Barbosa, priced at £7.99, although it has recently been on offer at £5.99, so it is worth looking out for. This is a wonderfully ripe, rich red from the southern region of Alentejo in Portugal, and is made from the Touriga Nacional grape. This is absolutely crammed with blackberry fruit flavours and generous kick of pepper and cinnamon, ideal to accompany those hearty stews and casseroles at this time of year. Why not treat yourselves to a bottle and enjoy! Cheers *The Wine Quartet*

## KINGSTON BAGUIZE DRAMA GROUP

*A belated Happy New Year to all from KBDG.*

*We are delighted to announce we will be putting on one of our very popular Murder Mystery Supper Evenings in the village hall. So all resident Sherlocks, Miss Marples and Poirots should save the date Saturday 26th April and sleuth with us when we present 'Amdram is Murder' These events are very popular and sell out fast, details regarding how to book will be in March's edition of KBS news.*

*We are also very pleased that a grant awarded to us by the Parish Council has enabled us to book the village hall on a regular basis again. If you are interested in finding out more about us we will be in the main hall every third Tuesday of the month and in the Kingston Bagpuize church hall all other Tuesdays.*

*November seems a long time away but we are still keen to cast 'The Vicar of Dibley' this year so please join us if you are interested in acting or helping out with this production. Finally, our November 2013 production 'The O'Conner Girls' was very well received and supported by the village. A big thank you to everyone who came. Sarah Curran. (See review of the play on page 17).*



## WORDS OF WISDOM

The only place where success comes before work is in a dictionary. *Vidal Sassoon*

## Dispelling the Myths

In answer to a question at the last Parish Council meeting, the following is part of the response from the White Horse Medical Practice which should alleviate any worries on the subject, especially from new villagers.

*'The partners have asked me to reassure you that they envisage no change to the current situation with regard to new patients registering with the Practice. We currently have the capacity for new patients to register and as the numbers increase we will employ additional doctor and nurse time to accommodate this as necessary.*

*We will be continuing with our daily delivery service to the Post Office along with deliveries to any housebound patients requiring medication. I hope this has reassured you and would be grateful if you could pass this on to the Parish Council.'*

It is also worth noting for the record re the school, that based on 6 year groups plus Foundation stage the capacity at John Blandy is 210 pupils (i.e. 30 per year group). The current school role is 159 (as at November 13), which means there is capacity for 50 additional pupils. These additional 50 pupils would generate funding of around £200k which would be more than sufficient to cover the additional teaching and TA resource required to move to a class for every year group. Currently three year groups (3, 4 & 5) are split between 2 classes/teachers as there are insufficient pupil numbers in these years.

There is existing class-room capacity to achieve this but clearly with a 30% plus increase in pupil numbers additional space would be desirable. The OCC model assumes 16 primary school children per 50 houses, so once all developments are fully occupied the school is likely to be at or over capacity but this is somewhat off. The school Governors and Academy are of course fully aware of the current developments and will seek to plan accordingly.



## KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR



*Jenny Bone & Sue Melling cooking up .....and a surprise visitor entertains the goodies for the Cafe..... children.*



We had a great time at our Christmas party on 19th December. We'd like to thank all our helpers, and special thanks go to Father Christmas for taking time from his busy schedule in order to give presents to all the children at the party.

The café is open every Thursday morning from 9am until noon, in the Methodist church on the corner of Faringdon Road and Hanney Road, opposite the

Crossroads Garage. We serve tea, coffee, hot chocolate, squash, cakes, biscuits, toast and scones, and you can now enjoy one of our delicious bacon rolls with ketchup or brown sauce. There are plenty of toys for our younger customers and lots of room for children to play while their parents have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. We also have newspapers and magazines and a selection of games. Everyone is welcome, from 0 – 100+. The KBS Café is the perfect place to meet old friends and make new ones. 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 yet met.”**

Jenny Bone (820368) Carole Watts (821710)



## SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB



We ended the year with a bring and share afternoon. The food was abundant and most members had a taste of sherry!! Under the watchful eye of Christine Wild we each made a pomander with oranges and cloves which filled the room with a wonderful Christmassy aroma! Thank you Christine. Sally Dance gave everyone a small Christmas cake made and iced by the Guides. Unfortunately the girls couldn't distribute the cakes themselves as they were involved in their school play.

By the times this KBS comes to press Serendipity will all have enjoyed a January lunch at the Waggon and Horses. New members always welcome.  
*Details from Pat 820775*

## John Blandy after School Gardening Club



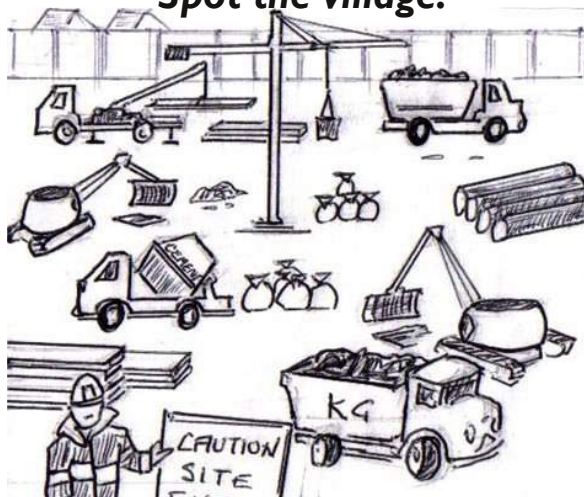
At the end of the Michaelmas term the new raised bed which had been funded by W.I. and earlier enthusiastically prepared by the children was ready to receive the dwarf bush apple and pear trees together with new Raspberry canes. On Monday 2nd December these were delivered to school and the task that afternoon was for the children to set about digging the necessary holes ready for planting. This task was supervised by Teacher Assistant Melanie, Parent Helen Bunce, Jean Warr from the W.I and myself. The new trees and shrubs were carefully positioned in each of the prepared holes, then staked before adding feed and watering. In addition the area set aside to attract

insects and birds is beginning to take shape, and some initial planting in both the vegetable and the herb and sensory beds has taken place. In September the children managed to plant dwarf daffodil bulbs to complement the crocuses in one of the existing flower beds.

The plans for the coming year are to provide a raised bed for 'natural English wild flowers', a cultivated flower bed for hopefully all season colour, herb and sensory garden. The largest raised garden bed will provide seasonal vegetables. Each raised bed will be planted and cared for by the children attending the after School Gardening Club, with supervision and knowledge provided by Southmoor and Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club member. If any parent or friend of John Blandy School would like to donate seeds or suitable plants for the School Gardening project please contact Melanie Ferguson, Helen Bunce or myself. (Picture: children at John Bland School preparing for planting fruit trees). *Ron Green. SK&B Gardening Club*

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

### Keith's Kartoon Komment Spot the village!



**KBS = Kingsize Building Site!**

### Computer Classes

**Our weekly classes re-start at the Swallow Room, Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall,**

**Monday 20th January 2014 ~ 7.30pm**

Possible topics could be:  
Family History; Photo editing; iTunes; iPlayer;  
Banking and online Shopping.

To book a place contact  
**KBSOnline via Jill: 820493**



## Ron's Green Finger Gardening Tips for February



It is always useful before preparing and planning your garden for the coming season to take a look back to see how the last 12 months have gone. It's so easy to forget what plants were successful and which plants were a failure? The disappointments are usually of most interest as there are more things to learn from what may have gone wrong. If the crop was poor, this might be because you planted too early when the soil was too cold. February is a good time for preparing the ground for spring planting, whenever the weather permits, most vegetable seeds won't germinate until the soil temperature reaches 7°C (45°F) So to increase the soil temperature cover the soil for planting with clear polythene, or sheets of glass, this helps to warm up the soil and protects it from getting too wet and soggy, although this may encourage weeds to grow these can be easily seen and then best removed prior to sowing any seeds.

This is a good time to test your soil condition, particularly if you have just taken over a new garden, you can do this yourself with a soil-testing kit. The kit will show whether the soil is deficient in nitrogen, phosphate, potash or lime; information then gained from the readings will tell you the correct fertilisers and if necessary how much to add to the soil.

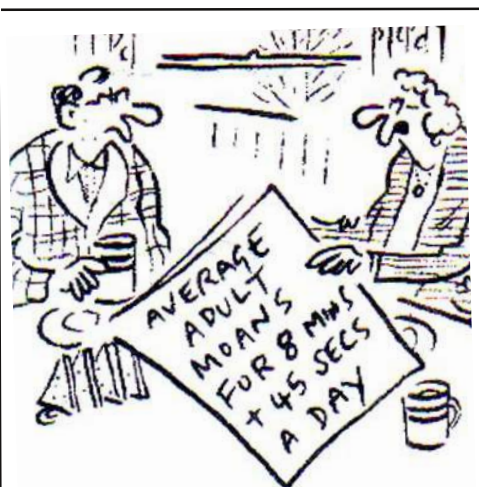
If you haven't already done so it's time to Spring-Clean the greenhouse! A quick and simple way to remove green algae from the glass is by using EcoSure Green-Off, it is the safe and environmentally friendly way of removing algae from greenhouses and all garden surfaces. It is a biological control containing natural enzymes and cultures which effectively remove algae - and the results last for months! It's easy to use, no need to scrub, just mix it, spray it on to the glass and leave! It couldn't be simpler. It also removes algae from decking, stone paths, patios, steps and driveways, even pots, wooden sheds and fences can also be treated.

You need to finish pruning apples and pears as soon as possible this month. On young fruit trees, remove any weak or crossing branches to develop a sturdy framework. Choose the best three or four shoots to form the main framework of branches. Remove the top shoot, if it is growing too vertically, in order to eventually obtain the best shape. Shorten the selected branches by approximately a third to an outward-facing bud and remove any low branches. Established trees should be pruned to an open bowl shape allowing light and air to reach all branches, remove any weak or crossing branches

Feed rhubarb and protect the crown with a large pot or similar add straw or rotted compost this will help encourage an early crop. Final tip; don't forget to feed the birds, and remember it is essential to provide a source of ice-free drinking water, should we experience a sudden cold spell this month, which can seriously affect their survival until Spring. *Ron Green.*

### Facts you may not know....

1. *Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.*
2. *For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel are needed at lift-off.*



*'You've only been up ten minutes and you're already over your quota'*

### The Way We Were



**The Hinds Head circa 1910**

*Our thanks to the History Society*

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



The January meeting of the KBS Parish Council was held on Monday 6th. January 2014, in the Village hall , together with District and County councillor, Melinda Tilley, and 18 members of the Public.

**Public participation:** Members of the public voiced a number of general concerns regarding developments in the village, the operations of Taylor Wimpey on the Draycott Rd. site, and the application for Reserved Matters, for the Witney Rd. site.

**Taylor Wimpey Operations:** Despite complaints to the Vale Planning Dept., who had issued an Enforcement Notice, building work has been undertaken before agreement on a Construction travel Plan, and confirmation from Thames water, that plans for the removal of foul and surface water from the site, are acceptable.

The residents of the Draycott estate require assurances that foul water disposal from the site will not exacerbate continuing problems with sewage disposal from their properties. The site lacks hard standing for delivery vehicles, leading to excessive mud on the Draycott Rd, despite assurances from the developer, the road was not being swept daily. The situation is now improving due to constant lobbying by a number of residents. CLR Tilley stated that she will contact the Vale Planning Dept.

**Land West of the Witney Rd. Reserved Matters.** Despite it being almost nine months since the issue of the outline planning permission, there is no further information to indicate that the Thames Water infrastructure will be able to cope with the development. Other issues include:- the concentration of affordable homes in one area of the site; the proposed 3-storey care home differing in scale from the majority of other village buildings, and the attenuation of traffic noise considered to be inadequate.

David Wilson Homes to be contacted to seek clarification of the nature of the "Care Home" for which car parking spaces, appear seriously inadequate to service a 45unit facility. A repeat of the earlier traffic survey does not appear to have been carried out, or ignored.

**Wider Village Issues.** The failure to improve facilities with the occupation of new housing is causing concern. Residents expressed worries at the standard education in the village, and the ability of John Blandy School to meet future demand. Concern was raised that our local GP surgeries may be unable to take on new residents to the village. Subsequent enquiries to the practices have indicated that future demand will be met. The Parish Council is to consider a "Welcome Pack" to new residents!

**Report from District and County Councillor.** Mrs. Tilley indicated she supported the proposal to extend the 30mph limit as far as Springhill Lane. A decision following the home-to-school consultation will be made on the 4th February. All Childrens' Centres and other early years provision will be reviewed before any decisions on possible closures are made.

**PLANNING.** A meeting between The Chair, Clerk, Tony and Nigel Carter (OWNERS), discussed the use and management of land to the south of the Pye Development. Ownership will be retained but they offered a long-term lease to the Parish Council and joint working to develop the area for recreation. The Parish Council is to develop proposals for the site, which could include a small area devoted to adult fitness equipment.

A meet between Mr Cattermole (Taylor Wimpey) and the Clerk, and Chair, had produced no definite information on issues of immediate concern. Mr Cattermole advised that he expected the transfer of land to the S.E. of the site to the parish Council to take place some time in 2014. (For Applications and Decisions , please refer to council minutes)

**ACCOUNTS:** Budget 2014/15 and Precept. Expenditure:- £27, 350 Income:- £4,025

On this basis, the Council voted for a precept of £23,325. Based on information from VWHDC, the increase from £ 23,000 in the current financial year should maintain the parish element of Council Tax at Current Levels. (For full details, please refer to Parish Council minutes.

**Broadband.** It was noted, that all areas of the Parish appear to be covered by BT's roll out, expected in 2015. BT will be asked to confirm a start date prior to a separate article in this issue of the KBS News. (See front page)

With this time scale, the partial coverage of the Village by Gigaclear is unlikely to advance the arrival of improved and faster Broadband.

**Community Governance Review.** The VWHDC has proposed that all land in Fyfield and Tubney Parish, south of the A415 be transferred to our Parish. This Councils' preference is for a SMALLER enlargement using the A415 and the minor road to Swanneybrook Farm as the boundaries. The Vales' Proposal is unclear, Fyfield and Tubney appear to favour our proposal!

**Village Amenities;** Recreation Grounds; General husbandry required plus clearance of leaf debris and replacement goal net.

**Burial Grounds.** Condition satisfactory.

**WAR MEMORIAL.** The Memorial working group has handed over the assets and responsibility for the War Memorial to the Parish Council in perpetuity: (See details of flying days on page 16) The Flagpoles will be left in position over 21-23 April and 10-11th. Nov. Dalton barracks will be invited to provide an Honour Guard for Remembrance Sunday.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 3rd February, in the Village Hall at 7pm. Representatives of Taylor Wimpey , and David Wilson Homes are expected to attend. *Brian Forster, Chair*





## LONGWORTH AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

The first meeting of 2014 was a talk by Ruth Weinberg, a researcher from Abingdon Museum, about George Winship. He was The Inspector of Nuisances in Abingdon from 1877, and a short time later Borough Surveyor. He oversaw the increase and improvement of the water supply to the town by increasing the size of the reservoir at Wootton, and using the artesian well under the Square, where the War Memorial is in Abingdon. He had many responsibilities including the cleaning of the streets, especially as animals were allowed to roam freely, licensing garages to keep petrol, placing post boxes for the Post Office, making plans and building a Fire Station, and found sites for the dumping of rubbish. He worked for 41 years. The original 'multitasker'!

The 2014 programme will be available at all the meetings in Southmoor Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 7.15 for a 7.30 start. Membership renewal, or joining for the first time can be done at the meetings. 20th February, local Archaeologist, David Ashby, who has been digging at Stanford in the Vale for many years will tell us about his findings. The AGM is on the 6th March, in The Swallow Room, Southmoor Village Hall at 7.30. All are welcome. Some of the Society's archive will be on display, and refreshments will be provided.

Last year when Peter Keene retired from producing The Longworth Rose the society hoped it could continue. We are able to announce that the first issue will be printed in time for the AGM. This has been mainly due to volunteers coming forward and helping; to them we say a very big Thank You. Send us your contributions, feedback and possible topics and we will try to include them. We now have a ghost writer in residence. If you are not a writer but have a story we would like to hear from you, and help write it for you.

*Kathy Fletcher 01865 820193*

## Credit where it's due

Continuing the series on highlighting our local businesses, I would like to thank Carolyn and Andy at our Post Office for their tireless efforts over the Christmas rush. From dawn to dusk there seems to have been endless queues of villagers out onto the pavement waiting to post greetings cards and parcels the size of the Eiffel Tower, asking advice, collecting pensions & prescriptions, even having passport photographs taken and taxing vehicles but not, it would seem, taxing the patience of the stalwart Carolyn and Andy. Our village is lucky not only to have a Post Office but to have it manned by this very pleasant couple. May it continue for many years yet.

*An appreciative customer.*

## Memorial Crescent handed over to Parish Council

The responsibility and management of the Memorial Crescent is being handed over to the Parish Council who will ensure the Memorial remains a credit to the men it commemorates, and to the village as a whole.



At the Council meeting in January it was agreed flags will be flown on the following days in 2014:-

21st April - the Queen's Birthday

23rd April - St George's Day

6th June - 'D' Day for four days

14th August - outbreak of World War I

Remembrance Day | 11th November

Remembrance Sunday

On each of the 'Flag Days', the flags to be flown 'sun-up to sun-down' (flags will not be left flying at night).



## Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

We will be holding our next meeting on Tuesday 4th February 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. This month's speaker will be Ann Bird with a talk about 'The World of Roses'. Ann is Vice President (Europe) of the World Federation of Rose Societies and has lectured on this topic for 30 years. So she will have lots of interesting information and useful tips for members. Annual membership £10 including FREE admission to our regular monthly meetings, plus a cup of tea or coffee with biscuit, or you can choose to attend as a visitor for £3.00 per meeting. We hold a raffle each meeting, plus a members' table where plants and gardening goodies are often available for sale with donations going to our adopted charity for 2014. For further information about the Gardening Club email us at [sbkgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:sbkgardeningclub@gmail.com) or call Sharon or Steve on 01865 820399. *Ron Green*

## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE DRAMA GROUP

### The O'Conner Girls by Katie Forgette



*Martha & Liz nearly come to blows with Aunt Margie*

For their November production, Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group chose *The O'Conner Girls* by Katie Forgette. This tale of woe takes place after the funeral of patriarch Tom O'Conner when his two daughters meet with their mother to sort Tom's belongings and papers.

So the scene is set. The play marks the directing debut of group stalwart Emily Eastham who has graced many a KBDG production over the years.

To proceed. The curtains open to a set designed by Emily and Mike Lacey. The set was unremarkable then it was supposed to be, being the living room of an elderly couple somewhere during Christmas 1997. Considering the saga involved trawling through the mountain of Tom's possessions I would

have liked to have seen a few more boxes scattered round the set, however, enter Tom's wife played by Sally Lacey and the story begins. I have to say the tale did drag a little in the first act. There was a distinct lack of movement when the protagonists simply sat and conversed, the odd short walk around the stage would have benefitted the health of the actors and the audience too for that matter.

Sarah's daughter Martha (Kate Belcher) and Liz (Andrea Spencer) verbally spar for several rounds on their differing life styles, Liz living in California and just divorced from her third husband and Martha unmarried and still living at home.

Kate Belcher and Andrea Spencer are both superb actresses. They didn't falter in their roles of the daughters unravelling not only their parents' chattels but also their marriage.

The play was occasionally brought to life with a bang when Aunt Margie, played brilliantly by Paula Eastman, burst upon the stage, broadcasting her opinions and announcing the news that the eligible Dr Stevens, (well played by Rob Bateman to the point I thought I would have a word with him about my back), had returned to town, nudge nudge, wink wink.

In the second act the play did pick up a pace. Andrea coped admirably with a huge part and the revelation that Liz, far from being the success she was perceived, was in fact broke and homeless.

Sarah announces she is going to sell the house and go travelling alone to the chagrin of all concerned. Then the doctor in the house comes to the rescue, falls for Martha and Sarah invites Liz to join her on her European tour. All's well that ends well to coin a theatrical phrase. Great acting in a play that was inspirational in parts if a little static too. Unfair as it is to pick out one player, Andrea Spencer gets my 'Man of the Match' award for her huge role and excellent portrayal of the hapless Liz and for helping make the prompt entirely redundant. *Phil Leseats*



*Guides Dancing on Ice at Millets Farm*

where some of us were very excited to see Peter Andre and Union J as part of the fashion theatre show. We also did some shopping and the leaders rewarded themselves with a visit to the chocolate fountain. At the end of term we joined Marcham Guides for ice skating at Millets Farm, as a Christmas treat. We meet on Wednesday evenings in the Swallow Room at the Village Hall, and have a leader, assistant leader, unit helper and two young leaders. For further details please email Sally on [dance424@btinternet.com](mailto:dance424@btinternet.com) or ring 01865 821924.

## 1st Southmoor Guides

During last term we completed the Confectioner Badge, made Christmas Cakes for our older village residents, and handed some over to the Serendipity and Kingsmoor Clubs. We had a visit by the Blue Cross charity, who talked to us about pet care and went on a Halloween trail around the village, and were jumped on by zombies (or dads as they prefer to be known).

We had a trip to the Clothes Show at the NEC,

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

During the pre Christmas period the village hall became the centre for many parties and festivities held by local clubs and village organisations, and once again the hall committee ensured that it was suitable decorated for the occasion.

Thanks to the support from regular users and the individual events for fund raising, socials and parties, the hall continued to remain the ideal venue in the village for many during the past year, and we look forward to your continued support in 2014. There are opportunities for others who are looking for a venue for regular meetings or one-off events The Village Hall offers three individual spaces suitable for hire from the large main hall with stage, detached modern kitchen, bar and cloakrooms. There is also the slightly smaller Swallow Room with kitchen, toilets and separate entrance. The smaller Elkins Room accessed from the main entrance is suitable for a small group or committee meetings. The other feature the main hall offers is a badminton court, with plenty of height and space for doubles to play, which can be hired for just £10.50 an hour. Complete with net and supports. (Less than the price of a pint of beer if shared between four). Also remember the hall hire charges will not be increased this year. For more details about hall, availability and costs please contact Dawn Cox Tel: 07771539901 email: southmoorvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk

**Art & Craft Exhibition:** Although taking place last September this is the first opportunity we have had to thank all those who took part to help make this a successful event. Thanks also to the many visitors for attending over



*Master artist at work! Doug Ovendon at the 2013 Art & Craft Exhibition.*

that weekend. There were 25 exhibitors, including 10 artists from Stanford in the Vale Art Group displaying a selection of paintings and craftwork in various medium, materials and styles. The proceeds raised from the event was divided between the Village Hall and the Stanford in the Vale Art Group. The Village Hall Management are keen to recruit new members to their committee to help plan and administer the running of the Village Hall on behalf of the local community. Any person interested in joining would work with the present members and bring fresh ideas to benefit the future of this growing village. Contact Jane Carter Secretary on (01865) 820354 or email: jane.alston.carter@hotmail.co.uk or come along to the next management meeting. *Ron Green*

## Rooms with a view



All aboard the S.S. Rose Revived as she prepares to sail down the Thames along with her sister ship The Maybush. *Our thanks to John Smith for this timely photograph of the recent floods.*

### **PART TIME KITCHEN PORTER NEEDED for the White Hart at Fyfield**

We are looking for someone local to wash up and assist with kitchen prep once a week and in holidays. Some experience would be useful but most importantly, you must be organized and efficient, speedy at washing dishes, cleaning and willing to assist the chefs with food prep. You do not need to speak fluent English, but must be able to understand and converse.

Own transport required.

Please call us on **01865 390585** or email us at:

**info@whitehart-fyfield.com**





## KB & S BOWLS CLUB

The new Bowling season approaches and membership renewals will soon be landing on members doorsteps. We are, as are all village clubs, always looking to increase our membership and replace those that leave the area or are hanging up their woods. Unlike other clubs in the area, some of whom are struggling for members and even folding, we are currently maintaining ours with our social section increasing but we still need new blood in the form of beginners or those with bowling experience to help fulfil our very full fixture list. We play in various leagues including the Ladies Ridgeway, Mens Kennet L, Men's Kennet LX and the Ashley Baker mixed League, which we won in 2013. The Ladies also have their own friendly matches and mixed friendlies are also played. For those requiring a higher standard there are the County Competitions in which some of us participate and we run an autumn triples competition for members from September till December on Sunday mornings. Well done to the 2013 winners of Jeff Heavens, Bobbie Fuller, Cy Chapman, John Woods and Marilyn Kennedy who all received their Trophies at our mulled wine get together in December. All year round we have roll ups every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and Club nights each Friday where Members can enjoy the bar and club facilities. In April we are off to Belamadema in Spain for a seven day tour and in September to Bournemouth for a four day bowling trip. On Friday 14th February we have a Medieval Supper at the Club house, again a sell out, and on Saturday 16th we visit Oxford and District for a friendly match on their indoor carpet and on the 22nd we go to Carterton again indoors. Our next Quiz is on the 28th February. Please visit our Web Site, which is in the process of being updated, at > [www.kb&sb.co.uk](http://www.kb&sb.co.uk) < for contacts and more information. Our Competitions Secretary has arranged a 'Winter Madness Bowling Challenge' to run through January, February and March on Sunday Mornings and around 30 bowlers have signed up, could prove interesting and fun. In January our social committee organised an Italian Supper at the Club House with the usual high class catering by Chris and Jaq, coffee made by Charles to his usual high standard with quite a few members dressing in Italian style, great night, Medieval night in February, look forward to that one.

*Mick Fuller (Club Captain) 01865 820818*

## KINGSTON BAGUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.



*Ron Green, June Warr & John Blandy pupils  
in the WI Fruit Bed*

**Our Christmas meeting was a festive affair with decorations and refreshments provided, to a well attended evening, by the Committee. The speaker and subject was very apt- "Wine Tasting" by Thomas Richards from E&J Gallo which went down very well, literally! Several bottles of wine were generously donated for our auction in January which took place on the 14th and added to WI funds.**

**Jean Warr our President also reported on the John Blandy School Gardening Club with the planting of 5 fruit trees and Raspberry canes by pupils George Bunce, Adam Forster, Christopher Gulliford, Toby Mahan and Niall Summers in the WI Fruit Bed.**

**Our meeting in February is entitled "The History of**

**the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists-My Work and Methods" by Keith Jansz. This is an open meeting so all are welcome to come along.**

**Finally all our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in Southmoor Village Hall at 7-30pm. Our own website ([www.bagpuizewi.co.uk](http://www.bagpuizewi.co.uk)) gives details of all our future meetings and the WI own Denman College in Marcham as well as links to the NFWI website. You can also follow what we get up to on Facebook. *Karen King 820046***

*(Unfortunately Karen couldn't attend our meeting due to sickness, but just to say that our auction was VERY successful and has topped up WI funds, which will enable us to book some interesting/entertaining speakers in the future ,and organise some extra social activities. Our thanks to Myra who did her usual entertaining "turn" as our auctioneer. Pat)*

## The 'Oxfordshire' Blitz - Follow up.



While visiting relatives in Southmoor I read the article by Latham Clarks headed The 'Oxfordshire' Blitz (KBS News-Dec/Jan). I wish to make the following comments.

The boundary between Oxfordshire and Berkshire was the River Thames. The obvious targets in Oxfordshire & north Berkshire were the numerous airfields nearly all of which were attacked at sometime during the War. August 1940 saw the most attacks on the airfields.

RAF Brize Norton was attacked on 16th August 1940 and one civilian was killed.

RAF Stanton Harcourt: - Late in the afternoon of 16th August 1940, when civilian workmen were busy on one of the airfield's hard runways, three enemy bombers suddenly swooped, strafing and bombing. Five of the Wimpey workforce were killed and later another four died of their wounds. No local men were casualties. Oxfordshire Family History Society recently completed a Monumental Inscription survey of Stanton Harcourt Church and Churchyard and this shows that four of the casualties (two killed, two died of wounds) were buried in the churchyard on 19th August 1940 - two were Roman Catholic. Only one of the men has a headstone on his grave.

RAF Harwell was attacked on 26th August 1940 with ten civilians reported as casualties - six of who died (four being local men).

GWR goods yard, Banbury, was attacked on 3rd October 1940 and six men were killed or died from wounds. It is believed no attack in Oxfordshire involved more than three aircraft with a majority of attacks being by a single aircraft.

The VI weapon could not be targeted to attack the aerodrome at Drayton St. Leonard (RAF Mount Farm). Only a few VIs strayed into Oxfordshire/north Berkshire.

Oxfordshire seems to have recorded details of all bombings during the War and produced a map showing the locations. It is believed Berkshire recorded similar details but did not produce a map. I have seen the Berkshire details but a recent letter in the Oxford Mail state that bombs were dropped in Abingdon.

CWGC Civilian Casualty list states three young children died at Hatford on 19th September 1940 but no cause given. It is understood from other sources that five HE bombs were dropped with a direct hit on one cottage with two others badly damaged. Casualties were three children killed, two men and two women seriously injured with four or five others slightly injured. Some of the casualties were evacuees.

Any KBS News reader who has information on any bombing incident in north Berkshire (vale of White Horse), I would be pleased to hear from them. *John L. Blakeman. Tel: 01865 880792*



### ED VAIZEY MP Parish Notes



Ed Vaizey MP, accompanied by representatives of South Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council, met the Transport Minister, Baroness Kramer to press the case for improvements to Didcot Parkway Station.

While the forecourt area at Didcot Parkway is being improved at the moment, there is still the need to expand the parking space available and increase the capacity of the station and local railway lines.

Ed Vaizey said: "Didcot Parkway is the key rail hub in the Constituency and plays a vital role in supporting the very important science parks in the area at Harwell, Culham and Milton Park. It is essential that as these sites expand and more housing is provided in the local area, there is the capacity at Didcot Parkway to provide the transport links that local residents and businesses need. I urged the Minister and her officials to ensure that every priority is given to the plans being put forward by our local Councils."

While he was meeting the Minister, Ed also took the opportunity to ask that a railway station is re-opened at Grove to serve the area around Grove and Wantage. He said: "In the longer term, there is no doubt that a railway station in the Grove and Wantage area would be of enormous economic benefit. I very much hope that this can be part of plans for the further development of our local transport infrastructure." As ever please feel free to contact Ed at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk. Surgery details can be found at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com).



## MORE SUCCESS FOR KINGSTON COLTS FC



*The lads and lassies of the U9s team with their Oxford Times trophy.*



Kingston Colts U9s made it to the final of the Oxford Mail winter cup meeting, which was held at our Sportsfield, on 11th Jan 14. They came across some tough opposition along the way, including Kidlington Youth FC in the semi finals. This team hadn't lost an official match in four years but with Kingston's quick slick passing they met their match and Kingston marched on to the final full of confidence. Oxford City FC awaited them in the final and the two teams were evenly matched with both teams going forward looking for the first goal. Eventually Kingston Colts scored a magnificent goal towards the

end of the first half. Oxford City tried to fight back in the second half but Kingston dug in showing true grit and determination to go on to lift the cup. It was presented to them by the Oxford Mail's fixtures secretary at Kingston Bagpuize football ground where the final was held. Another fine example of our village teams beating much larger and better resourced teams. Our other teams are also doing very well in their respective leagues: U14s – Beat Kingham All Blacks 7-1 in their last game and are currently a respectable 8th in the A league. Also, in the last 8 of the Knock-out Cup.

U13s – Currently 3rd in the A League at the half way stage, which is a fantastic achievement. These guys are also in the last 8 of the Knock-out Cup.

U12s – Currently 9th in the 9v9 Blue league but have played a lot less games than their rivals. Low on numbers – MORE PLAYERS NEEDED.

U10s – 5th in the Blue league and having a good season, winning 6 and drawing 2 of their 11 games.

The U8s, managed by Manda Thompson and coached by John Willoughby, are playing 7v7 this season and we are hoping to get them a half time game during the Swindon Town v Rotherham league 2 match in May .

The U7s are playing 5v5 this season under Manager Manda Thompson and Coach Norm Bradbury.

The U6s & Mini Kickers are just starting out with football and will just do training to start with under Manager Dan Burgess, but the U6s may progress to friendly games as they progress.

The Club continues to grow and we now have well over 100 local youngsters regularly participating in football, which must be good for a small community like ours. However, we do need more players, especially in our U13 & U12 teams. If you know of anyone that would like to play for Kingston Colts then please contact us. For more on Club fixtures, results and tables please go to [www.wdyfl.org](http://www.wdyfl.org). Andy Gardner

## Is it a Cathedral? Corporate Headquarters? No, it's a Care Home!

*David Warr has kindly produced a computerised model of the proposed 45 unit care home off the Witney Road using the David Wilson Homes plans released over Christmas. It amounts to a 3 storey building with a balcony looking into gardens on the Faringdon Road. The Parish Council say it is almost 2.5m higher than any other building in KB&S and will dominate the skyline and entrance to the village. It also casts a huge shadow over adjoining properties. A representative from David Wilson Homes (and Taylor Wimpey) will be at the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 3rd February 7.00pm in the Village Hall should you wish to hear what they have to say.*





## SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL

December was a very exciting month for our preschool children, starting with their heart warming nativity performance of Upsey Daisy Angel. There was also a wonderful visit from Father Christmas bearing gifts, as well as, fun and games at the end of year party. The parents got to join in too as they were treated to drinks and mince pies. So a big thanks to all the preschool staff and committee members in making 2013 another successful year. Last month was all about looking after wildlife particularly how to care for birds in the cold weather. The children have been making bird feed and reading about different types of small birds. They have also been learning about the importance of healthy eating. Starting with a practical cooking session where they made their own lunch adding different vegetables to take home and enjoy.

This month we will be celebrating the Chinese New Year and exploring some of the traditions and tasting the culinary delights associated with the festival. Toy Appeal: If you are having a general clear out this month then please bear us in mind. We are still looking for some toys if you are happy to donate. These include: toy cars (wooden or matchbox style), toy prams/buggies ideally unisex and dressing up outfits 3-6 years old. We will also be having another 'bags 2 schools' collection in March, so we would be grateful if you could donate any clothes, soft, toys, curtains or bedding in clean and good condition. We are putting the finishing touches to our new website which is partially up and running @ [www.southmoorpre-school.co.uk](http://www.southmoorpre-school.co.uk). When completed it will have a whole host of useful information for both existing and prospective parents, including how the Preschool is run, learning opportunities for the children, admissions process and even lunch box suggestions.

Don't forget if you are interested in a pre-school place we are currently taking children aged from 2 years and 4 months. Some pre-school sessions are already fully booked and looking increasingly busy from September 2014. 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](mailto:southmoorpre-school@live.co.uk) Tel: 01865 821505. *Marie Siviter*



## Chef Speak

*Our new regular contributor is Fallowfields' Head Chef & Farm Manager Matt Weedon. Matt launches his column with one of his favourite recipes:*

*One of my favourite cuts of pork is the belly and if treated carefully can yield some tender full flavoured meat and some great crackling.*

*It can be served in different ways but in this recipe we simply roast on a bed of sliced onions until the crackling is crisp then introduce some stock, lower the temperature and gently cook the belly until tender. To save on the washing up keep the flavours in the one tray, adding apples and vegetables to cook in the stock with the belly and meat juices which will all contribute to the flavour of the stock and after reduction, leave us with a gravy with deep flavour. The dish: roasted belly of middle white pork, braised red cabbage, crushed potatoes and turnips with grain mustard, dill and olive oil, orchard apples and pork gravy. For the pork belly: Rub a little salt and olive oil into the skin of the belly. Thickly slice four large onions and lay them in the baking tray. Lay the belly on the onions and put into a preheated oven at 190c for 45 minutes; take 400ml of beef stock and pour into the baking tray add four chopped turnips to the tray; lower the temperature of the oven to 160c and continue cooking for another 30mins. Finally add the apples to the tray and cook for a further ten minutes to soften slightly, take out the cooked turnips and set aside. Leave the pork to rest somewhere warm.*

*For the potatoes: Wash, peel and chop the potatoes and cook in salted water, simmering until tender, drain well and with a potato masher crush them well adding the cooked turnips from the pork tray, a little olive oil, a knob of butter and some chopped dill and some grain mustard. Season with good quality sea salt and freshly ground white pepper. Set aside in a warm place. For the cabbage: Finely slice the cabbage and in a large based saucepan sweat in a little butter and add some seasoning, two grated apples, a handful of brown sugar, a splash of balsamic vinegar, a handful of raisins, a handful of bacon lardons and around a pint of apple juice. Allow this mixture to cook slowly for an hour and the liquid should reduce to a sticky consistency, finally adding two heaped tablespoons of redcurrant jelly to finish; keep warm. To serve: Take the crackling from the belly and break into portion sized pieces, strain the stock from the tray and over a high heat in a pan reduce to sauce consistency. Slice the belly into portions, check the seasoning on the potatoes and cabbage and serve. Any good pinot noir will be delicious to drink with this pork dish. There are some fabulous New Zealand and Chilean ones, at not a lot of money, around. I would welcome any questions on foodie matters which I can publish in future articles. Please don't hesitate to give me a ring on 07931 857053. Matt Weedon*