

# KBS NEWS

## The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village News

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### The veil of White Horse Planning

Along with a number of other objectors I attended the VOWHDC planning meeting on 21st May and was given the opportunity to speak for 3 minutes. Brian Forster, the Chair of our Parish Council, eloquently expressed the PCs concerns over the height, location and lack of parking of the Elderly Care Home and questioned the legality of David Wilson Homes recent removal of the hedge alongside the Witney road at nesting time. I followed and pointed out that the ECH, the biggest building on the development, will be built on the highest ground in the field. I also stressed the issues with parking by pointing out that the additional parking spaces, recently added, were away from the ECH and of little benefit to it. Our local County Councillor, Melinda Tilley, then added her support by reminding the committee of all the other developments currently under way in the village and pointing out how KB & S was becoming urbanised. Melinda reiterated that the ECH was too big and parking was totally inadequate. Melinda also pointed out the serious concerns relating to Sewage and Waste Water removal and told of the problems the village is currently experiencing. David Wilson Homes together with SOHA then had their 3 minutes but added nothing to convince any of us, from the village, that our concerns would be addressed.

The Councillors then commented and asked questions of the Planning Officer but it was quickly obvious that it was going against us. Minds had already been made up. Councillors appeared to have totally ignored any issues raised by Brian, Melinda or me. They seemed to have completely missed the point that the ECH will be more of a Retirement home than a Care Home. Councillors believed a Care Home was the proposal and was such a good idea that its size, location, and the likely parking chaos were not even considered. Unfortunately, we the objectors, were not allowed any further comments at this point.

The development was by approved 12 to 2

What a shame. Had our issues been addressed, the development would have been so much better for the village, for existing homeowners who live nearby and for the new residents who, despite everything, will I'm sure be welcomed to Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor. Roy Wolfe

### Village Fete 28th June



*The Annual Church Fete is one of the highlights of the year and a date that must go in your diary. It will be held as usual at Kingston Bagpuize House on the 28 June, 1pm to 4pm. This year's fete has something for the whole village, young, old, or if you are new to the village, its a good way to meet people and find out just what a special place Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor is. As always its more than just a traditional village fete - it has a twist - silly games! This year's main event can now be revealed - 'Wacky Races meets Cars'. Village teams are invited to compete around a wacky race course and do silly things. If you would like to enter into the spirit of things and enter a team of four or five people, it will be your chance to win a magnificent trophy and a bottle of bubbly (ring 01865 820885 for more details). There will also be a bouncy castle for the young ones, Pimm's for the Mums and Dads, fancy dress, music by the Bag Tree Buskers and many other exciting attractions as well as lots of other stalls run by the village organisations.*

*Details of our Church Fete Photographic competition: Page 21*

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**Repeat prescriptions can be left at the Southmoor Village Post Office**

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**Please allow 2 working days and include payment when requesting your prescription where necessary**

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**Repeat Prescriptions can be left at the Southmoor Village Post Office**

**The practice runs a daily service to the Post Office. Please allow 2 working days and include payment when requesting your prescription where necessary.**

DISTRICT NURSE or HEALTH VISITOR 01367 240087

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

Step forward the person who came up with the concept of booking fees when purchasing theatre tickets.

A racket if there ever was one. When recently trying to buy tickets for 'Ghost' at the New Theatre in Oxford, I was encouraged to buy on line, ok fair enough. Imagine my delight to discover the final cost of buying tickets the 'modern' way bore no relation to the original cost of the beast. Not only were booking fees added but also a transaction fee which if I recall put a total of £7.50 on each ticket. When did all this come about? Dick Turpin could learn a thing or two about fleecing people from these ticket agencies. I may point out if you call at the ticket office in person you do not pay these charges.

Continuing on the theatrical theme, I am frequently disappointed at the choice of productions the Oxford Playhouse comes up with, and have to travel to Bath, Windsor or Cheltenham to see pre or post London productions popular dramas and comedies. I appreciate I am perhaps not the audience the Playhouse has designed their calendar of plays for, but stone me every now and then they could make an effort instead of the pseudo intellectual offerings they constantly present week after week and then have to rely on grants and asking for donations to cover their costs.



# VILLAGE DIARY

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

June	Day	Time	What & Where (SVH = Southmoor Village Hall)	Page
Monday	2nd	7.00pm	KBS Parish Council Meeting – Swallow Room, VH	16
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon &amp; Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy Close 11.15</b>		
Tuesday	3rd	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club - Dr Jayne Manley 'The Earth Trust Project at Wittenham Clumps' - SVH	16
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Green Bin Collection &amp; Brown Bin Collection ****</b>		
Sunday	8th	8.30am - 12 Noon	Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club Car Boot Sale - Sports field Abingdon Rd	
Sunday	8th		Kingston Colts FC Presentation Day	22
Tuesday	10th	7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor W I - Carole Love 'What is Health Kinesiology' - SVH	11
Wednesday	11th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Serendipity Over 60s Club Meeting - Swallow Room, SVH	10
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Grey Bin Collection ****</b>		
Thursday	19th	6.30pm	Longworth & District History Soc - Guided walk around Eynsham	18
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon &amp; Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy Close 11.15</b>		
Monday	16th	4.00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for KBS News July 2014 Edition	2
Tuesday	17th	9.15am	Village Outing to Hill Close Gardens, Warwick, - Depart from Village Hall	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Green Bin Collection &amp; Brown Bin Collection ****</b>		
Sunday	22nd	2.00pm - 4.30pm	Friends of Appleton School Summer Fete - Appleton School	23
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Grey Bin Collection ****</b>		
Saturday	28th	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Kingston Bagpuize Church Fete - Kingston House	1 / 24
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon &amp; Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy Close 11.15</b>		
<b>July</b>				
Tuesday	1st		Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club Annual Garden Party	16
Saturday	5th	1.00pm to 3.00pm	John Blandy School Summer Fair, - John Blandy School, Southmoor	6
Saturday	12th	10.00am - 12 Noon	Southmoor Pre-School Nearly New Sale - Southmoor Village Hall	17
Saturday	5th	10.30am	Longworth & District History Soc - Visit to Mapledurham	18
Friday	18th	12.00 Noon	Last time for Entries to the KBS News Village Fete Photo Competition	21
Friday	18th		Kingsmoor Club Coach Trip to Weston-Super-Mare	16
<b>September</b>				
Saturday	13th		Gardening Club Annual Village Show	10

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

## Regular Events each Month

What	Where	Day	Time
Apple Quilters	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd & 4th Monday	9.30am - 12am
Church Youth Group	1 Oxford Road	Sunday Term Time	6.00pm - 7.30pm
French for Fun	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Wednesday	9.30am - 11.00am
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth VH from Jan 8 2013	Tuesday Term Time Only	11.00am - 12.30pm
KB Drama Group	St John the Baptist Church Hall	Tuesday (except below)	7.30pm
KB Drama Group	Southmoor Village Hall	3rd Tuesday each month	7.30pm
KB & S Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.30pm

KB & S Cafe	Methodist Chapel		Thursday	9.00am - 12 noon
KB & S Gardening Club	Southmoor Village Hall		1st Tuesday from Feb	7.15pm for 7.30pm
KB & S Health Walk	Leaves Southmoor VH 10.45am		Tuesday	10.30am - 11.30am
KB & S 14+ Drop In Centre	Methodist Church Hall		Friday Term Time Only	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Kingsmoor Community Club	Hinton Waldrist Village Hall		Tues, Wed, Fri	10.00am - 3.00pm
1st Kingston Bagpuize Brownies	Southmoor Village Hall		Wednesday	5.15pm - 6.45pm
1st Longworth Beavers			Thursday	6.00pm - 7.15pm
1st Longworth Cubs	The Scout Hut Faringdon Road	Contact Mike Furse 01865 820162	Tuesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Longworth Explorers			Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Scouts			Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
Nordic Walking Classes	Millennium Green		Saturday	8.30am - 9.30am
Pilates Matwork Classes	John Blandy School		Monday	7.00pm - 9.10pm
Serendipity Over 60s Club Meeting	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm		2nd Wednesday	2pm - 4pm
1st Southmoor Guides	Southmoor Village Hall		Wednesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group	Southmoor Village Hall		Friday Term Time Only	10am - 11.30am
Southmoor Exercise & Dance	Southmoor Village Hall		Wednesday Evenings	7.45 Exercise 8.45 Dance
Southmoor Karate Club	Southmoor Village Hall		Sunday	10am - 11.30am
Southmoor Rainbows	Methodist Church Hall		Tues Term Time Only	5.45pm - 6.45pm
KB & S Womens Institute	Southmoor Village Hall		2nd Tuesday	7.30pm
Zumba	Southmoor Village Hall		Monday	8.15pm

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Back Page £110

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Inside Part Page % of page used Min £10

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## KINGSTON BAGUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

<http://kingstonbaguizechurch.wordpress.com>

Sunday 1st June	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Joe Cotterill
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Speaker: Mrs Anne Curtis
Sunday 8th June	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Questions of Life Service	Speaker: Revd David Pickering
Sunday 15th June	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Joe Cotterill
	10.30am	Father's Day All-Age Service.	Speaker: Revd David Pickering
Sunday 22nd June	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
Sunday 29th June	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.00am	Eight Villages Cluster Service (at Marcham)	Speaker: Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Café Church	Speaker: TBC



### JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

**SUNDAY 15th JUNE: FATHER'S DAY ALL-AGE SERVICE:** Dads and Grandads, ahoy! We have a special Father's Day service for all ages, where Dads and Grandads are the special guests. We round off with bacon butties, followed by a trip to the pub. This could be a vital part of your Father's Day experience.

**SATURDAY 28th 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. If you can help, please see Chris Carpenter (820885) or Hazel Brennan (821358).

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

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

### Fyfield Chapel (Evangelical)

[www.fyfieldchapel.org.uk](http://www.fyfieldchapel.org.uk)  
 Sunday Service: 11.00 am  
 Crèche and Sunday School  
 Communion: 2nd Sunday in month  
 Evening Tea & Fellowship  
 5.30 pm 1st Sunday in month  
 Home Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
 8.00 pm 3rd Friday in month  
 (for details please email  
 or call 01865-769473)

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**BUCKLAND AND FARINGDON PARISH CENTRED AT  
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Parish Priest: Fr Leslie Adams, 1 Coxwell Road, Faringdon, SN7 7EB  
 Tel: 01367 243510, email: [blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com](mailto:blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com),  
**Masses: Sunday One Mass at 9.00am.** Weekly Masses: Tuesday and  
 Thursday 9.30am preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.15am. Details of  
 Masses on Holy Days and of Reconciliation - please refer to the Parish  
 Newsletter available at Blessed Hugh Church or from the Parish  
 Website: <http://www.blessedhugh.org.uk/>



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### What is there not to like ?

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*Additional days and times coming soon.*

For more information or to book a free taster session call  
 Lisa 07885635367 or email - [lisa@oxfordshirefitness.co.uk](mailto:lisa@oxfordshirefitness.co.uk)








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## VILLAGE VOICES

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Dear Editor, While I applaud the changes the technology is bringing us and I fully accept we have to strive forward to make progress I am finding all these discussions about getting faster and faster FI speed internet very annoying. I know we could all do with the best however as an average user of the Net I don't think at present I can afford or be bothered about getting faster emails from home to the shop, or downloading the type of file I need to download any quicker.

What I would be over the moon with is the Parish Council or local support groups got their priorities right and invested funds and resources in getting the mobile signals sorted out in this village out. I am missing on an average day 5-6 calls where family, business and hospitals can't get hold of me. I think I am like many other people in this village where I am not in one place at one time and can't get a signal even at my own home or place of work. It's ok asking folk to try and get hold of you on land lines, but if you are like me and never there when they call it is highly unlikely then voicemail message are rarely left! With regards to Text messages I need to wait for the wind to come in from the west and then I receive batches of messages in one hit!

Please can I beg you sort this problem out before any others as it's seriously driving me crazy. I remember many years ago there was going to be a mast put up behind the village hall, however this was blown out of the water due to the pre-school residing there. Well as they have their own purpose built building now maybe someone could dig out the file and blow the dust off it, and like many others who agree with me I am sure they would quite happily contribute to that fund instead. Neil Weller, Proprietor, The Log Cabin

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### THARA ALAM: A VILLAGE SAYS THANK YOU:

By the time this tribute appears in the KBS News, just about everybody in our village and indeed neighbouring villages too - will have realised that Southmoor Food & Wine closed for business on 13th May, thus bringing to an end a long period of retail service by Thara, her family and band of loyal assistants.

This remarkable shop, selling just about everything you need on a day-to-day basis and with long opening hours, has been a 'permanent fixture' in KBS for the last 28 years, with Thara in sole charge for the last 17. By any yardstick, this is a great achievement and must not pass without a collective demonstration of gratitude from all Thara's customers who have relied on her shop for so long.

A number of personal reasons have precipitated Thara's decision to stand down, not least the taxing fatigue which comes from working an average 70-hour week over many years and desire to have some more 'quality time' with her family (and her garden!) I'm sure I can speak on behalf of the entire community when I say how much we have appreciated - and are grateful for all she has done and that we will miss her elegant presence behind the till.

She has not, however, left her customers in the lurch and has sold the lease and business to 'One Stop Shop', which will be managed by a young man from Swindon with the help of Thara's existing staff, once a major refit been completed in early June. She explained that the new shop will retain the same ethos, offer extended opening hours and have its own cash-point.

We therefore look forward to welcoming the new manager to KBS and wish him an enjoyable and profitable tenure in charge of 'One Stop Shop'. Nigel Shaw

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*Can I just say I totally agree with the author of last month's front page:- 'There are no caves in KBS'. I am absolutely horrified at the amount of development. There seems no end to it all. Name & address supplied.*

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Dear Sir, It is reported that our MP, Ed Vaizey, is now challenging the Government's numbers for new housing development. This is a surprising move from him, considering his comparative silence on the subject over the last few months. Has he just remembered there is a General Election next year? Martin Trinder, Laurel Drive.

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***Please can people when parking at the top of Cherry Tree Close, not block the view of drivers leaving the Close and allow space for Emergency Vehicles. Name & address supplied.***

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**Witney Road A415 Planning Decision.** As anticipated Vale Planning approved the development in the field off the Witney Road - 12 For and 2 abstentions. Roy Wolfe (reading a combined effort by Karen White and him - see front page) and, Brian Forster and Melinda Tilley spoke well but the committee were tired by then having rejected a huge commercial application in Sutton Courtenay. Not sure when they are going to start work. The only condition is that there should be a security survey because there was concern about the houses bordering School Lane! It's been a long battle but probably an inevitable result. Thanks to all of you who tried to retain the character of our village. Neil Evans

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## Village Notice Board

KBS NEWS TEAM ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER/VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR TEAM OF DISTRIBUTORS TO DELIVER TO EACH HOUSE ON THE NEW PYE DEVELOPMENTS, FARINGDON ROAD. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT CYRIL OR PAT FOR DETAILS (see page 2 for contact numbers)

*There is a proposal for a defibrillator to be obtained for the Village A NHS / Ambulance service representative Richard (Dick) Tracey will give an introductory 10 min. talk on this topic at the June meeting of the Parish Council.*

*THE KBS TEAM WOULD LIKE TO WISH THARA FROM SOUTHMOOR FOOD & WINE A HAPPY RETIREMENT AND TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORTING OUR ACTIVITIES OVER THE YEARS. On a personal note I would like to thank Thara for her support and donations over the years to the charity events that I have organised. I know that after a break Thara hopes to join some of the village organisations and coffee mornings etc., and look forward to seeing her out and about the village. Pat (Chair)*

JOHN BLANDY SCHOOL

# SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 5TH JULY

12PM TO 3PM

Fun for all the family  
Activities, games, stalls, raffle  
Bar & BBQ  
Cake stall & refreshments

All proceeds in aid of The Friends of John Blandy School  
To reserve a stall email [johnblandyfriends@gmail.com](mailto:johnblandyfriends@gmail.com)

### A new open space in the village

As part of the agreement between the Planning Authority and the developer, the land to the south of the new Pye development is to be maintained as public open space with access through the development. Its rural feel will be retained with residents able to walk or take part in informal games.

There is an opportunity to include some additional features and the Parish Council would like your views on the following:

- \* adult exercise equipment, either grouped in a small area or set out as a trim trail
- \* a community orchard or woodland, and if you would be willing to undertake planting or maintenance
- \* a wildflower meadow.

Please respond to the Clerk,  
[johnmelling765@btinternet.com](mailto:johnmelling765@btinternet.com) or any Councillor.

**KBSonline runs the village web-site. We are looking for an additional committee member to help with the development of [www.kbsonline.org.uk](http://www.kbsonline.org.uk). If you have web authoring and maintenance skills and a desire to help us why not drop an email to [david.warr@lineone.net](mailto:david.warr@lineone.net) or phone 820264**

**The Waggon and Horses**  
tel: 01865 821676

Paul and Kim invite you to the newly refurbished Waggon and Horses  
**Senior Citizens menu available Monday- Friday lunchtimes**  
Our kitchen is open from 12.00 - 2.30pm and 6.00pm-9.00pm Monday - Saturday  
On Sunday 12.00 - 3.00pm for Carvery and 3.00pm - 7.00pm for normal menu

Visit us and enjoy  
**Our New Summer menu in June**  
**Live Duo Mojo Workin on Saturday 7th June**  
**Race Night 14th June**  
**Disco Bingo 21st June**

**The Stable dining room is available for functions please contact us to book your party**  
Find us on Facebook to see our weekly activities including quizzes, karaoke and the very popular disco bingo!  
Opening times are 12 noon - 3.00pm Monday - Thursday and all day from 12 noon Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
Good food, real ales, sky sports, large garden, function room, regular entertainment and traditional pub sports  
Dogs are welcome in the bar and garden if on a lead



## FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT? No: 15 The Black Horse, Standlake

The outside of this typical Cotswold stone inn looked promising. People sat outside on an early Spring evening, lots going on with the sounds of folk generally having a good time. Inside the bar was busy. We'd booked a table for four and having eaten there before, expected to be shown to the dining room. Alas no. A table beckoned really near, I mean really near a group of drinkers at the bar, and I knew without being told that was going to be our table and of course it was.

Still, make the most of it, pleasant landlady, pre-dinner drinks,

fine. I had to scurry around to fine a menu and we waited a fair while before we were eventually served.

In fairness the food came in good time. No one, strangely, seemed over hungry including me, which is unusual, so we declined starters and went straight for the main course. The wine appeared as did the meals in short order. Three of us had ordered the same, the fillet steak tail with melted stilton and peppercorn sauce. The dish looked good, was presented well with mushrooms, salad, onion rings and fries and although the steak was small had all the ingredients of the classic cut, tender succulent and tasty. Alas, the sauce seemed to be devoid of any stilton. The bride's haddock was only fair according to her, and she did have to ask for Tartare sauce which should have accompanied the meal. The batter was a tad on the heavy side too, which is a shame as the Black Horse prides itself on delivering fish from port to table within 48 hours.

The proximity of the bar leaners continued to be irksome especially as their conversation included some guys nose hairs. Nice, They were quite at liberty of course to be there, unfortunately the position of our table almost included us in their conversation. The place was full so there were no other tables free.

We passed on puddings and so asked for the bill. The total due was fair enough, The steaks were around £16 each, fair enough but they were only 5/6oz cuts. Apart from this, the prices generally were quite high I thought for pub fare, but the portions certainly couldn't be criticised.

So the moral is if you are dining at the Black Horse on a busy night be sure to identify your table when you book it, unless you want to join the locals. *Eton Lovett*

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## THE KBS NEWS WINE LIST



*The Wine Quartet busy reviewing their selection for this month's choice at the recent Point-to-Point at Lockinge.*

*To tickle your taste buds this month we decided on two reasonably priced wines from Aldi in Botley -no we are not share holders-the store has a good selection of wine at various prices that will suit most pockets. We always say you don't know whether you have made the correct choice until you pull the cork or with these bottles the screw caps, anyhow we were not disappointed.*

*The white wine we picked is the Albarino Rias Baixas from their Exquisite collection, this Spanish wine originates from Galicia and as the name implies is made from the Albarino grape, this is a dry, fresh and zesty wine with aromas of peach, mountain herbs and apple blossom. Its fresh acid minerality enables a crisp and lingering finish on the tongue with a hint of pear. A real value for money wine to go with a summer salad or fish dish. This 2013 wine, 12.5%vol. costs £5.99, serve it chilled and it will drink well.*

*The Red, Nero D'Avola 2013 made from Sicily's icon grape Terre Siciliane is a delicious brambly wine with characteristic Nero D'Avola red and cherry laden flavours.*

*Sicily may not be everyone's first choice but Italy has a great tradition for wine making and this 13% vol. at £4.99 will not disappoint. Serve at room temperature and don't forget to unscrew the top in good time. Cheers The Wine Quartet.*




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## WORDS OF WISDOM

Middle age is when, whenever you go on holiday, you pack a sweater.

*Dennis Norden*

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## SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

This month we had two very helpful ladies (Sonia and Lizzie) from Age UK to give our members information on various subjects that are of interest to the elderly/people living on their own. The subjects mentioned were scams, loneliness, carers, transport, computers and many other things that some of our members were not aware of. Hopefully we all learned a lot from this and I look forward to introducing some of the subjects mentioned over the months. Next months meeting will be hosted by Joyce Cotterill who has kindly offered to join us and tell us of some of her life experiences. The next meeting is on Wednesday 11th June from 2 pm - 4 pm in the Swallow Room. *More details from Pat 820775*

## KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR



*KBS Cafe celebrates their ninth birthday with a chocolate cake. Why not volunteer to become a helper?*

*We celebrated our 9th birthday last month with a party. People enjoyed a chocolate birthday cake and other goodies.*

*If anyone is interested in joining our helpers' rota, please contact Jenny Bone on the number below. Volunteers are needed to assist our regulars with serving refreshments and clearing up after the café. It's only about once every eight weeks, and the more people, the less often it's your turn! If you like baking, cakes are always welcome, too. The KBS Café is open every Thursday morning from 9am until noon, in the Methodist church on the corner of Faringdon Road and Hanney Road, opposite the Crossroads Garage.*

*Everyone is welcome, from 0 – 100+. The KBS Café is the perfect place to meet old friends and make new ones. We look forward to seeing you. If anyone needs a lift please contact one of us on the numbers below.*

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

Jenny Bone (820368) Carole Watts (821710)

## How to cheat!

My earlier articles encouraging you to take part in the Village Show talked about seeds, compost and pricking out. The good news is that you can safely ignore all of that advice and still grow fantastic vegetables this summer. All you have to do is to head down to a local garden centre and pick up a tray of young plants and some compost. And some pots if you don't have any. I particularly recommend growing cherry tomatoes in hanging baskets or tall pots. They look great, and the kids can pick them straight from the plant. Varieties such as Maskotka or Tumbling Tom are specifically for baskets, and as such they are fine outside - you don't have to have a greenhouse.

Early June is the perfect time for planting out, so don't delay - head down to the garden centre and get growing. The tomatoes will be ready later in the summer for eating - or entering in the Show in September! *Paul Gill*

## Goodbye to an old friend.



*Sad to see the old bus shelter being demolished. The structure was built to commemorate the Queen's Coronation in 1953, and has stood the test of time for over 60 years, housing*

*generations of west bound bus passengers and more recently has been adopted by the village youth as a meeting point.*

*The shelter was hit by a car a couple of weeks ago and though still looked fine, the foundations had been damaged and the building deemed unsafe.*

*The police are involved and it remains to be seen what happens to the site which is owned by the VWHDC.*



## KINGSTON BAGUIZE DRAMA GROUP

Our 'Murder Mystery Entertainment Evening' in April sold out two weeks in advance and was very well received. Guests enjoyed a two act play, interviewing the 'suspects', a quiz, ploughman's supper, desert, a licensed bar and teas and coffees. We have had some lovely emails from audience members letting us know how much they enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to everybody who came, we really appreciate it. These events are very popular and we hope to put on more of them. So, thoughts turn to November's production and we are currently reading through scripts looking for something we can cast and that we hope will appeal to the village .... Watch this space. *Sarah Curran*

## Ist Kingston Bagpuize Brownies

We've already had a lot of fun this term with our St George's Day celebration, May Day dancing, Beading evening and a visit by Emilie from Amate Animalia Exotic Animal Rescue near Witney. <http://www.amate-animalia.co.uk/>

Emilie brought a number of animals for the Brownies to meet and learn about. The girls were able to hold and stroke some of them, including Darwin the Panther Chameleon, Oakie the skunk and Sally the African Pygmy Hedgehog. Emilie also had another skunk, Meisie, and a baby wallaby, Winnie, who had to be bottle-fed (cue lots of aahs!). The last animal was a young albino Burmese python, Samson, who is already over 7ft long. This month we'll be having activities to celebrate 100 years of Brownies, as well as a trip to Millets Farm to pick strawberries, and an evening making Father's Day cards and gifts. We have a few spaces for girls from 7-10. We are also still looking for a new Leader. If interested please contact Sam Bawden, Tel: 07779 640465, Email: [bagpuizebrownies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bagpuizebrownies@hotmail.co.uk) *Carole Watts*



*The Brownies with Samson the 7ft Burmese python*



*The venerable beads*



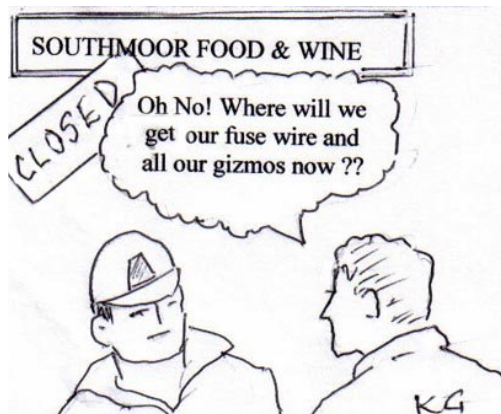
*Emilie and one of her skunks*

## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.

Our first meeting since the election of the new Committee in March took place on May 13th. The speaker was Simeon Courtie BBC radio presenter, author and comedy writer. He was one of the best speakers I have heard with his true story of "a family gap year" travelling the world with his family in a Volkswagen camper van. He and his 3 daughters also performed as the Beatnik Beatles singing to a Lennon and McCartney soundtrack to raise money for UNICEF. Copies of his book about this trip "The Long and Whining Road" were sold at the meeting with 10% of profits going to WI funds. Delicious refreshments were enjoyed by everyone courtesy of the hostesses.

Our next meeting is on 10th June with our speaker Carole Love and "What is Health Kinesiology?" The members competition is A Beautiful Fresh Flower. Finally our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in Southmoor Village Hall at 7-30pm. Our own website ([www.bagpuizewi.co.uk](http://www.bagpuizewi.co.uk)) gives details of our future meetings and the WI own Denman College in Marcham as well as links to the NFWI website. You can also follow what we get up to on Facebook. Karen King 803169

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## Ron's Green Gardening Tips for June

By early June, it should be safe to plant out young courgettes and outdoor tomatoes in a sunny and well prepared position. Add a mulch to help keep the soil moist, protect from slugs and snails, and your first courgettes should be ready to cut by the end of the month. Cut whilst young to ensure a successive and tender crop throughout summer. Outdoor tomatoes may take longer to ripen. Watch out for small side shoots close the leaves on the main stem and pinch out as they appear. This month you can plant Summer Broccoli, Purple-sprouting, Winter Cabbages and Brussels sprouts. Continue sowing salad crops for Summer and Autumn - try growing a seed called 'Oriental Mixed' it contains Salad Rocket, Pak Choi, Red Mustard, etc. This blend of spicy leaves is an alternative to normal salad leaves.

Have you tried organic gardening, the practice of gardening without the use of chemicals, and relying on manures and natural fertilizers. Different methods may still be used to combat pests, diseases and problem weeds, but by its very nature, organic gardening also encompasses good gardening practices such as maintaining a healthy soil and encouraging beneficial insects into your garden.

If you are wondering how to make an organic garden here are a few easy tips: First make room for a composter or two in a sunny corner of the garden to collect, grass clippings, vegetable peelings and uncooked kitchen waste (strictly no cooked-food or meat substances as these may attract rats). Add soft pruning's and garden vegetation, even cardboard and shredded paper can be composted, and after a few months this will start to produce an unbeatable organic material full of nutrients to feed your soil and your plants.

Don't over plant. A lot of problems such as fungal diseases are caused by poor air circulation around plants, and overcrowding is a key cause. Give plants space to grow and breathe, thin out or prune plants to keep them in shape. Grow the right plant in the right place, rather than forcing plants to struggle. This is the key to organic gardening, and produces healthier stronger plants that are much more able to withstand attacks from pests and diseases by trying to avoid them in the first place. Also avoid growing large areas of a single type of plant or closely related ones. Mixing plants up, rather than growing monocultures helps to confuse pests and reduce problems. Bringing in a whole range of plants (such as some wild flowers) to the garden will help to encourage beneficial insects such as ladybirds and hoverflies - one of the best organic ways to keep pests at bay. Feed and water your plants because weak, malnourished plants are much more likely to succumb to disease and attack by pests, so feed and water regularly, but don't overdo it. Too much can cause sappy young growth, which slugs, snails and aphids love.

Keep on top of weeding, making sure you remove the entire weed with its entire root. Regularly hoeing around plants through the summer is a great way to deal with weeds organically and you will help to stop them from reproducing and spreading further. A good layer of mulch is vital in an organic garden and a generous layer of your own home-made garden compost, or well-rotted animal manure spread on beds in the autumn, will break down and feed the soil as well as improve its structure. An extra helping in the spring will help to hold moisture in the soil and reduce the need for watering. *Ron Green*



"There are better ways to log off."

## The Way We Were



**Pupils at Kingston Bagpuize school in the 1950's**  
**Where are they now?**

*(Our thanks to the History Society)*



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



The Annual meeting of the KBS Parish at which Officers for the coming year are elected took place on Monday 12th May in the Village Hall.

The meeting was attended by County and District councillor, Mrs M Tilley, together with 6 members of the public. Mr B Forster and Mr A Chartres were re-elected Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. For members of various committees, please refer to minutes of May meeting.

**Public Participation.** The 30mph zone on the Faringdon Road has now been extended as far as Spring Hill Lane.

Mr Young thanked the Council for approving the siting and erection of a bench in the large recreation ground, following a public appeal, in memory of Mateusz Kucinski who was fatally injured in an accident on the A420 in April.

Mr. Chartres advised that unless each broadband user contacted their provider, subsequent to any improvements to the service county wide, their service speeds would remain the same as they currently receive until they action an upgrade.

The village has a new PCSO, namely Andy Gunn, who joins the neighbourhood team at Faringdon from Milton.

**Report / District & County Councillor** Mrs Tilley advised, that together with fellow county councillors, she had met with Highways officers and Ed Vaizey MP to discuss safety concerns with the A420 following the recent fatal accident to one of our youngsters. He agreed to press for a full survey of the road. Oxfordshire CC. Highways have been pressed for urgent action to repair the Faringdon Road at Little London.

Mrs Tilley stated that David Wilson Homes had been required by OCC to remove the hedgerow on the Witney Road site to enable visibility splays to be achieved. This was in spite of the fact that the outline planning consent showed that the majority of what was removed was marked "to be retained". In addition, the act of felling at "Nesting Time" could be construed as an offence under the Wildlife and Country act. Mrs Tilley also agreed to investigate information that David Wilson Homes may wish to close School Lane at some point!

**Planning.** For applications received please refer to May minutes in detail. An application to extend opening hours of the Village shop, now to be operated by One Stop Stores, (a wholly owned subsidiary of Tesco) has been objected to, as has various proposed building works. For decisions please refer to May minutes.

**Accounts.** Financial statement and Annual Return were approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. (These are available to view, please contact Clerk.)

**Donations.** A donation of £300 was approved in response to a request from Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club to support the purchase of Replacement Wicket Covers.

**Road Safety.** A local cyclist has suggested that fellow cyclists and especially youngsters, would be encouraged to use the bridge across the A420 if a hard surface was provided from the Waggon Path. The proposal will be investigated, including possible support from a local developer!

**Land to be leased or purchased under S106 agreements. Sports Field and Pavilion.** The present position was outlined by Mrs Grant to a recent committee meeting. The access footpath will now be positioned inside the current stone boundary wall. The plan is to have the Pavilion built in time for the 2015 Cricket season. The land forming the new Sports Field will be retained by the present owners, and then leased to the Parish Council. S106 negotiations are continuing, but unexpected (financial) demands for projects outside of the Village, could mean that limited sums are available to develop beyond the basic structure of the Pavilion. These additional needs have been identified as up to £85k.

**Land to South of Pye Development.** The views of parishioners on the merits of adult exercise equipment and / or community orchard / woodland will be sought through a questionnaire in KBS News.

**Land adjacent to Village Hall.** Taylor Wimpey has invited the Parish Council to take ownership of all public open spaces on the development including that adjacent to the Village Hall. This has been agreed.

A request had also been received for the Parish Council to approve the diversion of the footpath to the South of the Development. This would avoid temporary closure, before the new route as shown on the plans, is in place. This was approved, providing the Village Hall Management Committee have no objections.

**Land off The Witney Rd.** Mr Hancox (Chairman Elect John Blandy Trust) has reported that the view of 1st Longworth Scouts, is that ownership of the land identified for their use, be transferred to the Scout Association.

**Correspondence.** Community governance review. Council confirmed its previous support for a restricted expansion of the Parish Boundary, NOT the much larger expansion proposed by the VWHDC.

There is a proposal for a defibrillator to be obtained for the Village, which is fully supported. A NHS / Ambulance service representative will give an introductory talk at the June meeting of the Parish Council.

**Village amenities.** Recreation Grounds. A section of chain link fence has been trampled to ground level by children climbing over a neighbour's fence. To be restored. *Continued on page 16*



*Parish Council News Cont....* **War Memorial.** The Union Flag, together with that of Canada and the USA will be flown on the 70th Anniversary of D-Day, 6th June plus the road closure for Remembrance Sunday is expected to be approved.

**Faults.** Thames Water are again dealing with Foul Water problems in the village, where various blockages are being experienced.

The brick Bus Shelter at Latton Close suffered severe damage by a car and has since been demolished. Police are investigating the incident. The Council will consider ideas for a replacement. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 2nd June at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. *Brian Forster.*



### Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

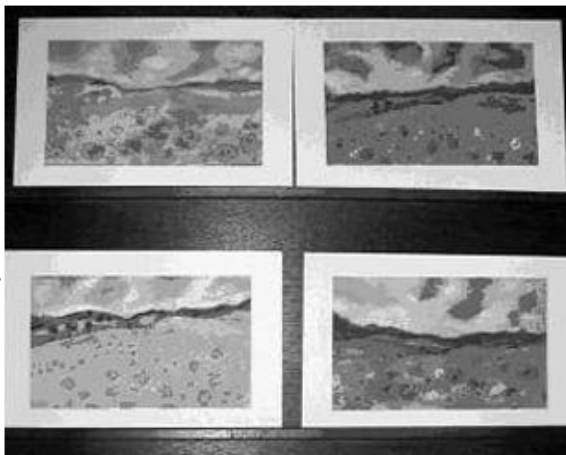
On Tuesday June 3rd Dr Jayne Manley from the Earth Trust at Little Wittenham will give a talk about the trust's initiative ways in helping Oxfordshire's biodiversity, growing and conservation. We meet in The Village Hall in Southmoor at 7.15 pm to start at 7.30 pm. Our annual membership is £10 includes FREE admission to our regular monthly meetings plus a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits. Visitors are very welcome at £3 per meeting. We hold a grand raffle, and a members' table with a selection of plants and gardening goodies for sale with donations going to our adopted charity. Tickets will be on sale for our annual Garden Party, taking place on Tuesday 1st July, also details and tickets of our special evening on October 17th with Pippa Greenwood. For more details about the S&KB Gardening Club, please call Steve or Sharon on 820399 or email [skbgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:skbgardeningclub@gmail.com) *Ron Green*

### John Blandy School Gardening Club:



Pupils at John Blandy School went wild recently by sowing native English wild flower seeds donated by BBC Countryfile. The seeds were supplied free from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, to raise awareness that UK wild flowers are under threat. By sowing and caring for the young plants the children will help support pollinating insects, butterflies and bees. Children helped to prepare the wild garden, just one of the six raised beds in the grounds of John Blandy School. *Pictured above left; Adam Forster (holding the packet of wild seeds) assisting with planting Joanna Griffiths, Toby Mahon and Christopher Gulliford, just some of the children attending the after school Gardening Club.*

### KINGSMOOR CLUB NEWS



*Some of our chalk pastille landscapes, many members have not tried art work before, it's amazing*

every morning to music and best of all a home cooked dinner. We enjoy arts and crafts but there is no need to have done these things before.

.....SPARE SEATS ON A COACH TO WESTON-SUPER-MARE ON JULY 18TH.

We would love people of any age to fill these seats, the coach has a lift so wheelchair users are welcome. Please ring Gwyne asap to book a seat (small donation to Kingsmoor). The sea air is the one thing we are short of in Oxfordshire. Ring 01865 820166 or leave a message and Gwyne will return your call.



## SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL

First of all we would like to give a warm welcome to all of the new children and their families who have started at preschool this term. We're also starting to prepare the older children for their big move to school in September. We are in our busiest term now and have lots of fun things planned for the coming weeks.

In April and May the children were making the most of the nice weather and were busy planting carrots and peas in the garden and enjoying watching them grow.

They have also been really enjoying lots of role-play activities, in particular the pretend shop. If your children would like to bring in any empty, clean boxes, packets and bottles they would be gratefully received to replenish the shops stock! Also, please look out for the new parent helper rota on the door as extra help would allow us to put on a wider range of activities.

If you have any extra Sainsburys Vouchers lurking in your wallet then now is the time to pass them on and help us to get new toys and equipment please. The last date for us sending them off is the 15th July. There is a collection box in pre-school. We would be very grateful for your donation.

The Village Fete is on Saturday June 28th at Kingston Bagpuize House 1-4pm, and Pre-School will be organising the fancy dress parade again this year. There was a fantastic turn out last year despite the rain so we are hoping this one will be even bigger and better.

Entrance cost £1 and registration takes place on the pre-school stall. So, if you're 6 or under get creative and put on your best and most imaginative outfits. The winning 3 will receive a prize and everyone entering receives a small treat for taking part.

We will be holding a under 5's 'Nearly New' Sale on Saturday 12th July (10-12am) at the village hall with all profits going to buy equipment for Pre-School. A small entrance fee for adults and children are free. There will be refreshments available and some toys to entertain the little one while you shop! If you are interested in a stall (£10) or if you have individual items you wish us to sell on your behalf please contact Gemma or Jane for more information.

Don't forget if you are interested in a pre-school place we are currently taking children aged from 2 years and 4 months. There are several places still left for September 2014. So, if you are thinking of registering your child or increasing your child's sessions, please contact Jackie (Manager) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

All children who are 3 in the term following their 3rd birthday are entitled to 15 hours free early years education! Email [southmoorpre-school@live.co.uk](mailto:southmoorpre-school@live.co.uk)  
Tel: 01865 821505. *Marie Siviter*

## 1st Southmoor Guides



Guides this month have been hunting round the village on a chocolate trail set by our young leaders, we have also learnt about healthy eating whilst making smoothies and trying exotic fruits. We held our ever popular cookout where the Guides cook their dinner on open fires, this is always a lot of fun, but the Guides go home extremely smelly!! With the help of some of the Guides and their grannies we have produced two fantastic camp blankets, that we will be trying out on our weekend camp in June. Come and see us at the village fete where we will have a stall. You can play the lucky 50p bag game and possibly win a £5 note.

Thank you to everyone who has given us their Active Kids vouchers, we are planning to use them to purchase some new sports equipment.

We meet on Wednesday evenings in the Swallow Room at the Village Hall, and have a leader, assistant leader, unit helper and two young leaders. We are full at present and are running a waiting list. For further details please email Sally on [dance424@btinternet.com](mailto:dance424@btinternet.com) or ring 01865 821924. *Sally Dance*



*There's obviously a couple of budding Delia Smiths in the Southmoor Guides*

## New summer league season



The new Wilson summer leagues have started. The club has entered six teams in total - three ladies' teams, two men's, and one mixed. The format is that each team has two pairs of doubles, who play each of the doubles pairs from the opposing team, so you play twice. Each match consists of two sets, so it's a fairly good workout with four sets of tennis played in the afternoon. This is followed by a tea, provided by the home team, of sandwiches and (more importantly!) cake. It's a great afternoon and although the matches are keenly contested it's always a friendly atmosphere.

If this sounds like fun, please do get in touch. Our teams are at the upper level, the middle level and the very bottom of the leagues so whatever standard you are, you will fit in perfectly. If you're feeling a bit rusty we do provide a coaching programme for adults as well as juniors.

Our fees are extremely reasonable (juniors £16, adults £45, family £96 and students £22) so there's no excuse not to play. If you're interested, you can find out more and even join online at our website - <http://www.kbstennis.org>. Hope to see you at the courts. *Paul Gill.*



## Longworth & District History Society

Last Thursday in Hinton Waldrist we were given a most interesting talk and

demonstration of bell ringing. We learned about the bells which hang in the tower at St Margaret of Antioch in Hinton Waldrist. The bells were rung, and our speaker Valia Battat, a bell-ringer herself, told us how the act of ringing a bell changed over the centuries allowing more control over the timing of the ring, enabling complicated changes to be rung. Valia had a working model of a bell showing us how and when the ringing occurred. The history of the bells in the tower was fascinating discovering much information from the church warden's accounts. These accounts told her when they were paid for and when any alterations needed to be done. In contrast Longworth bells are not rung because the wooden structure supporting the bells is not secure. The bells are all there and it is hoped that one day they will ring again.

The next few meetings of the society are visits, and require tickets which are available from Pam Woodward 820500. Our first visit is a guided walk round Eynsham, 19th June. It starts at 6.30. The visit to Mapledurham Saturday 5th July, starting at 10.30. If you would like a lift to either of these places please ring Pam or me - Kathy Fletcher 820193



## ED VAIZEY MP

*Ed Vaizey MP met local county councillors to discuss safety issues on the A420.*

*Ed has already been in touch with Oxfordshire County Council about this issue.*

*Improvements have been made along the route, such as the introduction of 50mph speed limits enforced by speed cameras, further improvements are desirable, particularly in the context of proposed growth in Oxfordshire and Swindon.*

*Ed said "It is clear that there are a number of well-founded concerns about safety on the A420, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. I am therefore pleased that I had the opportunity to discuss these issues directly with local county councillors, who are committed to finding solutions to making the A420 a safe place. We will be working together to ensure that all possible options are explored."*



*Ed is pictured with (L-R) Cllrs Melinda Tilley, David Nimmo Smith, Ian Hudspeth, Yvonne Constance, Judith Heathcoat*

## Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group

We will be having a stall at this year's Church fete where your little ones can go fishing for ducks and everyone wins a prize. So come along and meet the volunteers that run the group, we are a pretty friendly bunch. Also all profits go to the running cost of the group and replacing equipment so please come along and show us your support!

If you haven't been yet your first session is free we have frozen our prices until September 2014. Not bad when you think you get teas/coffees as well as snacks for the kids included for just £2. We are based at the Village Hall which is a lovely big venue for the toddlers to run around in during the colder months and lovely out door space in the warmer weather. The session runs from 10-11.30 term time only.

Finally, We would like to say a BIG thank you to the John Blandy Trust for their very generous donation to the baby and toddler group funds. Marie-Astrid Sanderson







Here is the latest neighbourhood update from Sergeant Shane Harrison, PC Chris Linzey, PC Robert Maris, PC Trevor Gorman, PC Bob Searle, PCSO Kerry Davis, PCSO Maralyn Pack, PCSO Myra Harvey and PCSO Andy Gunn.

**A message from PCSO Andy Gunn:** I would like to introduce myself; I am the new PCSO for Faringdon and have recently moved from Wantage. I have been the patrolling over the last few weeks, getting to know the area and meeting some of the residents. I look forward to meeting more of you in the future.

Over the last week we have been in Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor completing some house to house inquiries and making introductions. In between these times I have visited our other local villages.

For the upcoming months as the weather improves, Faringdon neighbourhood police are looking to help arrange an afternoon/evening event for all age ranges in Kingston Bagpuize, please contact me by email if you have any suggestions or ideas for help on [andrew.gunn@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:andrew.gunn@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk).

**Rural crime:** The rural areas will continue to be patrolled by the neighbourhood police and response teams. More resources are also being made available to rural patrols. However, there have been a handful of non dwelling burglaries in the area. With a number of new developments in the Vale please continue to be on the lookout for suspicious behaviour in and around these sites. Offenders are attracted to our area as they believe we are an easy target when it comes to stealing tools, machinery and fuel.

Members of the rural community can be assured we will treat rural crime as a priority and hopefully this positive outcome will encourage more witnesses to come forward.

**Speeding:** We have received an increased number of complaints about speeding. In particular on the village roads that are being used as an alternative route to avoid traffic on the A420.

We have conducted over half a dozen operations in areas and a number of motorists have been issued tickets for speeding, mobile phones and seatbelt offences. Drivers have also been spoken to about being close to the speed limit.

**Crime:** There have been two houses burgled in Faringdon recently. Offenders have entered through insecure doors on both occasions. Please do not leave yourself vulnerable to these opportunists. If you require advice on securing your home please contact one of the team on the police non-emergency number 101. We can conduct a survey of your property and outbuildings to suggest various ways of making your property secure. Have you left a window insecure on a warm weekend day? Are your garden perimeters cut down low enough so that your neighbours can look out for you? Perhaps you have left garden tools or ladders in your garden so thieves do not even have to bring their own?

**Crime mapping:** The Home Office national crime mapping website gives the public access to street-level crime information as well as information on their Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Neighbourhood Priorities and Events - details of Have Your Say and other neighbourhood activities. Log on to [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) (opens new window), type in your local postcode or neighbourhood name and then click on 'Find out more'.

**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 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email:

[FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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 Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk).



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## KBS News Village Fete Photo Competition!

We will again be holding our annual KBS News photographic competition at this year's Church fete on June 28th. So all you budding photographers are summoned to send us your best shots taken at this auspicious occasion to win the coveted prizes (we'll think of something) and have your efforts published in the KBS News. Two categories, Junior up to age 14 and Senior. Send your entries to [editorkbsnews@gmail.com](mailto:editorkbsnews@gmail.com) by Friday 18th July.





## Kingston Colts F.C.

The football season finally finished on the 18th May for Kingston Colts, having been extended due to the wet Winter weather. Overall our sides have had another great season and our players have competed well against sides from much larger villages and towns. It was always going to be difficult to follow last season's successes where 4 of our teams won their respective leagues.

Due to that success, those teams were promoted and played against much better opposition this season and acquitted themselves very well:

U14s – A good finish to the season with a win and a draw, saw the U14s finish 8th and out of the relegation zone, in the very competitive A league. A good season following last year's promotion under Manager Marc Gorham & Coach Jerry May.

U13s – An excellent season saw the U13s finish 5th and mid table in the A league, following last year's promotion. Once again, a great performance under Manager Tony Thompson.

U12s – The U12s have struggled this season due to lack of numbers following last year's promotion. They finished the table 2nd from bottom but still had 4 games to play before the season ended. Still a great effort by the team managed by Trev Baxter.

U10s – Another good season for the U10s under Mark Stuart following last year's promotion, finishing 5th in the Blue league.

The U9s have been playing in the Oxford Mail league this season and have had a good season making it to the final of the Oxford Mail winter cup meeting, which was held at our Sportsfield in January 2014. Oxford City FC awaited them in the final and the two teams were evenly matched with the Colts coming through and lifting the Cup. A great achievement by Leon Allen's team.

The U8s, managed by Manda Thompson and coached by John Willoughby, are playing 7v7 this season and recently played a friendly half-time game during the Swindon Town v Rotherham League 1 game, in front of an 8,000 strong crowd.

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

The U6s & Mini Kickers are just starting out with football and have been training under Manager Dan Burgess. The Club continues to grow and we now have well over 100 local youngsters regularly participating in football, which must be good for a small community like ours. A big thank you to all of our Players, Managers, Coaches and Parents for all their efforts over the past season.

The final event for this season is the Club Presentation Day, which will take place on Sunday 8th June. For more on Club fixtures, results and tables please go to [www.wdyfl.org](http://www.wdyfl.org). *Andy Gardner*



*Kingston Colts under 8's playing at Swindon Town F.C.*

## The Last Laugh



A motor mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a BMW M3 when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?" The cardiologist, a bit surprised walked over to where the mechanic was working on the car.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in, and when I finished, it worked just like new. So how is that I make £18,000 a year and you make £1.2 million when you and I are doing basically the same work?" The cardiologist paused, leaned over, and then whispered to the mechanic.... "Try doing it with the engine running."

## Out and About with the KBS News



*Having just seen the May issue, it looks like we've been beaten to it, but here is a photo of our five year old son, Toby Loutzenhiser, also holding a copy of the KBS News on Bondi Beach in April! Of all the places in the all the World... Two*



*copies of the Village News in the same spot on Bondi Beach! Eleanor Loutzenhiser*

Photo taken at Crich Tram Museum in Derbyshire with Kathy Critchlow-Smith (our own Paralympic) and her husband Gary plus Keith & Margaret Bevan along with our Chairperson of the KBS News with a copy of the current issue ideal for the trams....



*From our resident Bard.....*



### OUR VILLAGE - WHAT VILLAGE?

*Red lines, white lines, blue lines too  
Others with numbers of differing hue,  
What you may wonder do they all mean  
Could it spell further disruption on the scene.*

*So much activity, seems everywhere  
But we can do nothing but stand and stare,  
While all around us our village is changed  
Everything it seems, being re-arranged.*

*Where's all that lovely green space gone?  
The natural space we enjoyed for so long,  
Now being crammed with brick & stone  
And all we can do is watch and moan.*

*How did it happen? Whose to blame?  
As we lose our flora and each leafy lane.  
Soon a rural village we will not be,  
As urbanlike development is all we see.*

*Houses here and houses there,  
Little green space left anywhere,  
Bringing more folk and vehicles too,  
Is it any wonder that we feel "blue".*

*I guess in the end we are all to blame,  
When landowners have so much to gain,  
And local authorities see more revenue  
From additional people like me and you.*

*And elected councillors added to our plight,  
By not putting up a great deal of fight,  
When local objections were first raised  
Or helping our cause in other ways*

*So here we are being overrun,  
'Cos we lost a battle we might have won,  
If only all the powers that be,  
Had a little more thought for you and me.*

*Don Viney*

