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Where have all the flowers gone?



When passing the Memorial Crescent, readers may have observed the notices that replaced the wreaths by stones 2 & 4. Those who could spare the time to look more closely will know that the two wreaths have been 'Transferred to Front Line Duty' on the graves of William John Adams and Vincent Hubert Viner, two men from our village who were killed in 1916, the year of The Battle of The Somme.

The occasion for the transfer was the winner of last November's Memorial Crescent Raffle visiting France for a week, inclusive of a guided tour of the Somme Battlefield.

Mr Jason Moody, the raffle winner from Southmoor, his wife Lorraine and her Mum and Dad, Alan and Mary Foster were conducted across the 25 mile wide battle field, as it was on that fateful 'first day', 1 July, 1916. Towards sunset, Mr Moody laid one of the Memorial Crescent wreaths on the grave of William John Adams, in Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, which is not far from where William was killed, age 30, by our own artillery whilst forming-up on the edge of Mametz Wood to attack the enemy in the village of Bazentin-le-Petit. The inscription on the wreath reads "*WILLIAM JOHN ADAMS was from Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor, Oxfordshire. This wreath was transferred from our village War Memorial Crescent on 7 May, 2013 – and laid here on behalf of all the village by Mr Jason Moody, Southmoor. IN REMEMBRANCE AND WITH THANKS*".

The next day, the second Memorial Crescent wreath was similarly laid onto the grave of Vincent Hubert Viner, at Habarcq Cemetery, near Arras. Vincent, age 19, was killed nearby, by enemy artillery. *Rob Belk.*

Summer Fete

This year the fete has a topical theme. With the discovery of the grave of Richard III, we felt our village should mark the occasion with some sort of tournament – yes you know where I'm going! Villagers will be dressed up in costumes, doing silly things - just keeping up the tradition of the fete. There will be lots more to do as well, fun for all the family. The Preschool are holding a fancy dress parade and the theme will be Princesses and Knights. The music will be provided by the Bagg's Tree Buskers. There will be lots of stalls and sideshows including a Grand Teddybola, Bouncy Slide, BBQ, Pimm's, Teas, Bottle Stall, Strawberries & Cream and lots more. Many of the village organisations will have their own stalls too.

So put the date in your diary, Saturday 15th June gates open at 1pm until 4pm. The fete is organised by St John the Baptist Church and is held in the beautiful grounds of Kingston Bagpuize House with kind permission of Mrs Virginia Grant.

Remember there will be something for everyone, young or old and a great opportunity to enter the KBS News photograph competition – see you there.

Chris Carpenter

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Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

Now I like dogs as much as the next person, but judging by the comments from the environment warden (see page 5), he is receiving more and more complaints about the non-clearing up of doggy mess (to put it politely) around our village.

The latest site for desecration is the old Oxford Road where, presumably, the fact the road is no longer used as a thoroughfare makes some people think it is now available as a dogs toilet. Well here's a bit of news, the old Oxford Road is a public place and as such the law requires doggie doo to be cleared up.

Now as you will know I am not one to complain, but many people walk along that piece of road, including myself you'll understand, and I am not sure why we should have to dodge the doggie doo (again being polite) left by some inconsiderate dog owners, especially as the Parish Council supplies endless dog bins at great expense to the taxpayer for the convenience (no pun intended) of the pet owner.

Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard. The law states if you are a dogowner, you have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place, except guide dogs. There is also exemption for dog owners on some kinds of public land, including agricultural or woodland, rural common land and marshland, moor or heath, plus highways with a speed limit of 50mph or more. The old Oxford Road is none of these you will note.

VILLAGE DIARY (inc Mobile Library Dates)

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

June	Day	Time	What & Where (SVH = Southmoor Village Hall)	Pg
Monday	3rd	Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15		
Monday	3 rd	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Swallow Room, SVH	11
Tuesday	4 th	7.30pm	S & KB Gardening Club - Rebecca Flintham, 'Go Wild in your Garden' - SVH	10
Wednesday	5 th	11.00am - 1.00pm	KBS Bowls Club Coffee Morning - Oxford Road Clubhouse	
Thursday	6 th	7.30pm	Longworth & District History Soc SVH	18
Sunday	9 th	8.30am - Noon	Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club Car Boot Sale - Sports Ground	16
Tuesday	11 th	7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor WI - 'Apple Farming - an Eccentric Hobby' SVH	10
Wednesday	12 th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Serendipity - Over 60s Swallow Room SVH	12
Saturday	15 th	June 1 - 4 pm	St John the Baptist Church Fete	24
Monday	17 th	4.00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for July KBS News	2
Monday	17th	Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15		
Friday	21 st	7.30pm	St John The Baptist Church - 'Instrumental Concert'	4
Saturday	22 nd	10.00am	Longworth & District History Soc - guided walk around Burford	18
Sunday	30 th	10.30am	St John the Baptist Church - Café Church	16
July				
Monday	1 st	Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15		
Monday	15 th	Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15		
Monday	29 th	Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15		
Future Dates for the diary				
Saturday	14 th	September	Gardening Club Annual Show	12

**** 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
Baby & Toddler Group	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday Term Time Only	10am - 11.30am
Church Youth Group	1 Oxford Road	Every Sunday Term Time	6.00pm - 7.30pm
French for Fun	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Every Wednesday	9am - 10.30am
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth VH from Jan 8 2013	Tues Term Time Only	11.00am - 12.30pm
KB Drama Group	St John the Baptist Church Hall	Every Tuesday	7.30pm
KB & S Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.30pm
KB & S Cafe	Methodist Chapel	Every Thursday	9am - 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	Every 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	Every Tues, Wed, Fri	10.00am - 3.00pm
1st Longworth Beavers	The Scout Hut Faringdon Road Contact Mike Furse 01865 820162	Every Thursday	6.00pm - 7.15pm
1st Longworth Cubs		Every Tuesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Longworth Explorers		Every Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Scouts		Every Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
Pilates	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Thursday	7.30pm - 8.30pm
Serendipity Meeting Over 60s	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	2nd Wednesday	2pm - 4pm
1st Southmoor Guides	John Blandy School	Every Wednesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Southmoor Karate Club	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Sunday	10am - 11.30am
KB & S Womens Institute	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd Tuesday	7.30pm
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KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

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Sunday 2nd June	9.00am	Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill
	10.30am	Morning Worship Speaker: Revd Tony Rogerson
Sunday 9th June	9.00am	Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	All-Age Service Speaker: Children & Young People of the Church (Takeover Sunday)
Sunday 16th June	9.00am	Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill
	10.30am	Questions of Life Service Speaker: Revd Dr Teresa Morgan
Sunday 23rd June	9.00am & 10.30am	Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
Sunday 30th June	9.00am	Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
	10.00am	Eight Villages Cluster Service (at Marcham) Revd Richard Zair
	10.30am	Café Church Revd Kevin Mentzel

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

SATURDAY 15th JUNE: KINGSTON FETE 1 – 4 PM: Kingston's world-famous fete returns – the only fete to be a film star in its own right. It's bigger and better than ever; this year's centrepiece is a jousting tournament. If you can help, please see Chris Carpenter (820885) or Hazel Brennan (821358). In particular, Chris would love promises for an Auction of Promises, bottles for the bottle stall and tombola prizes.

FRIDAY 21st JUNE: INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT IN ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH (PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE): Many of you will remember our brilliant instrumental concert in the church last September. We are thrilled to announce that we have persuaded James Thompson, Rory Evans and Ian Miles to come back on Friday 21st June at 7.30pm to play for us again. James and Rory will bring another varied programme of flute and guitar pieces, both modern and classical which will be accompanied by Ian on the piano. Ian will also perform solo works for the organ. (Please note new date, concert was originally planned for 31st May).

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

Sunday Service: 11.00 am

Crèche and Sunday School

Communion: 2nd Sunday in month

Evening Tea & Fellowship

5.30 pm 1st Sunday in month

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8.00 pm 3rd Friday in month

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

The Trustees are keen to recruit a new Chairperson willing to join their active management team. If you have a keen interest in village activities and like meeting people, you could be the person they are looking for to help manage and promote the Village Hall which has been the hub of village events since it was opened 25 years ago. Now with the proposed growth in houses it is essential that the hall adopt new and improved facilities ready for the next 25 years! This voluntary position would be ideal for a person with initiative, possibly retired, who has time to spare and would like to be involved in the community working with the management team liaising with the Parish Council on the future planning proposals for the village/Village Hall. Management meetings are held approximately every 4 weeks. The current management team consists of a Treasurer, Secretary, elected and representative members serving village organisations; this is an important position as the Village Hall cannot operate without a chairperson. For further information please contact retiring chairman Ron Green on 820051 or via email; ron.green@live.co.uk



VILLAGE VOICES

There has been an Archer involved with KBS News for simply ages. Dick Archer was Chairman and Printer for a number of years—at least 20 years ago- and Pauline Archer has been involved for all of that time. Like all of the KBS News Delivery team, Pauline regularly dropped the monthly News through the Village letter boxes—in all weathers –without fail. Now, however, Pauline feels it is time to hand over to a younger team member. Pauline made sure she had a replacement to continue her deliveries, and has introduced Mrs Todd to the KBS team. Many thanks to Pauline for all those years of loyal support – and a welcome to Mrs Todd. *Keith Graham*

I have had heavy flak regarding Rob Belk's letter in the last issue concerning the proposed building of two bungalows in Town Pond Lane. I was going to publish the letters, but in the interests of village harmony and not liking the sight of blood I will just say that a) I am sure Mr Belk did not intend his term 'greedy developers' to be aimed at any specific person but moreover the gang of construction companies that seem to have targeted our village of late. b) Items included in KBS News are the views of the contributor and not those of KBS News or any member of KBS News Team. Inclusion of an item does not mean KBS News agrees with, supports or intends to promote the content of that item. KBS News reserves the right to include or exclude any item and c) I'm so glad I was away last month. *Ed*



It's a small world after all.....

Well it certainly is a small world (but you wouldn't want to paint it). Strolling on the deck of the good ship Black Watch on our way to the Caribbean last month, and who do we find taking in the sun? Ann and Derek Carter late of this parish and now residing in Minehead, but did reside directly opposite us in Norwood Avenue for many years. What are the chances? *Ed.*



The way we were

A competition for a village Jubilee Queen and Princess took place in the old village hall in June 1977 to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee. The winners were Amanda Garrett 18 (seated) and Princess Elaine Garrett 14 and Justina Bosher 8 and Katy Coats 5.

Ref dog fouling old Oxford Road

I have attended the area and can see why this has been reported - there is a lot of dog mess on this old road. I have placed some clear signs to remind dog walkers of their responsibilities and arranged for Biffa to clear up the area. While I was there I spoke to several dog walkers and raised the awareness with them and they agreed that this was an issue.

Ideally, I need intelligence of who is allowing their dog to foul and not picking it up so that further enforcement action can be taken. *Colin Marshall Environment Warden*

BRIAN HOCKEDY

Margaret, Karen and Alison would like to thank everyone for the many cards, messages and all the support they received after Brian's death. A collection was taken for Parkinsons U.K. which totalled £377.00. This will be sent to the Oxford branch where Brian was a member.

The Easter Colouring Competition winners were:- Age group up to 7 was won by BECKY BORISOV Age group 8 - 11 was won by GRACIE WEBB. Our thanks to Tara and Southmoor Food & Wine for their assistance with this years competition.

Art & Craft Exhibition: We are pleased to announce that plans are being made to hold an Art and Craft exhibition on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October 2013 in the Village Hall, and this year we have asked Stanford Art Group members' who are keen to take part and provide a wider selection of media to view and for sale. Local artists who have supported the previous exhibitions will be most welcome, and will be invited to display their latest work. More details will be available later or contact Ron Green on 820051 or via email; ron.green@live.co.uk

Inconsiderate Parking. It is noticed that vehicles are regularly parking, wholly or partially, on the footpaths of our village roads. This can be very dangerous for people with visual problems and disabled people who may be in a wheelchair or mobility scooter. It is also dangerous for parents with pushchairs and toddlers, who may be taking their children to school or pre-school. Not only is it creating problems to pedestrians but it is also ILLEGAL.

Vehicles are also being parked on both sides of the road, almost opposite each other, creating a chicane. Sometimes it is a struggle to get a car along the road. It would be almost impossible to get an emergency vehicle along the road especially during the night.

Please consider other people when parking your vehicle. It may be you requiring an emergency vehicle at night and finding that you cannot get help because the ambulance or fire engine can't get through. (Name and address withheld)

While not wishing to offend the owners of properties which lie adjacent to land off Town Pond Lane, for which planning permission is currently being sort, we can really not understand how this parcel of land can be considered to be outside the built-up area of the village.

There are numerous properties on both sides of this lane and an extensive alteration/extension was permitted opposite this site several years ago which totally destroyed the outlook of what was then the home of Mr & Mrs Stringer. In addition, while the new property which has been squeezed in between their old home and that previously referred to, might be considered 'infill' it must in all honesty have had a far more direct and detrimental impact on both these properties that two rather modest buildings will have on any houses in the vicinity, other than the property on the corner, which admittedly does have a clear aspect and free view to the Downs, but is at a reasonably high level when compared with the site in question.

As far as being outside the village built up area is concerned, what now constitutes the built up area?

Practically all the parcels of land currently being considered for planning approval must also surely be outside the village built up area, and from our recollection of previously published village plans, should not, even now, be under consideration.

As far as the two properties mentioned in last month's edition of the Village News are concerned, they will surely have little effect on adjacent properties as far as visual impact is concerned, nor it would seem on vehicular movement in the immediate vicinity. It should also be borne in mind how much good work Paul Weaving and his family have given to the village over many years and the granting of planning approval for this site, with the support of the village, would be a very small reward for all their efforts in the past.

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FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT?

No: 5 The Chequers, Charney Bassett

This venue having been booked by friends I was interested to see if things had improved since my last visit which admittedly was some time ago. The thing I most remember last time is being frozen and eating with my coat on. How things have changed. Under new management for the past six months, the Chequers now boasts a roaring wood burner and warm the bar it certainly does. Phew, what a scorcher!

We opted to go immediately to our table. The landlord and his lady were very friendly and keen to point out the daily specials.

The Chequers now has a real cosy atmosphere and although the restaurant was far from full there was a smattering of diners to make the point that you weren't the only people eating out that night and rattling around the dining room alone.

The menu is varied and not too long to be confusing and for starters I went for the Deep Fried Whitebait. This turned up in good time and was presented very well with a salad garnish and homemade tartare sauce. Delicious about describes it.

So to the main event. Selecting the Game Pie from the hand written Specials menu the very pleasant lady left with us, I settled down with a glass of red and waited with relish, 'cos I do like Game Pie.

Voila! I wasn't disappointed. Again in good time the dish of golden puff pastry appeared covering a full serving of venison, pheasant and a hint of rabbit in a delicious gravy and really was as good as it looked. With a side serving of fries and peas this was English Inn fare at its best.

Writing a review of local hostelrys I am always looking out for something at least to criticise, but of late there seems little or nothing that causes alarm. Whether it is the recession that has sharpened people's game, the stiff competition round about or perhaps we are just lucky to live where we do with so many eateries in reach with such high standards.

So with an excellent two course quality meal and two bottles of Shiraz, the meal was just over £50 per couple. The new owners are working hard to put the Chequers on the local restaurant map and judging by this experience it certainly seems to be paying off. *Dinah Outte*

Ron's Green Finger Gardening Tips

Disbudding Roses; many hybrid tea roses have flowering shoots on which side buds appear in addition to the main center bud at the top, if you want quality blooms or blooms with long stems for cutting or showing, it is best to remove these small side buds as soon as possible, pick them off with your finger and thumb, this is called 'disbudding' the remaining bud and subsequent bloom will be better and stronger. Also check around the main stem of your roses for suckers, these appear at the point where the growth emerges through the soil, trace these suckers or briars back to their source at the base of the plant and carefully cut them off clear of the rootstock. Give your roses a fortnightly liquid feed during their growing season, and regularly check for signs of disease such as Mildew and Black-spot, spray with systemic rose insecticide if green or blackfly appear.

This month's favourite vegetable is Sweetcorn, if sown in pots in the greenhouse or on a warm windowsill during May they should have produce strong plants ready to planting out in situ this month providing the weather is warm enough, if it is still a bit cold be prepared to give them some protection with fleece or place them under a cloche. Sweetcorn is wind pollinated and best planted in groups so the male flowers at the top of the plant can pollinate the female tassels lower down. When ready for harvesting later (July to September) the cobs are sweet and delicious when cooked or barbecued and served with butter. Remember to make sure you keep all your emerging seedlings and young plants well watered and guard against unwelcomed pests. *Ron Green*



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WORDS OF WISDOM

No pleasure is worth giving up for the sake of two more years in a geriatric home at Weston-super-Mare: *Kingsley Amis*





Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th June at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Draycott Road, Southmoor. This month the topic will be 'GO WILD IN YOUR GARDEN', with the theme of attracting beneficial wildlife to your gardens; including a look at different groups of wildlife, and what plants and features to include for encouraging

them. The speaker Rebecca Flintham is a part time field teacher for the RSPB with a background in wildlife conservation going back about 25 years, having previously worked for the National Trust and BBOWT (Berks Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust).

If you managed to attend last month's meeting with Roger Umpelby's fascinating talk about the important part weeds play in our modern ecosystem, you would have been enlightened by his knowledge and about the culinary and medicinal properties that some of our commonly known weeds provide today and as they have for many past generations. All are very welcome admission Members' £1.50 Visitors £2.00 tea or coffee with biscuits included. Each month we hold a raffle, plus a Members' table where often plant and gardening goodies are available for sale with donations to our adopted charity for 2013 Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance.

For further information about the Club visit our area on www.kbsonline.org.uk, email skbgardeningclub@yahoo.co.uk or contact our Chairman Steve Smith on 01865820399. P.S Don't forget to visit us at the VILLAGE FETE in the grounds of Kingston Bagpuize House, on Saturday 15th June, where there will be a wide choice of plants for sale.

Finally, we would like to pass on our condolences to the family of Doreen Cowan. Doreen, who passed away recently, was our Treasurer and Publicity Officer until November last year and did an extremely professional job of keeping our finances in order for several years. She also produced tickets and publicity for various Gardening Club events as well as writing the Club articles for the KBS News. We were always impressed by her professional writing style and attention to detail. Doreen was a lovely lady who worked very hard behind the scenes to make things run smoothly for us and she will be sadly missed. *Ron Green.*

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"you got mail"



KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.

The May speaker was Lee Butler and the subject was "The philosophy and practice of Chinese medicine". Lee was an excellent speaker and members enjoyed some fascinating facts about the subject, with lots of samples passed round for members to see and smell.

Our June meeting (11th June at 7.30pm) will be entitled "Apple farming - an eccentric hobby" and the speaker will be Gill Franklin who will be telling us about the history of apples and the different varieties plus the experiences of a grower.

Why not come along? New members always welcome or just come along as a visitor for a small fee and enjoy the evening, with some tasty refreshments.

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



The ANNUAL meeting of the KBS Parish Council was held on Monday 13th May in the Village Hall together with Cllr. Melinda Tilley, District and newly re-elected County councillor, and two members of the public.

Election of Chairman. Mr Forster was nominated by Mr. Bassett, seconded by Mr Charlton. There being no further nominations, Mr. Forster was duly elected.

Election of Vice-Chairman. No nominations were made for this position: the position therefore remains vacant. To be discussed at the next meeting in June.

Members of committees. For members of committees, please refer to minutes, as the list is extensive.

Representatives of KB Cricket Club and Kingston Colts invited the Parish Council to provide three members of a re-constituted Sports Field Committee, when they met recently with the Chairman, Mr. Chartres and the Clerk. This invitation was approved by the Council, in view of their strong support for the proposed development of a new pavilion and lease of the grounds to the Parish Council, linked to the erection of 12 new dwellings adjacent to the sports field.

Public Participation. Mrs Grant welcomed the Council's continuing support for the Sports Field proposal which would allow a new sports pavilion to be erected on the present site, plus an extension of the sports field to provide further football pitches. Mrs. Tilley encouraged the clubs using the site to write to support the application and to approach Sport England and OCC Youth Services for independent support.

Report from District and County Councillor. Mrs Tilley noted her recent re-election as County Councillor, the Ward now covers some 19 Parishes, which will preclude her attendance at all Parish Council meetings, in future. If unable to attend, a written report will be submitted.

Planning. In view of forthcoming negotiations over land transfers and leases, it was agreed that the Clerk invite Challenors, Solicitors, to act on on the PC's behalf.

Applications received: Erection of 12 new dwellings, replacement Sports Pavilion, enlarged sports pitches, and new public footpath link. Expenditure of up to £500 to support the application by commissioning an independent report on the need for the sports facilities was approved. Mr. Chartres is in communication with Ms. A. Robinson, head of strategic planning VWHDC, as to how this is best achieved!

Decisions. OUTLINE application for a residential development comprising of up to 63 dwellings, up to 45 extra care units, public open space, land for Scout Group and new site access. PERMIT.

Application for reserved Matters for erection of 50 dwellings, Public Open Space, and new vehicular access, land south of Faringdon Rd. PERMIT

The Chairman and Clerk had met with a representative of Messrs. Pye Ltd; Council agreed to acquire the area in the North-East corner, excluding the site boundary hedges, and the adopted access road. Members expressed a wish for allotments and Youth facilities on the land to the south of the development, which will be leased to the Parish Council. Erection of 98 residential dwellings with associated open space, structural landscaping and access, Land off Draycott Rd. PERMIT. It was agreed that the Public Open Space on the site be transferred to the Parish Council.

Further S106 Planning gain is being sought, including road/traffic safety issues, including provision of pedestrian crossings, at other locations, and further Youth facilities, possibly on the site or in the vicinity of the Village Hall.

There are many planning conditions on this site, the greatest of which, is the expansion of the sewage farm to cope with the increased effluent. No work can begin until the increased capacity is in place. This work to be carried out by Thames Water at the developers cost. For remainder of decisions, please refer to May Minutes.

Accounts. The previously circulated Financial Statement and Annual Return for the Year to March 2013 were approved and submitted for return to the internal auditor.

Donations. A donation to the Western Vale fighting fund was approved to support an independent traffic assessment of the A420. This is as a result of the current proposals for up to 4000 houses on the western fringes of Swindon and will be used to inform and influence the VWHDC Local plan.

Village Amenities. Recreation Grounds. The Large litter bin has been vandalised to the point of requiring replacement (cost to Village Funds). Some equipment requires maintenance.

Faults. A number of complaints have been received regarding the condition of the Old Oxford Rd. in regard to Dog Fouling. An environment warden from VWHDC has visited and posted further warning notices, and a clean up has been organised by the council. Dog owners are requested to ensure that the mess is bagged up and placed in the bin provided. The warden will be paying random visits in order to deter offenders, who can be subject to on the spot fines.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 3rd. June in the Swallow room of the Village Hall, at 7.00pm.

Brian Forster. Chairman.



Southmoor Pre-School is hosting the annual Fancy Dress Competition at the Church fete. We are very excited to be hosting the annual Fancy dress competition at the village fete on Saturday 15th June. The competition is open to all children aged 2-6 years. This year's theme is Kings and Queens including fairytale princes or princesses, knights and maidens. Don't forget everyone taking part will receive a prize so get creative and don't miss out on the fun! Please register your child at the preschool stall on the day for the afternoon judging.

We have been busy again this term with a mini project looking at families, where children are encouraged to compile a book with photos of their family, pets and anyone/thing that is special to them.

The older children have also been gradually introduced to phonics (letter sounds) as part of getting ready for school, along with recognising their written name. They are also being encouraged to have a go at writing their own name on their drawings and art work.

The sandpit has now been refilled with fresh top soil so that children can enjoy messy play. We would like to further develop this area by having a 'mud pie kitchen'. We welcome donations of unwanted saucepans, colanders, sieves, metal/enamel bowls, camping food tins, metal containers, wooden spoons, metal/plastic serving spoons, ladles.

If you are interested in a pre-school place we are currently taking children aged from 2 years and 4 months. We are already looking busy for September and January 2014 too. So if you are considering applying please contact Jackie (Manager) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. All children who will be 3 before September (starting in September) will be entitled to 15 hours free early education! Email southmoorpre-school@live.co.uk
Tel: - 01865 821505 Marie Siviter (Committee Member)

Summer at Southmoor Baby and Toddler Group



We have had a busy couple of months updating some of the equipment with money raised from charitable donations and May's toy & book sale. We now have a number of new additions to the baby and toddler group equipment including new soft play matting for under the slide and baby area, a beautiful wooden dolls house with furniture, ride on toys and several nearly new baby toys and books.

Over the cool spring months the village hall has provided a warm and dry place for the kids to let off steam.

As the weather starts to get warmer we are increasingly opening the secure play area so the toddlers can enjoy the ride on toys in the sunshine.

If you are having a clear out always bare us in mind as we are still looking for toys in good condition that people are willing to donate. We have lots of nice toy cars and trains but unfortunately, the big car garage the children spent hours playing with broke and is greatly missed. Whilst we have two dolls prams that get plenty of use we don't have any dolls to put in them. Any clothes/accessories would also be very gratefully accepted.

Dressing up clothes that you might be throwing out would also give the children lots of enjoyment. I'm happy to collect locally so please contact the group. Marie Siviter 07904524676

SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

Our May meeting - a week early - was a Coffee morning and tabletop sale held in the garden at Ruth Reynold's home. THANK YOU RUTH FOR LETTING US USE YOUR HOME. It was a glorious sunny day and we had a lot of visitors as well as our own members, and the morning was a great success. Thanks to all who helped.

Our next meeting will be in the Swallow Room from 2 pm - 4 pm on Wednesday 12th June. Just £2 per month. New members always welcome. Details Pat 820775

BROADBAND

Giles Ellerton of BT, who are expected to be contracted by OCC to provide the infrastructure for super-fast broadband in rural areas of the county will provide an update on progress to the Parish Council and public at the next Parish Council meeting at 7pm June 3rd in the Swallow Room of the Village Hall. He will show how the roll-out programme could impact on our village, especially in relation to the timing of local provision.



You couldn't make it up!

A young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coast guard spokesman commented, 'This sort of thing is all too common'.
(The Times)



Charity Crimestoppers asks what is the real cost of cheap tobacco?

The independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers is urging the public to tackle the issue of illegal tobacco in Thames Valley.

In partnership with Trading Standards offices across Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Milton Keynes and Oxfordshire the public is being urged to visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org/itsadrag and recognise the damage that sales of illegal tobacco have on their local communities.

Radio, posters, leaflets and Facebook advertising have been used to inform the public to contact the charity if they have any information or suspicions on who or where illegal rolling tobacco and cigarettes are being sold. "Illegal tobacco sales can be easily overlooked and considered no more than holiday makers 'doing someone a favour'. Everyone loves a bargain but the sale of illegal tobacco can have a knock-on cost to our local communities," comments Phil Gomm, Chair for Thames Valley Crimestoppers.

"Sales are generally associated with crimes of smuggled and counterfeit tobacco and often linked with serious organised crime gangs. It can also bring our young people into early contact with criminals."

Trading Standards in Thames Valley are determined to crack down on traders of illegal tobacco but they need information from the public if they are to be successful. They recognise that often people know what is happening in their communities but are too scared to speak out to the authorities.

Crimestoppers offers people an anonymous and safe route to inform on the criminals involved in illegal tobacco sales. Where are they trading? Who are they? Do you think you know where the tobacco is being stored or made?

To give information about crime anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or go online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org. Contacting the charity is completely anonymous, calls are not recorded, IP addresses are untraceable and no one will ever know you called.

Village Notice Board

News from the Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme

We have places left on two woodfuel visits:

Sat 1 June 10 am – 4 pm A unique opportunity to see MOD Bicester Garrison's woodland, try wild rabbit, and take home as much firewood as you can fit in your car. £30. Contact Gary Beckett at gbeckett_13@btopenworld.com, 07810 756110.

Sat 8 June 9:40 am – 3:40pm Thrupp Wood near Kidlington, Sustainable Kirtlington's woodfuel production, and Manor House Stoves. Starts/ends at Water Eaton P&R. £25. Contact Fiona.Danks@oxonrcc.org.uk, 01865 883488.

Charities brush up on marketing skills

Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action (OCVA) is holding a training session for voluntary sector organisations to help them brush up on their marketing skills.

Charities and community projects will be able to find out about the basics and the misconceptions of marketing, identify target audiences and conduct a mini marketing audit, as well as writing effective marketing material and creating a tactical marketing plan.

The Marketing Essentials course costs £50 (£40 for OCVA members) and it will be held 9.30am to 4.30pm on 19th July just off the Cowley Road in Oxford.

Home Care Worker required for elderly lady

We are currently looking for caring, conscientious and friendly individual to provide care, companionship and home help services to an elderly lady who lives in Southmoor. For more information please ring Nerice on 01865 841362





Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club News

Well the season has started and KBCC have had mixed fortunes.

Senior Section: The 1st XI have played 2, won 1 and lost 1; The 2nd XI have played 2, won 1 and lost 1

The 3rd XI had to abandon their first game due to the weather and didn't play this weekend.

The U11's 8 a side won their first game, the U13's have lost both league games but are through to the next round of the cup competition.

The U15's are having their best season for years with them winning their first 4 games to be top of the league.

All fixtures and updates are on the website www.kingstoncricket.co.uk. Why not come along and have a go!

Hannah Woodley

KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR



I haven't recently written about the KBS Cafe, but those of you who are regulars, or even those of you who aren't, will know that the future of the KBS Cafe has been secured. We had a smaller birthday celebration than usual, but Jenny and I still managed to fudge blowing out the candles on the birthday cake, mainly because I couldn't keep a straight face when asked to 'blow' them out again!

Do please come and support us if you haven't been before, and don't be put off by the fact that there are smaller visitors there; they don't make too much noise, and there is plenty of room for everyone.

Don't forget we are open every Thursday (regardless of the weather!) from 9am until 12pm, at the Methodist Chapel, (opposite Cross Roads garage). If you need a lift there or back, again please ring one of us on the numbers below; we're always happy to come and fetch you, and we'll even take you home afterwards!. If anyone would like to either help with the setting up, or clearing away at the end, or even making a cake every now and again, please speak to one of us. *Mel Gulliford*

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

Jenny Bone (820368) Carole Watts (821710) Mel Gulliford (821087)

Cafe Church

"Have you heard of Cafe Church? Yes? No? Well, if you haven't this is a venture that a team from St John the Baptist Church in Kingston Bagpuize have been running for the past year or so, and its been a real success. Our next Cafe Church is on **Sunday 30th June 2013 starting from 10.30am in the Church Room at St John the Baptist Church, Kingston Bagpuize, just off the A415.** We provide proper coffee, bacon rolls, cakes for the kids, newspapers to read, a chance to meet and make new friends, AND we take the kids off your hands so you have the chance to kick back and relax! Sometimes we have a speaker talking about the big questions surrounding Christianity, and other times we show a short DVD which usually provokes a thoughtful discussion. We have had around 30-40 people each time, but what we'd like to do this time is to invite anyone along who maybe doesn't usually come to church, or who is thinking about coming back. You would be made very welcome. For more information please contact Mel Gulliford on 01865 821087."

Keith's Kartoon Korner



KBS NEWS PHOTO COMPETITION

Don't forget our photographic competition at the **Church Fete** on June 15th

Two categories, Junior up to and including age 14 & Senior. Best pictures taken at the fete win a suitable prize.

Send entries to editorkbsnews@gmail.com by July 6th.



1st Southmoor Guides



On 13-14 April 1st Southmoor Guides went for a weekend away at Jubilee House, a Guiding Centre in Oxford. Our theme was a Bond Girl Bonanza and our first activity was the assault course, it looked exciting but the wall was hard to get over and was challenging for some Guides.

We then did a cookout and cooked our lunch on open fires. We had chicken and vegetable

kebabs, rice and pittas. It was good fun, but a bit wet, so quite hard to keep the fires going. Afterwards we had chocolate fondue indoors, as it had started to rain by then. We all had showers after lunch as cookouts are a bit smelly, there were only 2 showers so there was a bit of a queue.

After dinner we played a baby photo game and bingo.

We then made cocktails which were lush, one had pineapple, strawberry, raspberry and lemonade in, another had banana, ice cream, coconut milk and lemonade. We made 6 different ones and tried them all. We then got ready for bed and played nail polish roulette, Amelia won and took home some new nail polish as her prize.

We did not get to sleep until about midnight and the first girls woke up at 6.30 am, so we were tired the next day. After tidying up and having breakfast, we went abseiling, two of the leaders Hazel and Sally, did it as well. It was quite scary but the instructor was good.

Some of the girls said "it pushed me to my limits".

We had sausage and mash for lunch and then all had to help clean the house, even the toilets. It was good though when we all worked as a team. Our last activity was geocaching, which our young leaders, Rachel and Louise, set up. We all went home with a prizes of desk tidy, sweets and a Jubilee House Badge. The weekend was a great success and we had a fab time. *Taken from reports written by Jordan Huggins and Sophie Cox for their Baden Powell Challenge.*



The Sportsfield development

Unlike a number of applications for housing in the village where developers try and fit in as many properties as possible, the development at the sportsfield has now been submitted with only 12 houses compared to the original 50 proposed. This reduction in housing is going to further increase the land available to Kingston Colts & the Cricket Club which were already going to get more useable space. In addition to this if permission is granted a great new pavilion will be built (which will then be managed by the Parish Council).

These improvements will make a massive difference to both clubs, allowing them to grow and become even more successful. As part of the development the safety of all those travelling to the site will be improved whether it's by the improved vehicle access, or with the new footpath which for the first time will mean children from the village can safely walk to training and games.

Agreement has been reached with the Highway Authority, drainage authorities and English Heritage and all technical matters have now been resolved. The proposals offer so much to the village at no cost, and without causing harm to existing residents, so we ask you to please support this application as the following address <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P13/V0216/FUL> or write/email in your support quoting reference number P13/V0216/FUL and copy to the Case Officer - mark.doodles@southandvale.gov.uk. Thank you. The Sportsfield Committee



You couldn't make it up!

Irish police are being handicapped in a search for a stolen van, because they cannot issue a description. It's a Special Branch vehicle and they don't want the public to know what it looks like. (*The Guardian*)

Stagecoach X15 Bus timetable from Sunday 2nd June

	<i>Coll</i>	<i>M-S</i>	<i>S</i>				<i>Coll</i>	
Witney Market Square	07.05	07.50	08.00	10.00	12.00	14.00	16.00	17.05
Hardwick Park	07.16	08.02	08.12	10.12	12.12	14.12	16.12	17.17
Standlake High Street	07.19	08.05	08.15	10.15	12.15	14.15	16.15	17.20
Newbridge Rose Revived	07.23	08.12	08.20	10.20	12.20	14.20	16.20	17.25
S/Moor Beggar's Lane	07.30	08.21	08.27	10.27	12.27	14.27	16.27	17.32
KB Hinds Head	07.32	08.23	08.29	10.29	12.29	14.29	16.29	17.34
Millets Farm A415	07.40	08.26	08.32	↓	↓	↓	16.32	17.37
Millets Farm Centre	↓	↓	↓	10.34	12.34	14.34	↓	↓
Marcham War Memorial	07.41	08.37	08.38	10.38	12.38	14.38	16.36	17.43
Abingdon Fairacres	07.47	08.41	08.42	10.42	12.42	14.42	16.40	17.47
Abingdon College	↓	08.48	08.46	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Abingdon Stratton Way	07.55	08.55	08.50	10.50	12.50	14.50	16.50	17.54
		<i>Coll</i>					<i>Coll</i>	
Abingdon Stratton Way A1		08.00	09.00	10.51	12.51	14.51	17.00	17.55
Abingdon College	08.04	09.04	10.55	12.55	14.55	17.05	17.59	
Abingdon Fairacres	08.11	09.07	10.58	12.58	14.58	17.09	18.02	
Marcham War Memorial	08.15	09.11	11.02	13.02	15.02	17.14	18.07	
Millets Farm A415	08.19	09.15	↓	↓	↓	17.18	18.11	
Millets Farm Centre	↓	↓	11.07	13.07	15.07	↓	↓	
Kingston Bagpuize Hinds Head		08.23	09.19	11.11	13.11	15.11	17.23	18.16
Southmoor Beggar's Lane		08.25	09.21	11.14	13.14	15.14	17.26	18.19
Newbridge Rose Revived		08.32	09.28	11.21	13.21	15.21	17.33	18.26
Standlake High Street	08.37	09.33	11.26	13.26	15.26	17.38	18.31	
Hardwick Park	08.40	09.36	11.29	13.29	15.29	17.41	18.34	
Witney Marriotts Walk	↓	09.46	11.39	13.39	15.39	17.51	↓	
Witney Market Square	08.57	09.52	11.45	13.45	15.45	17.55	18.43	

Coll = Abingdon
College days only
 (7 Jan 2013 – 29 Mar
 2013 & 1 Apr 2013 –
 5 Jul 2013)
M-F = Mondays to
 Fridays
S = Saturdays
 only

LONGWORTH AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY



The Book Launch and Exhibition of memorabilia on Sunday 12th May was an enjoyable and successful event. More than 100 people were encouraged into the hall by our own living Scarecrow. Many bought a book as well. A Story of Longworth, a Stonemason and his family, by Jan Kelly tells the tale of a Longworth family during 4 generations from their collected memorabilia through both World Wars, and everyday life in a small village. The book tells of the routines of this family living and working in their community. It is illustrated with family photographs, which include other residents of Longworth, family letters, official documents, wedding certificate, ration books, and National Health Cards. If you missed the launch and exhibition and would like to buy a book there is another opportunity at The Big Lunch in Longworth 2nd June, otherwise please ring me. Our walk at Coleshill Estate was guided by Bill King, who has spoken to us many times on different local aspects of World War II. At Coleshill he researches the part the Estate played in the training of the British Resistance or the Auxillians and its part during World War II. We went into the original Operational Bunker used by the Auxillians. The entrance was by ladder, and there was an escape exit by tunnel into the undergrowth of the grounds. The bunker would have been used by a cell of six people who worked independently and in complete isolation from other groups. A replica bunker has been made which allows visitors easier and safer access, but still gives the experience of being underground. Coleshill was the home farm of the Earl of Radnor's Coleshill Estate and was originally built as a Model farm in 1854.

22nd June we are meeting at 10.00am in Burford in the car park at the bottom of the hill at the end of Church Lane. We will be taken on a walk, by David Clark looking at houses from different periods of architecture. You may remember he gave us an interesting talk on his research on The Buildings in Burford. There are so many hidden treasures behind the stone frontages. This walk is by ticket only. Tickets may be bought from Pam Woodward, 820500, £2 for members and £4 for non-members. If you would like to join members for a pub lunch after the walk please tell Pam when you are buying your ticket. Kathy Fletcher 820193 email fletchers10@hotmail.com

I frequently receive information from public bodies that may be useful for constituents, and there have been several things recently that readers may like to know about.

Firstly, the General Medical Council has published a new guide to what patients can expect from their doctor. You can see the guide at <http://dmtrk.net/t/CUG-1FJKJ-4GCWXV-KJ25D-1/c.aspx>. You can also call 0161 923 6602 if you don't have access to the internet. Patients deserve the highest standards of care and the GMC is committed to ensuring that they understand what these are. They have therefore produced this guide, which underlines the importance of dignity, mutual respect and partnership between patients and their doctor. It also sets out the duties of the doctor and that all doctors need to be honest and open if things go wrong, and to make the care of patients their first concern.

I've also received information from Thames Valley Police about how they have been performing locally: it's good news. Across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of the White Horse, violent crime has reduced by 15.6%.

Detection rates are going up: for dwelling burglary by 27.5%, for serious sexual offences by 30.3% and for violence against the person with injury by 47.4%, and overall crime is at its lowest level for 15 years.

We are lucky to live in a part of the country with relatively low crime rates (the Vale of the White Horse was recently reported as one of the 20 most peaceful areas in the UK) but every crime committed has a huge impact on its victims, while every crime solved reassures us all about the efforts of our police force. I am very pleased indeed to see these results, which are part of a pattern of reducing crime levels over a number of years.

The Heritage Lottery Fund has contacted me with information about Heritage Enterprise, a new £125million grant programme specifically designed to stimulate local economic growth, generate new commercial income along with new jobs and skills by unlocking the latent commercial potential of unused historic buildings and sites across the UK. There are grants available from £100,000 to £5m. You can find out more about how your community could benefit from Heritage Enterprise by visiting their website; HLF is also offering start-up grants between £3,000 and £10,000. These grants will enable groups to create the organisational structures needed to deliver projects and to help with the associated costs, such as obtaining professional and legal advice. This month's mailbox has been largely dominated by issues relating to animal welfare. People are concerned over the exports of living animals, and sentencing for those who commit acts of cruelty. Other issues that I have seen in my mailbox include support for Amnesty International's campaign to improve women's rights in Afghanistan, which is still an essential part of the UK's foreign policy priorities, and the Government's reforms to teachers' pay and pensions.

As ever please feel free to contact me at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk. Surgery details can be found at www.vaizey.com. *Ed Vaizey*

ED VAIZEY MP
Parish Newsletter



Ready, steady, grow and head for the Village Show **Saturday 14th September in the Village Hall**

Although it's damp, the weather has warmed up and it's been a good start to the growing season for those who've already got vegetables growing. But, fear not - you still have plenty of time to grow tomatoes, beans and salad.

You and the children might enjoy trying out the 'longest runner bean' in the show category!

For beans and tomatoes, you'll need to buy the young plants from the garden centre, together with some compost - ideally the grow bags into which you can directly plant them. All you have to do is open up the bags, dig in the



plants and keep them watered! You will also want some supports for the plants - these are usually bamboo canes but anything that you can tie the plant to will do! You can still get fantastic salad crops, so if you're at the garden centre just pick up a pack of seeds. Clear a bit of ground (or a tub or window box), sow the seed and just keep them watered. Delicious salad leaves picked from your back door!
Paul Gill.

Did you know.....?

You can submit line advertisements up to 20 words free of charge in the KBS News. Send copy to editorkbsnews@gmail.com

24th May 2012 –The day the Village set off to Leicester Square to enjoy the Premier of Tortoise in Love. First Anniversary. What a splendid memory—and how quickly a year passes. *Keith Graham*





POLICE UPDATE Faringdon East – May 2013

Welcome to May's Faringdon East Neighbourhood update from APS Louise Williams, PC Hannah Farrell and PCSO's Myra Harvey and Sue Haynes.

On 4th April a number of boats were broken into on the A415 out towards Witney. Several occurred overnight and nothing was taken on any occasion. If you do have any information about these offences please call us on telephone number 101.

On 11th April we arrested three people for theft of scrap metal from Blandy Avenue in Southmoor. This was called in by a vigilant member of the public who spotted the vehicle in the area and called this in. We encourage everyone to phone in anything they feel may be a concern on 101 or 999 if this is a crime in progress.

On 14th April there was a theft of number plates in Buckland. Two offenders have been arrested for the offence and are currently on bail.

On 17th April we had a theft of some disc cutters which were stolen from a vehicle in Stanford in the Vale. The lock had been forced and the disc cutters were the only item removed. If anyone was in the Hunters Field area and noticed anything suspicious please contact us on 101.

On 20th April we had a Burglary non dwelling where a flat screen TV was removed from a summerhouse and an attempted Burglary from another outbuilding again in Stanford in the Vale. If anyone has any information please contact us on 101.

We are still experiencing problems at the Car Garage in Kingston Bagpuize. Young people still seem to be congregating on the forecourt and a considerable amount of damage was caused to a brand new car. I would ask that if you have children/ teenagers that use the forecourt that you discourage this as we are receiving more and more complaints about this and the ASB that it causes for the neighbours and the garage. They are consistently removing litter from the site and paying for the damage caused.

We had a fantastic result in Littleworth village with the crime prevention door to door event carried out in February. A large percentage of the village is now SMARTWATERED and a sign has been placed at the beginning and the end of the village due to the amount of SMARTWATER sold. If you have not had a chance to purchase some please contact the Neighbourhood Team on 101. We are still offering free surveys for home owners as well so please contact us now if you wish to have one. We are still recruiting for the Neighbourhood Watch as well so if you would like more information please get in touch.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that you live in a safe low crime area and if you need any help or assistance in any way including crime prevention advice please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Neighbourhood Team who will be more than happy to assist. Our next NAG meeting is in July if you have an interest in representing your village or would like to play an active role in area priorities and problem solving please contact Hannah.Farrell@Thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk for more details.

I look forward to seeing you all out and about but in the meantime if you do have any issues please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Neighbourhood Team on 101.

Contact us: If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 101 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email:

FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk - please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or Anti Social Behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crime stoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk

The Last Word - VILLAGE ACTION GROUP

I hear from a friend living opposite the Waggon site that they are primed to start building on 28th May (next Tuesday). Completion is scheduled for 2015 so that will be nearly 2 years of noise and dust and mud on the road.... I'm sure many in the village will be used to it but we're now facing the same from 3 sites around the village simultaneously. We'll be surrounded! Petra Merne.

KBS News would welcome comments from village residents on the glut of houses scheduled for construction in Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor.

Observations both for and against particularly from people in close proximity to the new developments will be printed in the July issue. Ed.



Kingston Colts 2013 League Champions"



Under 11
League Winners



Under 9
League
Winners

Under 13 League winners



Kingston Colts
Football Club 2013



Photographs published courtesy of Kafui Afenyo (KAFMEDIA), Graphic Designers, Event & Portrait Photographers, www.kafmedia.com, www.facebook.com/kafmedia, official Kingston Colts Football Club photographer, based in Southmoor.

Check the village website for more photographs, the link is:

http://www.kafmedia.com/outwork/colts_presentation_day_2013/index.html

