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Final score: Vale Planners 1, Democracy 0.



Councillor Brian Forster, second from right, with Kingston Bagpuize residents Karen White, left, Margo Evans and Roy Wolfe, (Photo courtesy of Damian Halliwell.)

You will see in the Parish Council News (page 16) that Outline Planning Permission was granted to MacTaggart & Mickel to build up to 280 houses on the land between the Old Oxford Road (opposite the Millennium Green / Bowls Club) across to the A415. The Vale Planning Officials recommended approval. At the meeting the Parish Council, Objectors and the Developer are each allowed 3 minutes to explain their views on the proposals.

The Parish Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council questioned a number of matters including the dangerous access on to the A420, excessive density of the houses, inadequate parking facilities, lack of funds for village amenities, including a sizeable contribution towards Scout and youth facilities and the lack of a doctors surgery. The planning officials had stated that there was "no justification" for these

last two items. In addition the Clerk questioned why, within the Section 106 (S106) proposals there was £285,000 for leisure facilities in Wantage when there were no bus services from the village to enable residents to get there. The Clerk also questioned why the S106 proposals included £1,179,029 for expansion of Matthew Arnold School when there are no FREE transport facilities to that school for new students from the village. The Clerk also raised the matter of a signalised crossing of the A415 which had been included in the David Wilson development but had not been built. At a later stage one of the officials stated that although the money to provide this was included, the Highways authority had the final decision and if they, the Highways Authority, decided against a signalised crossing the VOWHDC could do nothing more. It could not be guaranteed.

Although we knew in our hearts that we were probably wasting our breath a few of us objectors attended the meeting and I spoke to the committee. I said that in my view there were many objectors in the village but most had not formally done so as they believed the District Council took no notice and simply agreed to whatever developers applied to build.

I pointed out that within the recommendation there was no thought for local village infrastructure. I highlighted that the development is likely to bring a further 72 children to the John Blandy School (the planners figures) and although it was recommended that a sum of £997,874 was required from the developer to expand the school, there was no consideration about the likely impact this would have on traffic to and from school at start and finish times.

I highlighted the traffic problems surrounding the One Stop Shop and the dangers that arise from parking on the Faringdon Road and the entrance and exit to and from Cherrytree Close.

Roy Wolfe's take on the death of local Democracy continues on page 6

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Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

It always amuses me how morning, noon and night golf club car parks are nearly always full, yet inside there is often seldom sign of life. Where is everyone I wonder?

And so it was recently when I visited the White Horse Medical Centre in Faringdon. Finding the car park very busy therefore not easy to park the carriage, I imagined the surgery waiting room to be crammed. Not so. I enquired of the Pharmacist the reason for this phenomenon, mentioning the similarity to my observation on golf club parking. 'Where is everybody?' I innocently asked. 'Well', she confided, there are numerous people behind the scenes, nurses, physiotherapists etc., but another reason spaces are few is people park here because it's free and then catch the bus to Oxford or Swindon, which is also free if you're an old age perisher.

So let me get this right. People who probably get a free bus ride can't or won't pay a few pence to park or walk a few paces to catch a bus, park in the Medical Centre car park often causing parking difficulties for genuine patients. My mouth must of fallen open at this revelation. I have often thought at my age I have heard everything but the selfishness of some folk continues to amaze me. This problem I have since learnt was the reason a gate has had to be erected at the doctor's surgery in Abingdon causing unnecessary expense to the Practice. This sorry tale put me in mind of a saying I heard recently, 'It's not that I enjoy being alone but I don't like the company of stupid people.' Amen to that.



VILLAGE DIARY

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

February	Day	Time	What & Where (SVH = Southmoor Village Hall)	Page
Monday	1st	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Southmoor Village Hall	16
Tuesday	2nd	9.30am - 12.30pm	Go Active Gold Village Launch - Southmoor Village Hall	24
Tuesday	2nd	7.15pm for 7.30pm	KB&S Gardening Club - Jenny Steel 'Making Wild Life Gardens' - SVH	15
Tuesday	2nd	Mobile Library ** SVH 1.35pm - 2.00pm, Bellamy Close 2.05pm - 2.20pm **		
Wednesday	3rd	**** Food Collection & Grey Bin Collection ****		
Tuesday	9th	7.30pm	KB & S Women's Institute - 'Fortitude & Fancy' - Southmoor Village Hall	23
Wednesday	10th	**** Food Collection & Green Bin Collection & Brown Bin Collection ****		
Friday	12th	5.30pm - 8.30pm	Rutherton Appleton Laboratory Stargazing Event	17
Friday	12th		KBS Bowls Club - Chinese Evening, Club House, Oxford Road	24
Monday	15th	4:00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for KBS News March 2016 Edition	2
Tuesday	16th	Mobile Library ** SVH 1.35pm - 2.00pm, Bellamy Close 2.05pm - 2.20pm **		
Wednesday	17th	**** Food Collection & Grey Bin Collection ****		
Thursday	18th	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Longworth and District History, Elizabeth Hazeldine - 'Murderess Mary Blandy: Innocent dupe or cold-blooded poisoner' SVH	15
Tuesday	23rd	7.00pm - 9.00pm	New Age Curling - Southmoor Village Hall	18
Tuesday	23rd	7.30pm	Longworth and District History AGM - Southmoor Village Hall	15
Wednesday	24th	**** Food Collection & Green Bin Collection & Brown Bin Collection ****		
Wednesday	24th	8.15pm	KB & S Tennis Club AGM Southmoor Village Hall	15
Friday	26th		KBS Bowls Club Quiz Night, Club House, Oxford Road	24
Saturday	27th	2.30pm	Fyfield & Tubney Churches Jumble Sale - Southmoor Village Hall	6
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Saturday	5th	10.00am - 4.00pm	Meet the Clubs at the Village Hall to find out what's on	6
Saturday	12th	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Blandy Boffins Annual Quiz - John Blandy School Hall	27
Sunday	20th	2.00pm - 3.30pm	KBS WI Themed Scarecrow Event - Around the Village and SVH	28
Tuesday	22nd	7.00pm - 9.00pm	New Age Curling - Southmoor Village Hall	18

Regular Events each Month

What	Where	Day	Time
Apple Quilters	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd & 4th Monday	9.30am - 12am
Anchor Church Youth Group (14-18 yrs)	1 Oxford Road	1st & 3rd Sundays	Term 6.00pm - 7.45pm
Bereavement Support Group	St John the Baptist Church Rm	2nd & 4th Fridays	Time 10.00am - 12.00noon
Friends Church Youth Group (10-14 yrs)	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Sundays	Only 6.00pm - 7.30pm
French for Fun	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Wednesday	9.30am - 11.00am
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth Village Hall	Monday	Term Time Only 7.30pm - 9.00pm
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth Village Hall	Tuesday	Term Time Only 11.00am - 12.30pm
KB Drama Group	St John the Baptist Church Hall	Tuesday (except below)	7.30pm
KB Drama Group	Southmoor Village Hall	3rd Tuesday each month	7.30pm
KB & S Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.30pm
KBS Brownies	Southmoor Village Hall	Thursday	6.30pm - 8.00pm
KB & S Cafe	Southmoor Village Hall	Thursday	9.00am - 12 noon
KB & S Gardening Club	Southmoor Village Hall	1st Tuesday every month	7.15pm for 7.30pm
KB & S Health Walk	Leaves Southmoor VH 10.45am	Tuesday	10.30am - 11.30am
KB & S 14+ Drop In Centre	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday	Term Time Only 7.30pm - 9.30pm
KB & S Women's Institute	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd Tuesday	7.30pm
Kingsmoor Community Club	Hinton Waldrist Village Hall	Tues, Wed, Fri	10.00am - 3.00pm
1st Longworth Beavers	The Scout Hut	Thursday	Contact 6.00pm - 7.15pm
1st Longworth Cubs	Hut	Tuesday	Term 7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Longworth Explorers	Faringdon Road	Wednesday	Mike Furse 01865 820162 Time Only 7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Scouts	Road	Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Southmoor Guides	Southmoor Village Hall	Wednesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Nordic Walking Classes	Call Lisa 07885 635367 for details	See Advertisers Corner (page 20) for days / times	
Powerpack	Southmoor VH Swallow Room	Wednesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm
Primary Age Children's Club	John Blandy School Main Hall	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm
Qigong Exercise Class	Southmoor VH Swallow Room	Tuesday	10.30am - 11.30am
Serendipity Over 55s Club Meeting	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	2nd Wednesday	2pm - 4pm
Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday	Term Time Only 10.00am - 11.30am
Southmoor Exercise & Dance	Southmoor Village Hall	Wednesday Evenings	7.45 Exercise 8.45 Dance
Southmoor Rainbows	The Scout Hut, Faringdon Road	Monday	Term Time Only 5.45pm - 6.45pm
Zumba	Southmoor Village Hall	Monday	8.15pm

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Sunday 7th Feb	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Speaker: Mr Gary Long
Wednesday 10th Feb	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Cluster Service	Speaker: TBC
Sunday 14th Feb	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	All-Age Service	Speaker: Mr Gary Long
Sunday 21st Feb	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Questions of Life Service	Speaker: Dr Graham Scott-Brown
Sunday 28th 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

WEDNESDAY 10th – CLUSTER ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Join us at 7.30pm on this solemn day to begin Lent well together. We meet with Christians from eight local villages to share a simple communion and consider the challenge of Lent.

SUNDAY 14th – VALENTINE’S DAY ALL-AGE SERVICE: At our 10.30 all-age service on the 14th we’ll be celebrating Valentine’s Day with a difference – a fun-filled and joyful event for all the family.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SATURDAY 5th MARCH: THE WARMEST WELCOME: On Saturday March 5th, we are teaming up with all the other village organizations to run a welcome event for newcomers at the Village Hall, with refreshments available. You don’t have to be brand new to the village, if you’d just like to know more about what all the different village organizations have to offer, meet people, and make friends, then come along.

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VILLAGE VOICES



Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair

The above fair held on Sunday 29th November proved to be a reasonable success, with some 12 stall holders exhibiting their wares which ranged from wood crafts to woollen goods to a number of talented artists and a whole range of other items which were thought to be of interest to would be Christmas shoppers.

Despite the awful weather conditions we had some 80+ visitors through the door and the combined door, stall and refreshment income together with the 20% of stallholder takings resulted in an overall profit of £153. After consulting with the stall holders who took part it was decided that this profit be donated to the following local charitable causes, i.e. the Village Hall Dishwasher Appeal, Serendipity Club, Kingsmoor Community Club, John Blandy school garden Club, Riding for the Disabled and the Youth Club, thus hopefully helping both young and old just a little. *Don Viney, Event Organiser.*

FALLOWFIELDS

Sad to hear of the closure of Fallowfields hotel. Anthony and Peta Lloyd have run the hotel for 21 years and grown the business into a renowned centre for fine food and as a wedding venue. We understand the closure is due to Mr Lloyd's health and the 11 staff have been found employment in other businesses. The KBS News team send Anthony and Peta every good wish for the future.



KINGSTON BAGPIZZE DRAMA GROUP

A big thank you to everybody who supported November's production of 'The Emperor's New Clothes'. We had great feedback as the show was very well received. Thoughts now turn to April when we plan to put on another Murder Mystery Evening. More info to follow but the date for diaries is Saturday 23rd April. Sarah Curran

KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR



A Happy New Year to all our readers. We're up and running again after our Christmas break. Calling all new villagers, especially parents of young children. Don't just sit at home bored and wondering how to make new friends. Come to the café where a warm welcome awaits you. We have plenty of toys for the children to play with while you relax with a cup of tea or coffee.

At our party in December Father Christmas came to give presents to the children. Thank you, Father Christmas!

We are open in Southmoor Village Hall on Thursday mornings from 9am – 12 noon. 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 a few dairy- and gluten-free options

For our more mature villagers the Kingston Codgers meet at the café on the last Thursday of the month. We always welcome new volunteers to come on our rota of helpers. It only means helping for one morning about every two months. If anyone is interested, please contact Jenny Bone on 01865 820368. We look forward to meeting you. If anyone needs a lift, please contact one of us on the numbers below.

"We are friends you haven't met yet"

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Anyone for Scrabble?

Would anyone interested in playing Scrabble in one another's houses please drop a note in to Brian Bartlett, at 'Somerset', Faringdon Road. If there is enough support I will arrange a meeting to discuss convenient times and possible venues. *Brian Bartlett*

Scam watch: Driving licence renewals

If you're over 70, watch out for copycat websites when renewing your driving licence. A website that often pops up when searching online looks just like the official DVLA website, but it charges you 90p to renew your licence. If you pay, you will also be enrolled into a recurring fortnightly charge of £38 for services.

You should always go directly to the 'gov.uk' website for government services, such as passport or driving licence renewals. If you fall for a copycat site, you should be able to get your money back using Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act or a chargeback claim.

Parish Council resignation

Mrs. Audrey Goodgame has resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect and the Council will continue with 8 members.

Fyfield and Tubney Churches

Jumble Sale

Saturday 27th February 2016

2.30 pm

Southmoor Village Hall

Free Entry Tea and Cakes

Contact: Rosemary Kitto on 01865 390 466 or at
rosemarykitto@gmail.com

What's going on in Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor?

On Saturday March 5th 2016 we are holding an event with many of the village clubs and organisations so that they can tell you what is on offer here in Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor. This will be in the Village Hall from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be refreshments available during the event.

So if you are new to the village or just haven't had time to find out what is on offer here, this is an opportunity to come and find out.

More than twenty clubs and organisations will be on hand to tell you what they do and how to get involved. From quilting to Zumba you should find something to interest you.

We hope there will be some displays and there will be activities to entertain the children and toddlers. Keep your eyes open for more details here next month and watch out for posters with more information that will be going up in the village. *St John the Baptist Church.*

Final score:

Vale Planners I, Democracy 0

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Finally, as my 3 minutes ran out, I stressed the dangers that new and existing residents will experience at the access and exit to the new development which will be, according to the planners, 90 metres from the A420 roundabout. There will also be access for approximately 14 houses, from the development, via the Old Oxford Road by the War Memorial Green.

Another dangerous crossing.

Our Local District Councillor, Eric Batts, also spoke against the development. He also raised many of the matters brought up previously and reminded the Committee that Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor had already received more than its fair share of developments.

When it came to the vote every councillor except Eric Batts, who voted against, voted to grant permission. Their reason being that the village is "defined as a large village" in the Vale plan and has "a range of services and facilities, including a shop, community facilities, a primary school, some limited employment opportunities and access to a regular public transport service serving larger towns". So we had all wasted our breath and our time. Local Democracy ?????

Roy Wolfe

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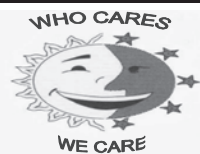
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FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT? No: 33 The Red Lion, Northmoor

On a dark damp winter's night the Red Lion stood out like a beacon, situated as it is down an ill lit country lane. Trying to book 48 hours earlier we couldn't get a table for four showing how popular this eatery has become.

Now owned by the community, the Red Lion is run by Lisa, front of house, and Ian in the kitchen. The pub is decorated in the popular modern style of loads of lightwood and pastel colours. There was an immediate welcome as we entered the bar

and where we were quickly served with aperitifs. We opted to go straight to our table and be all ready for the off, despite us arriving early.

So far so good. Scanning the 'Specials' menu in the bar, and the printed menu delivered to our table it's obvious the Red Lion is a step away from the usual pub fare. Starters include Grilled partridge breast and leg, with pear puree and grilled chicory and sherry vinaigrette or how about Venison Carpaccio with hazelnuts, Jerusalem artichokes and Brussel sprout leaves amongst others.

Nearly tempted by the partridge I decided on the Soup of the Day, Parsnip. This was delicious beyond my expectations, creamy and bursting with flavour. I could have gone for a bucket of this and left everything else, but that didn't seem right. So for the main course I chose Pheasant breast, leg meat sausage roll with fondant potato and braised red cabbage. Again a wonderful combination of taste and texture.

The service at the Red Lion was as good as the food. We were looked after by a young man sporting a 'Val Doonican' Christmas jumper probably knitted by his Granny, but good service he gave despite the sartorial statement.

Now just two of the four of us had desserts. The other two had had the starters (see how it works?). This is because I am trying to keep my racing snake figure over Christmas. The choice again was salivating, from Caramelised bread and butter pudding to Clementine pannacotta with poached clementine segments and cranberry biscotti, pure pudding poetry.

So what was the fee for the fine festive feast? Just £109 for four mains, two starters and two puds with a bottle of Rioja and starter drinks. Terrific value. So for Red Lion read great food, pleasant staff and good service. The only downside was the drafty window I sat by. Nothing though that couldn't be fixed by the visit of a good double glazing salesman. Red Lion verdict? Highly recommended. *Eton Lovett.*

KBS14+ is 6 years old!

KBS14+ is a youth group for teenagers in school years 8 and above, up to the age of 18. We open every Friday during term time, 7.30-9.30 pm. Entry is just £1.50

We meet at the village hall in Southmoor and always have a minimum of 3 DBS checked adults on duty. We run trips, themed nights and activities. We also have a wii with a wide screen TV, music, table tennis table, 2 pool tables, table football and a tuck shop. We are currently holding a competition to re-name us, as we have reduced the age bracket. We are run by a very capable committee and the rota'd volunteers

Have you got what it takes to be our main contact for this group? We urgently need someone to hold things together, with the help and support of the committee – not run the show, or even attend each week, but to be the main contact. We cannot run without the help of people in this community.

We are also looking for other adults to join our committee which meets 3 times a year. Or maybe you would like to join the rota of adults who offer 2-3 evenings per term. If you would like to know more, please contact Delyth on 01865 821167 / delythhg@gmail.com *Delyth Hallion-Gammon*

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JOHN BLANDY AFTER SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB.



During the last day of the after School Gardening Club, the children were each busy making a Christmas wreath. This was based on a straw ring and decorated with holly and a variety of winter greenery from the garden, with a touch of tinsel to make them sparkle. These were then taken home to become a feature over Christmas. The after School Gardening Club will now have a break and return after half term later in February.
Ron Green.

New Tuesday Morning Qigong Class at the Village Hall

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Classes are for one hour and start at 10-30am in the Swallow Room at the Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall. It's best to wear loose clothing and flat shoes. Classes are £6 on the day with no need to book.

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Children's Clubs

We have a new children and families worker at St John the Baptist Church and he's lighting up and brightening up the children's work! We are lucky to have Gary and we are keen to share him with the rest of the village - especially the children. He's a big kid himself really: bags of energy and loads of fun! He has had all the relevant safeguarding checks and is an experienced children's worker.

Gary started a new children's club back in October which takes place on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school (Wednesday 4-5pm in the Swallow Room in the Village Hall and Thursday in the main hall at John Blandy School 4-5pm). It's called POWERPACK - which seems appropriate for a club which has caused such a buzz...

Members seem to have increased every week and the primary aged children (for whom it is intended) keep coming back for more! There are 30 minutes of energetic games followed by a fun team quiz after a quick break for drinks and biscuits. Gary says: "The children have great enthusiasm for the activities and we usually run out of time and are rushing to get the last few quiz questions in!" Gary always has an adult helper and frequently has 'big kids' in from secondary school who kindly give up their time to volunteer. All primary aged children are welcome. If you think your child might enjoy it please call Gary on 07799968408. More on our other children's clubs in coming months...

Jenny Weaving on behalf of St John the Baptist Church.

EATING IN THE 1950's



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KINGSMOOR COMMUNITY CLUB

Kingsmoor, your local Age Uk Community club is bursting at the seams with new members. Word of mouth seems to be our best referral method. People come from villages all around including Southmoor, Longworth, Hinton, Marcham, Appleton, Charney, Fyfield and further afield if they have transport .

We had a wonderful lead up to Christmas with many acts of generosity and Christian kindness. Our Christmas raffle table was over laden with prizes and we raised £100 for our funds. Longworth Charities gave a generous donation as did Kingston Charities .

Individuals have to be thanked, Ray and Gloria from Longworth raised £140 in The Hinds Head with a competition on ‘guess how many seeds in a pumpkin‘ and they also sold the pumpkins too.

The Hinds Head publicans Steve and Lynne treated Kingsmoor Club to another Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings by raising money with a firework display. They have kindly done this for many years, its a real treat for our club and a very special act of kindness.

For our own Kingsmoor Christmas Dinner the turkey was kindly donated by Nathan Francis of local business N&N Plumbing and Heating .

We start a new year with uncertainty as a question mark hangs over the adult services funded by Oxfordshire County Council. We should hear in February. All our members and their carers rely on the club for respite or for a chance to get out and meet others. We are helping support people to stay in their own homes and improve their quality of life. It is very encouraging to have been in receipt of these gifts and acts of generosity, thank you all for your support and care to our senior folks .

We are now planning our activities and trips out for the coming months. We are very keen to hear from a pianist or keyboard player who could play regularly old songs and new for us, it lifts peoples spirits so much and helps stimulate memories, we have the voices and the machine just need a player!!!

Any enquiries about this local club which is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10-3pm in the Hinton Waldrist Village Hall, tel 01865 820166 speak to Gwyne Diment .

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Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club

Well the cold weather has set in so it must be Stream C for all our County players. Kingston is well represented in many age groups from U11's to U15's, so now it's 12 weeks of impressing the coaches to get selected for the coming County season.

Kingston will be doing Net Sessions at Abingdon School for all Kingston Adults & Juniors, all sessions will be Sunday afternoons 15:30 till 17:00. Dates are: 28th Feb, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March, 3rd April. Coaches are all ECB Coaches and all have DBS. Everybody is welcome and we look forward to seeing new players to the net sessions. With the new season starting in May, Kingston are looking for additional sponsors and if there are any companies in the area which would like to sponsor us please contact Richard Woodley (oxhammer@hotmail.co.uk).

Rich Woodley, ECB Level 2 Coach, KBCC Coaching Co-ordinator





KINGSTON BAGUIZE DRAMA GROUP

The Emperor's New Clothes: November 2015

In a significant departure from their usual fare, Kingston Baguize Drama Group chose *The Emperor's New Clothes* as their winter production. Based on the Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale, and adapted for the stage by Richard Hellesten, the production edges towards Pantomime and tells the story of a self-possessed Emperor who completely disregards the responsibilities of his elevated position in his obsession to update his wardrobe, his sartorial ambitions being his sole interest.

Brushing aside the efforts of the Royal Tailor admirably played by Sally Lacey, he is convinced by two rogues that they can make him the perfect outfit.

The play opens with the hall doors being thrown open and the two aforesaid scallywags chased through the auditorium in keystone cop style by Susi Dalton in the guise of the local bobby. This nicely set up the theme as the two crooks having evaded PC Dalton conspired to make their fortune when they meet the Emperor and in short order arrange to fit him out in the perfect garb.

The First Rogue was played by Andrea Spencer who, clearly relishing the part, gave us her full range of facial expressions and 'Arrghs' in true Robert Newton fashion. Backed up by Emily Eastham as her cohort the Second Rogue, they injected life and pace into the production and knitted the whole thing together in some style. The interplay between Emily and Andrea was excellent as well it should be after the number of productions this talented duo have been in together over the last twenty years.

For the first night there were a respectful number in the audience and further respect is due for the lack of prompts (if any).

So where are we? The two rogues convince the Emperor they can make him a suit to end all suits, but it will be expensive and magic as it can only be seen by people of high intelligence not by those of less intellect and not deserving of their jobs. Hence when the outfit is delivered all the Emperor's henchmen think it's superb and well worth the cash, which has now bankrupted the nation.

Mike Lacey cringed and whinged through the entire plot in a perfect rendition of the Royal Treasurer seeing the gold in his coffers draining away to the two fake tailors.

The General played by group new comer George Bonner looked and sounded the part of the military man who, to keep his job, goes along with the plan prancing around the stage in his underwear (very fetching I must say) whilst pretending he too has one of the magic suits ordered by the Emperor for his staff.

Now it is up to the daughter of the Royal Tailor (remember her) young Amelia to put the Emperor straight and tell him he has been conned and he and his courtiers are in fact next-to-naked. The rogues are then caught and the original Royal Tailor is re-appointed and all ends well.

Amelia is another first timer with KBDG and one to keep an eye on for the future methinks. For such a young girl Rebecca Bellis as Amelia was nothing short of superb. Confident, seemingly word and diction perfect, her performance was an absolute pleasure to behold.

The same goes for yet another newcomer Neil Browning as the Emperor. Neil was well chosen for the part with his booming voice and youthful looks he came across well as the incompetent Ruler and the scene where he realises he has been duped was convincingly played and you did feel sorry for the guy.

So that just leaves Mary Elizabeth Shewry who regally played the part of the Queen. Mary Elizabeth looked and sounded just like HM Elizabeth 2 and I reckon Helen Mirren should be careful as her position as number one stand in for HM could be in jeopardy here.

Full marks then to Director Sandra Sabathy in her directorial and KBDG debut. The audience seem to thoroughly enjoy the experience and if I'm honest I did too, far more than I thought I was going to.

Sound and lighting were fine, the only aspect of the production I can criticise was the set, it lacked a little finesse I thought and could have been a tad more professional, but that's not to detract from an otherwise fine production. Well done KBDG. *Ida Ticket*



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Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

February's talk: Making Wildlife Gardens

Jenny Steel returns to Southmoor for a much-anticipated talk on wildlife gardens. Jenny studied Plant Ecology at Oxford University, and has over 25 years experience of writing about and teaching wildlife gardening. She has also worked as an ecological advisor

on a variety of projects including Kingston Bagpuize's very own Millennium Green Project. She'll talk to us about the wildlife gardens she has made and the wildlife they've attracted - an inspiration to anyone wishing to create their own or just wanting to find out more about the topic. Talk details: Tuesday 2nd Feb, 7.15 for 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. Non-members £3; members free. Tea and coffee served after the talk.

The warm weather has meant that many plants are still active when they should be dormant - but if you've not pruned things like roses and cut down perennials you'll need to do so now. Those into vegetable growing can



start to chit the first potato tubers (so called 'first earlies') for planting later in March for a June harvest. Other vegetables should be left for sowing in March. For more information about the club, call Rebecca on 01865 820793 or email skbgardeningclub@gmail.com.

Paul Gill, Secretary.



Longworth & District History Society

Our next Meeting is on Thursday 18th February 7.15 for 7.30 in Southmoor Village Hall.

Elizabeth Hazeldine will ask the question "Murderess Mary Blandy: Innocent dupe or cold-blooded poisoner?" With our village connections with the Blandy Family it will be an interesting evening. Everyone is welcome to attend. Membership runs from January £10 a year, guests £3 an evening. If you are new to the village have a look at our website, or come to a meeting.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 23rd February in the Swallow Room of Southmoor Village Hall. This evening gives members a chance to vote and discuss what we do and how we should do it. We are having a local history quiz along with some refreshments. Looking forward to seeing who will win the quiz!

We had an extra meeting in St. Mary's Church, Longworth in January where the subject was "Henry Marten, Longworth's Regicide".

Bjorn Watson from Shrevenham Heritage Society told us of Marten's life in Parliament and during the Civil War culminating in being one of the signatures on the King's death warrant. Marten did live to tell the tale but was tried and imprisoned for the rest of his life in Chepstow Castle with his mistress and children. This meeting was to help Longworth Bell Fund. Thanks to all who came. At first count we will be able to give the fund nearly £400. *Kathy Fletcher 01865 820193*



AGM and New Season

The club's AGM is being held on Wednesday 24 Feb, 8.15pm in the Swallow Room. Members of the club as well as the public are very cordially invited to hear updates from our chair, treasurer and head coach over a glass of wine and a few nibbles. If you're new to the village, it would be a great opportunity to find out more about the club and meet some of the

people involved.

For existing members it will be your chance to have your say in the fees for next year! New membership fees will also be agreed at the AGM, with the new membership year starting on 1st April. Members should keep an eye on their inbox in March for the renewal reminder, and those interested in joining our thriving club should email info@kbstennis.org or visit www.kbstennis.org to find out more. *Paul Gill.*



WORDS OF WISDOM

At every party there are two kinds of people - those that want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is they are usually married to each other. Ann Landers

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The January meeting of the KBS Parish Council took place on Monday 4th January in the Village Hall, together with 9 members of the public plus District Councillor, Eric Batts.

Public Participation: Mr. Van de Mortel, representing the bowls club, raised the issue that the club had applied for S106 funding in June 2015, but had not received any response from VOWH until recently when he had been advised that the PC was responsible for allocating S106 funds. This is incorrect. We (the Parish Council) have yet to receive any S106 funds from Developments within the Village, and these are normally distributed to the organisations concerned, with specific projects that have been approved by VOWH, supported by the Parish Council. The Parish Council is in dispute with the Vale, over monies already allocated. Another meeting is to be called with the VOWH, to discuss outstanding issues, supported by our District Councillor.

Accounts: The precept for financial year 16/17 was set at £37,740, which represents a considerable increase on last year, brought about by additional costs to the council of developments within the village, such as land transfers / legal fees, a significant increase in 'The Clerks' workload which will require an assistant, and a number of other factors. For full details, please refer to Jan. Minutes (these can be found on the Village Web Site www.kbsonline.org.uk) where the budget is detailed.

Matters Arising: a) The resignation of one of our councillors, Mrs. Audrey Goodgame, is announced, after many years of sterling service. The Chairman would wish to thank Mrs. Goodgame for her many years of service to the community, which is much appreciated by other members of the council, who wish her well in the future. This means that there is a vacancy on the council, should anyone wish to apply! b) Letter received from Lord Lts' office regarding the upcoming 90th birthday celebrations of H.M. The Queen. The letter requests local activity support, planning and co-ordination with Church of England for various celebrations that may be planned. c) Complaints received from residents of Cherrytree Close regarding parking and congestion issues and associated safety caused by deliveries to the One Stop Shop. Steps will be considered to introduce traffic control measures.

Residents are requested to note the introduction of a dedicated Parish Council Mobile tel.no: 07908 472827 in order to contact the Clerk.

Planning: The application for outline planning consent for up to 280 dwellings on land south of A420 and east of the A415 was approved at a committee meeting held by the VOWH on Wed 13th Jan, despite detailed objections from the Parish Council, and District Councillor, Eric Batts. No infrastructure planning was indicated to have been incorporated to deal with this number of additional houses, and will therefore impact with a lack of resources in the future, unless addressed.

Land off Field Close: The planning committee requested a further noise impact survey from the applicant as of yet this is not forthcoming and so no decision notice will be issued until it is and has been assessed.

Eden Cottage Faringdon Road: As the Parish Council has objected this is likely to come to committee but as yet no dated fixed.

Sports Ground and Pavilion Abingdon Road: Landscape section have requested more information.

Oak Barn Rectory Lane: A decision is expected in the next 2 to 3 weeks.

Village Amenities: A replacement SEE-SAW has been installed and welcomed by many of the children, judging by reports received.

Faults: Complaints received regarding the over bright all night lights from One Stop Shop representing light pollution. Efforts will be made to have the level of lighting after midnight, reduced.

Dog Fouling: Again, complaints received regarding the level of dog fouling, over the Christmas period, particularly in the area of Cherrytree Close and the One Stop shop to a level, hitherto, not experienced. VOWHDC dog wardens will be requested to conduct further patrols. The fine for failing to remove Dog Excrement is currently £80. Bins are provided around the Village, and the number could be increased.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held Monday 1st Feb, Village Hall 7 P.M. *Brian Forster, Chair.*



PLEASE pick up after your dog, use the bins provided and also keep your hedges and trees cut back from the footpaths and clear the cuttings away. It is becoming increasingly difficult at times, especially now the darker evenings are upon us, to walk along the footpaths without getting poked in the eye with overhanging trees and bushes or stepping in dog faeces. Please remember that if shrubs or bushes are on your property it is your responsibility to keep them trimmed back from public footpaths.

SERENDIPITY OVER 55'S CLUB

Members enjoyed the Christmas party in the village hall, with lots of lovely food brought along by the members. We were entertained by some wonderful musicians and harmony singers from the Hendred Ukele Group. What a wonderful bunch of people they were, and they come highly recommended by us all. They all stayed and enjoyed the food and drinks with us afterwards

A big THANK YOU must go to them all.

Unfortunately this will be the last meeting that I will be organising in the Swallow Room, as John and I are hoping to move back to Kent in the New Year BUT Joan Graham is going to carry on organising this friendly little group so why not go along and join them in the Swallow Room on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 2 - 4 pm. For more details contact Joan on 820572. Thank you all for your support over the years, and we will all have met for a meal at the Waggon and Horses by the time this goes to press. *Pat Smith*



Serendipity members at the December Christmas Party were entertained by the Hendred Ukelele Group 13 members enjoyed a meal at The Waggon in January. Unfortunately this was my last meeting as John and I are moving back to Kent to be nearer to family and friends. I would like to thank the ladies for their support over the last 10 years. Serendipity will carry on so watch this space ladies - and men!

Rutherford Appleton Laboratory's Stargazing event will take place on Friday 12 February, from 17:30 – 20:30. There will be plenty to do at this drop-in event for the whole family – whatever the weather! There will be comet making, fascinating talks, rocket launching, meteorite handling and lots more. Hope for clear skies for observing, but even if the weather isn't kind, there will be a telescope clinic – showing people how to set up and get the most out of their telescope. Booking for this event is essential, You will be able to book online here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stargazing-at-rutherford-appleton-laboratory-tickets-20418281630>.

The Way We Were



Control Tower Ruins at former RAF Kingston Bagpuize - USAAF wartime fighter base, USAF maintenance unit to 1954. An outlying airfield of RAF Abingdon, hundreds of troops were stationed at Kingston and the RAF station was built. Later, hutted camps were built at Kingston but especially in Southmoor; on Draycott Wood, and inhabited by thousands of American troops who departed on D-Day in 1944.



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Jaguar Appreciation Society formed in Village



The four Founding Members of the KBSJAS with their wives meet at the Rose Revived. (l to r) Julia & Brian Langford, Cindy & Lance Bassett, Angela & Peter Smith, Diana & David Jones

Owner's Club. Any owners or fans of the marque who might like to join or know more about this start-up club, please contact kbsjas@aol.co.uk

There being no specialist Jaguar Owner's Club in Oxfordshire, four village residents thought they would start their own. So the founders' meeting of the Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor Jaguar Appreciation Society took place in December at the Rose Revived Inn to take the idea to the next level.

Initial ideas are to have regular meetings in some friendly hostelry, visit to car shows, trips out to places of interest and also become part of the national Jaguar



Housing Proposal at Springfield Farm

A public consultation was held in the Village Hall in December, detailing the proposed housing development at Springfield Farm.

Local residents came along to discuss the proposals with representatives from the project team. The scheme comprises up to 25 homes with associated discreet car parking, of which 15 could be open market homes and 10 could be affordable homes (40%). With a mix of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 bed dwellings across the site and a public open space in the heart of the scheme. The development will also feature 'Green wildlife corridors' for ecology and retention of key landscaping features (e.g. existing mature trees, pond and orchard). Pedestrian and vehicular access points will be off Bullockspits Lane.

The plan shows the proposed development in the grounds of Springfield Farm. Detail plans can be seen on www.nashpartnership.com



New Age Kurling

A New Age Kurling Club has been formed in the village and will meet on Tuesday 26th January from 7-9pm in the village hall. This will be followed by 2 further kurling evenings on 23rd February and 22nd March. Hopefully we will continue to play on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

New Age Kurling is an indoor version of the kurling played on ice, with the 'stones' being replaced by discs with a handle and ball bearings so they can slide along the floor. The game can be played by young and older people, standing or sitting, and doesn't require fitness. The only energy used is pushing the disc by hand or by using a lightweight pole to move the disc to a target which has red, white and blue concentric circles.

I would like to thank the KB&S News and the Parish Council for their kind donations of £150 each towards the cost of purchasing kurling equipment. This is very much appreciated. This is a golden opportunity to take part in something new while at the same time being involved in a social evening and possibly making new friends. Why not give it a try – you will be made most welcome.

Kathy Critchlow-Smith, Secretary KB&S New Age Kurling Club 01865 820763



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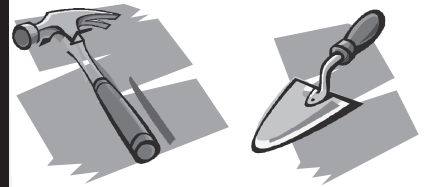


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News from The Village Hall

The seasonal festivities are over, the Village Hall decorations have been packed away for another year and its back to normal for most clubs and organisations. I would like to add a big thank you to those of you who volunteered your Sunday morning in December to come along to help with preparing the hall for Christmas.

Portable Appliances Testing: On 15th December the annual (PAT testing) was carried out on nearly 40 Portable Appliances kept at the Village Hall, ranging from kettles to refrigerators and from radios to extension leads. PAT Testing is a legal requirement to ensure the safety and welfare of users. A number of items hitherto not tested were discovered in cupboards and a reminder that any appliance brought into the hall must be tested before use or it may be removed.

Review of Hire Charges: At a recent meeting of the Management Committee a review of hire charges was discussed and it was agreed that with effect from 1st April 2016 a small average increase of 2% across most bookings will be applied. The last increase in hire charges was in April 2013 and it was felt that this small increase will help offset some of the Village Hall running costs.

Booking Secretary: The Village Hall will shortly have a vacancy for new booking secretary to join its management team. This voluntary position comes with a desktop computer and a dedicated mobile telephone, to enable you to operate from home, and offers an opportunity to be a vital link with the village community. Supported by the management team, you will have the opportunity to communicate and to meet village groups and organisations, and be responsible for the general bookings of the Village Hall. You will be reimbursed for all expenses and receive an annual honorarium. For more information concerning this vacancy contact Ron Green on 01865 820051.

GO Active GOLD: This is an exciting new project to get more local people, aged 60+, to live a more active lifestyle while meeting new people and having fun. Come along to a launch event at the Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd February 9.30am -12.30pm. This event will include the showing of the Go Active GOLD Film activity taster session and your chance to book in for a Functional Fitness MOT. To book your place for the activity taster and Functional Fitness MOT please contact the GO Active GOLD team on 01235 540367 or visit www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/gold

Many readers of the KBSNews will be aware that we have submitted a request to the Vale and South Oxfordshire DC for a grant from the New Homes Bonus Scheme towards improvements to the Village Hall. The results from our application should be known following a meeting with the Grants Committee which took place on 26th January. On behalf of the Village Hall Trustees I would like to thank the Parish Council for giving their support and to our District Councillor Eric Batts for his guidance, as we anxiously await the result of our application. If successful, we will be able to carry out vital improvements to the efficient running and security of the premises which was recommended following an Efficiency Survey carried out by TOE2.

For the many that have concerns over the entrance treatment and art feature to the Village Hall entrance; before Christmas I had assurance from Taylor Wimpey that they hope to have programmed this work during January.

Also in January a meeting was planned to finalise the art-feature

I am sure many of you were aware of Peter Collins unfortunate incident on his bicycle; we all wish him well and a speedy recovery. *Ron Green.*



December brought an early Christmas present from the Parish Council to the village children in the form of a new see-saw in the childrens' play area.

Poets' Corner

Any 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

And don't forget the 'Out & About with the KBS News' feature. Send your photos from all corners of the World or an interesting location anywhere holding a copy of the KBS News.

Can you beat the Grand Canyon or Bondi beach? Pics to the above e-mail address



SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL

December was such a busy time for all the pre-schoolers. They practiced really hard and put on a wonderful Nativity play for the many parents, grandparents and other relatives who came along. A traditional Nativity with both old and new songs.

Next, came a visit from Rev Pickering and Hazel to talk to the children all about what a special time Christmas is for many people.

The term ended with a Christmas party full of surprises. The children were treated to a wonderful Punch and Judy Show which had all the children and parents laughing along. Then the children helped to perform some magic tricks and plate spinning. After a party lunch there was even a visit from Father C himself.

This term sees us welcoming many new children and their families, not just to the Pre-School, but to the village as well.

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



Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group

A Happy New Year from everyone at Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group! If you're at a loose end on a Friday morning then why not come and join us in the Village Hall for a chat and a cuppa while the little ones have lots of fun with our great array of toys. We've been delighted to welcome lots of new visitors in recent weeks so if you haven't been before you certainly won't be alone in not knowing anyone just yet.

At the end of last year we welcomed a very special visitor as Santa popped in to our fabulous Christmas party. We enjoyed a disco and a festive feast as well as stories and songs round the Christmas tree. Everyone received a lovely book from Father Christmas.

The group meets on Friday mornings during term time from 10:00-11:30 at Southmoor Village Hall. 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. There'll be lots more fun to come in 2016 - look out for some winter-themed crafts and a parent/carer social on 5 February. Do get in touch if you'd like to know more. We'd love to hear from you.

Rachel Skeet, Secretary (southmoorbabytoddlergroup@hotmail.co.uk)

Have you ever wondered how our village got its name?



The little booklet with the KBS news this month has lots of interesting facts about the village and can answer that question and many more. We hope you will find it interesting, whether you are new to the village or have lived here for a long time, we are sure there will be something for you. The booklet has been written and researched by the Longworth and District History Society for St John the Baptist Church who have published it, and has been funded by the Heritage Lottery as part of our grant to rebuild the bell tower. *Chris Carpenter*

KINGSTON BAGUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR WI.



Our December meeting saw our members entertained in a festive Village Hall by the Abingdon Handbell Ringers. Members took part and most of the carols played were identifiable to the audience. Festive refreshments were provided by the Committee. Our first meeting of 2016 was chocolate making workshop by Shelley van Loen. This was very interesting and members were able to taste many samples of delicious chocolate made that evening. We have also had our annual dinner at the Lamb at Buckland, which was enjoyed by many members and some husbands. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in Southmoor Village Hall at 7-30pm. More information is available on our website or Facebook page and new members are always welcome.

Karen King 01865803169



THE KBS NEWS WINE LIST: WINES OF THE MONTH

Christmas and New Year are now behind us and after all the excesses we thought we should try some reasonably priced wine, which we hope you will enjoy.

We chose on this occasion wine from Sicily perhaps not everyone's choice area when looking for a bottle of wine but we have found over a long period that some very good wines come from that island.

The white wine we chose is Inycon Terre Siciliane 2014, a Chardonnay Pinot Grigio blend. This complex, yet easy drinking wine with intense citrus and tropical notes is perfectly balanced with refreshing acidity. For those liking white wine as a refreshing drink won't be disappointed. Serve it cold equally it will be a good partner for fish or a prawn starter.

The red wine also originates from the same producer and is the Inycon Terre Siciliane 2014 Nero D'Avola Frappato blend. The deep inky D'Avola blends perfectly with the lighter Frappato grapes to create a wine with amazing colour and depth and flavours of damson, black cherries and raspberries burst through. You can choose what you eat it with, but why not do as we did, drink it in good company and enjoy?

Both wines came from Waitrose and were £5.99 each when purchased. The white wine has an alcohol content of 12.5% and the red 13%. Cheers, *The Wine Quartet*



1st Southmoor Guides



The Guides have been very busy in the run up to Christmas. Using the skills we learnt during our decopatching evening, we decorated tree decorations in the shape of candy sticks and stars.

We also made our own Christmas cards, using old buttons to make holly wreaths and Christmas trees from ribbons. We then stamped the cards with greetings ready for distribute in the village.

The following week we decorated gingerbread biscuits with glitter icing, stars and hundreds and thousands. Once set, we packaged the biscuits and tied with festive ribbons.

Collecting together the tree decorations, the biscuits and the cards, the Guides spent a Saturday morning visiting some of the villages senior citizens to distribute the gifts.

To celebrate our last meeting before the Christmas break we had a fun evening at the bowling lanes. Twenty guides split into four teams trying to get as many strikes as possible. However the festive fun continued at the first ever joint Guides, Brownies and Rainbows Christmas party. Great fun was had by the girls and the leaders with party games, music and a buffet tea. Each girl also received a secret Santa present to open on Christmas Day.

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.





KINGSTON BAGUIZE & SOUTHMOOR BOWLS CLUB

The latest results from the short mat team show a good start to the new year. The game at Harwell Swifts ended with a win on one mat by 9 -13 and a draw on the other one 8 - 8, giving us seven points.

In the next game, again away, this time at Woodcote Wings we won on both mats by 6 - 13 and 4 - 8 and received eight points. These results pushed us into second place in the league. The outdoor winter madness club competition is well underway with good numbers turning out in all weathers.

Events in February include a themed Chinese evening on the 12th and our monthly Quiz on the 26th, both at the Club House.

WE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ITEMS FOR OUR NEXT JUMBLE IN SEPTEMBER: CLOTHING, BRIC-A-BRAC, TOYS, FURNITURE, GARDEN TOOLS, ETC. WE ACCEPT ANYTHING AND CAN COLLECT. PLEASE RING HAZEL ON 01865 820817 OR YVONNE ON 01235 868276.

Mick Fuller (Club Captain) 01865 820818.



ED VAIZEY'S Parish Newsletter

May I wish all of my constituents a very happy new year. I hope 2016 will be a great year for you.

There are, of course, many exciting events and milestones, not least the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations in June and the Rio Olympics.

The New Year is also a time when we get to celebrate those that have served our communities, industries and country. This year's New Year honours list included constituents such as Judith Hackitt, chair of the Health and Safety Executive, who has been made a Dame, and Grace Jackson who was awarded an OBE, for services to the Ebola Crisis Response in West Africa. Many congratulations to all the recipients. By the way, anyone can nominate someone for an honour. If you think there is someone who deserves one you can nominate them at <https://www.gov.uk/honours>

It's never too late to make a new year resolution. A new local physical activities program, which may be of interest to you, has been set up. Go Active Gold will offer support for people in rural areas, age 60 and over, to live more active lifestyles. Run by Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils, funded by Sport England, you can have a go at many different activities including; Table Tennis, Golf, Bowls, Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, Nordic Walking and Dancing. Contact the team on 01235 540367 or go to www.southoxon.gov.uk/gold or www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/gold, to find out more.

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 my office at badyalj@parliament.uk or sign up at www.vaizey.com.



Go for GOLD

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have been awarded £227,269 by Sport England for a three year project GO Active GOLD. GO Active Gold will offer support for people in rural areas, age 60 and over, to live more active lifestyles, by setting up more local physical activities that cater for all abilities. They are holding a GO Active GOLD Launch event at the Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall on Tuesday 2 February 2016 from 9:30-12:30pm for those who are 60+. To book your place for the activity tasters and Functional Fitness MOT contact the GO Active GOLD team on 01235 540367 or goactivegoldvale@southandvale.gov.uk. Or visit www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/gold.

GO Active GOLD is an exciting new project to get more people aged 60+ to live more active lifestyles while meeting new people and having fun!

The event will include the screening of a GO Active GOLD Film, activity taster sessions and your chance to book in for a Functional Fitness MOT.





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Bank Scam Warning

Thames Valley Police is urging residents to be on their guard amid reports of fraudsters targeting unsuspecting victims and convincing them to hand over large sums of cash.

Recently five people in Abingdon have handed over a total of about £25,000 in cash after being contacted by telephone by fraudsters asking for money. The caller claimed to be a police officer, fraud investigator or bank employee. He convinced victims to withdraw cash by claiming he needed the victim to work undercover to expose fraud or because their bank account had been compromised.

Some victims hung up on the fraudster and then telephoned their bank to confirm this claim straight away. However the fraudster had kept the telephone line open so, even though a number was dialed, it was not connected. The victims were still on the phone to the fraudsters and were further misled by a woman falsely claiming to be from the bank who repeated the deception.

The victims were convinced to withdraw cash from their bank accounts, seal it in an envelope and hand it to a courier who called at their door later that evening. One woman was tricked into transferring cash into another bank account. Another woman was also convinced to buy two Rolex watches from a jeweller and hand them to a courier.

The couriers who collected cash from victims were described as follows: One courier was described as slim Asian man.

Another was described as Asian, in his late twenties, slim and less than 6ft tall. He spoke with an English accent.

Another was described as Asian, in his early thirties, 5ft 10ins and overweight. He was wearing a dark fleece with numbers on the shoulder.

Another was described as Asian, in his thirties, 5ft 4ins, slim, with short dark hair and a black beard. He was wearing a white zip up jacket.

Det Sgt Francesca Jarvis of local CID based at Abingdon police station, said: "We continue to work hard to prevent and detect offences of courier fraud across the Thames Valley. The offenders are very plausible and target honest and upstanding members of the community. Unfortunately they target vulnerable people, including the elderly. The more we can spread the word about this type of fraud the less success the fraudsters will have.

I would urge everyone to remain vigilant and ensure you, your friend and family, know what to do should someone attempt this fraud.

Take a moment to discuss it with loved ones to prevent yourself and people you know from becoming a victim of these types of scams.

One of the victims was also told to buy Rolex watches and went to Goldsmiths jewellers in the Clarendon Shopping Centre, Cornmarket Street, Oxford at about 4pm on Wednesday 23 December 2015 and 10am on Thursday 24 December.

She bought watches on the first visit and the man who collected them from her home was described as Asian, in his thirties, 5ft 4ins, slim, with short dark hair and a black beard. He was wearing a white zip up jacket. She may have been watched as she went to the jewellers and I would like to speak to anyone who saw anyone acting suspiciously in the area at these times to get in touch."

- * Your bank will never send a courier to your home.
- * Your bank and police will never ask for your PIN.
- * If you want to call your bank do so from another telephone.
- * If you have handed over any details to fraudsters contact your bank immediately and cancel your cards.
- * If you receive one of these calls end it immediately.
- * If you receive this type of call, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, or via their website. In an emergency dial 999.

Anyone with information should contact Det Sgt Francesca Jarvis of local CID based at Abingdon police station via the 24-hour Thames Valley Police enquiry centre on 101.

If you don't want to speak directly to the police you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.



EATING IN THE 1950's

- Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

- All crisps were plain.

- Cooking outside was called camping.*
- Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.*
- None of us had ever heard of yogurt.*
- 'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.*
- Water came out of the tap. If someone has suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have been certified.*
- Fish didn't have fingers in those days.*



Matt Chapman racing to the top

Winter Programmes: The winter (off season) may seem for a driver like a time to relax and do nothing until the season starts again in early March/April.

However, this is far from the case, with fitness training programmes, sponsorship proposals and team signings; all part of the hectic winter time, in order to make the year run as smoothly as possible, so when it comes to the racing I can focus on my driving and not have to worry about getting things sorted.

With fitness training, endless different approaches can be taken to ensure highest possible performance levels. For

example, running is a very good form of cardio, but puts a lot of strain on ankles and joints, so may reduce your physical ability. I enjoy cycling, which is a very good cardio sport and is very low impact, so high levels of fitness can be achieved. Bodyweight training, rather than using weights, is very good as well, as not much strain is put on the muscles, and they get used to doing fast movements with resistance.

Finding sponsors and business partners is one of the hardest parts of the off season time, with a budget needing to be put together and a testing programme as well. Without partners and sponsors, a testing programme is nearly impossible. As I am sure some are aware, racing is a very expensive sport and working with partners and sponsors is a key part of success for all involved, and is very rewarding for both parties. Sponsors and partners can enjoy VIP access to all races including stickers on the car, track days for clients and will receive a lot of publicity. That is why motorsport is a great platform to market companies, so we know we will have a good working relationship with them.

The off season is also the time to agree contracts with a team. It requires negotiation to ensure you cover all the needs for the year from what they offer. This can be done with several teams to see which you prefer. This is what I did in 2013 to find the Ginetta team I would be running with. For this year, I know that I will be running with that same team, TCR, so putting a proposal together was easier. I have been lucky to sign for this team again as they are the current championship holder for the GT5.

I attended the Autosport show at the NEC Birmingham in January, which is the main motorsport show of the year. A lot of announcements are made at the show as it is a focal point for motorsport fans, so a keen interest is taken to see who moves where and into what. It was great opportunity to meet up with other drivers in the team as well as the race organisers and equipment suppliers. I am really keen to get behind the wheel of the car again as soon as possible, but I will probably have to wait until March for that. *Matt Chapman,*

You have to laugh!



- Two women called at my door and asked what bread I ate, when I said white they gave me a lecture on the benefits of brown bread for 30 minutes. I think they were Hovis Witnesses.

- After years of research, scientists have discovered what makes women happy. Nothing.

- A mummy covered in chocolate and nuts has been discovered in Egypt Archaeologists believe it may be Pharaoh Roche.

- A boy asks his granny, 'Have you seen my pills, they were labelled LSD?' Granny replies, never mind the pills, have you seen the dragons in the kitchen?

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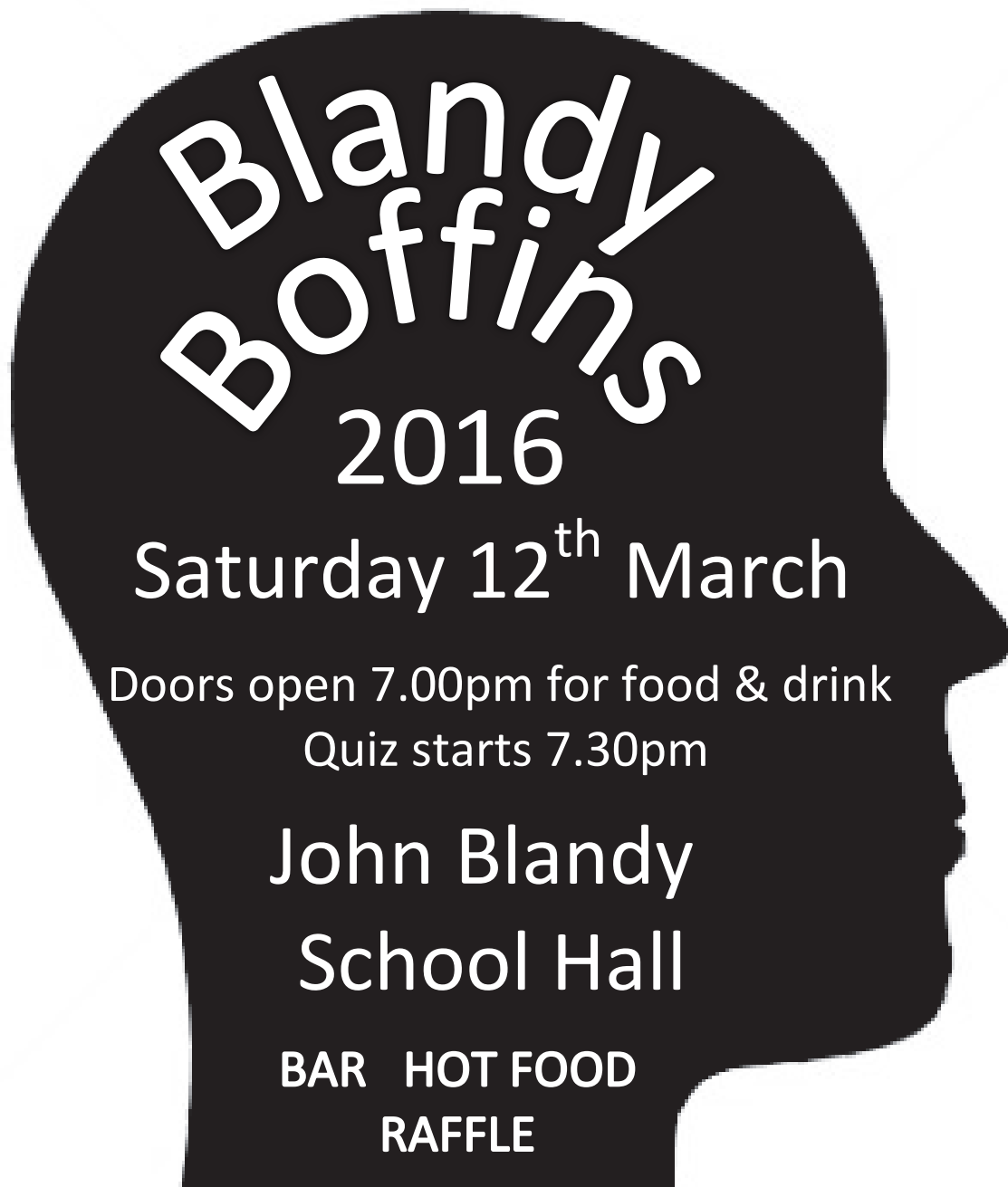
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Make An Easter



Themed Scarecrow

Display the scarecrow in your front garden from Sunday 20th March and then come along to our Scarecrow judging event on:

Easter Monday 28th March 2pm-3:30pm, at the Village Hall, where there will be crafts and refreshments for sale.

The WI committee will visit each scarecrow during the week and the winner of the 'Best Scarecrow' will be announced at the village Hall event, and awarded a prize.

**To Enter your scarecrow please complete the form below and return it to
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