

# KBS NEWS

## The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village News

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### Village buses under threat



By June 2016, Oxfordshire County Council intend to withdraw all bus subsidies. Both the X15 (Witney-Abingdon) and the 63 (Oxford via Longworth, Hinton Waldrist, Appleton and Cumnor) receive large subsidies. The 66 Oxford-Swindon is commercially funded and mostly unaffected.

In January, Councillors from all affected parishes met with bus operators who said that no decisions have been made about continuing the X15 or 63 services without the subsidies.

Thames Travel operate the 63 bus. They are aware of its importance to villages along the A420 and will be looking into how passengers use the service to see how routes can be supported.

For the X15, Stagecoach will be looking at fare prices and making economies in bus sizes. They will also be talking with Abingdon and Witney College to see if there is any way to support the students who rely on this service, as well as businesses along the route such as Millets.

Section 106 money from the large housing developments in our village (and others) has already been allocated to support public transport. OCC are now in the process of planning how to allocate this to bus services and the Parish Council is actively involved with OCC and the bus operators in the hope that these crucial bus services will continue to serve the village. *Josie Allsworth*



The Village "Showcase" event takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th March 10am - 4pm. FREE entry. At the Showcase over 25 of the village clubs and societies will be showing off just what wonderful things our village has to offer, including:

The Apple Quilters, Garden Club, Bowls Club, 1st Kingston Bagpuize Brownies, 1st Longworth Scout Group, 1st Southmoor Guides, Drama Group, Tennis Club, Women's Institute, 14+ youth group, Kingsmoor Club, Longworth and District History Society, Millennium Green, Nordic walking, RDA, Southmoor baby and toddler group, Southmoor Pre-School, Southmoor Rainbows, Yoga (Iyengar), KBS Cafe, KBS News, KBS Online, KBS Village Hall and more.

So if you are new to the village or just have not had time to find out what is on offer, why not come along and find out what's going on... and what's more there will be BACON ROLLS, tea, coffee and CAKES!

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

The Highways Agency estimates that approximately 700,000 bags of litter are removed from the road network in England every year, most of it I reckon from the A420 between here and Fyfield. When did we become a nation of litterbugs? Also we keep being told how well the UK is doing, high employment, deficit reducing etc., etc., so why does the country look like a third world back water? True many litterbins are usually full, no doubt due to not being emptied as often as they were or should be. So where is all the money from extra tax returns going? What has happened to all the 106 payments the developers pass to councils for the new housing developments gone? It certainly isn't being spent to make the place look tidier and that's for sure.

A recent County Council plan to save £350,000 is to close several re-cycling plants, including Stanford-in-the-Vale. Methinks this will only add to the litter strewn by-ways as fly tipping becomes a national sport. I have heard it suggested that one way of the Vale saving money is to abolish the Planning Committee as they don't seem to be doing much but pass everything that is put in front of them especially with Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor on it. The people who suggest closing these sites obviously have never visited them at the weekend when the queue of traffic waiting to dump rubbish extends right round the facility, certainly in the case of Stanford-in-the-Vale tip as I can testify. So where will all this unwanted refuse go? If people are prepared to haul the load across the county to another tip, imagine the queues there? You really couldn't make it up.



# VILLAGE DIARY

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

March	Day	Time	What & Where (SVH = Southmoor Village Hall)	Page
Tuesday	1st	7.15pm for 7.30pm	S&KB Gardening Club - James Allison, Water Gardens- SVH	15
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Mobile Library ** SVH 1.35pm - 2.00pm, Bellamy Close 2.05pm- 2.20pm **</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Grey Bin Collection ****</b>		
Saturday	5th	10.00am - 4.00pm	Village Showcase - See what The Village has to offer SVH - Free Entry	1
Tuesday	8th	7.30pm	KB & S Women's Institute - Annual Meeting - Southmoor Village Hall	23
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Green Bin Collection &amp; Brown Bin Collection ****</b>		
Friday	11th		KBS Bowls Club - Cowboy Themed Supper Evening, Club House, KB	24
Saturday	12th	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Blandy Boffins Annual Quiz - John Blandy School Hall	22
Saturday	12th	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Riding for the Disabled Quiz Night - Southmoor Village Hall	26
Monday	14th	10.00am - 11.00am	Active Women - Zumba - Kids Junior Sessions SVH	5
Monday	14th	11.00am - 12.noon	Go Active Gold - At KBS Bowls Club, Club House, Oxford Road	24
Monday	14th	4:00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for KBS News April 2016 Edition	2
Monday	14th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Southmoor Village Hall	16
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>Mobile Library ** SVH 1.35pm - 2.00pm, Bellamy Close 2.05pm- 2.20pm **</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Grey Bin Collection ****</b>		
Thursday	17th	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Longworth & District History - Mary Clapinson "Bodelean Library" SVH	15
Sunday	20th	Display today	KBS WI Themed Scarecrow Event - Around the Village and SVH	27
Sunday	20th	6.00pm - 7.30pm	New Youth Group - Church Room, St John the Baptist Church	5
Monday	21st	10.00am -11.00am	Active Women - Zumba - Kids Junior Sessions SVH	5
Tuesday	22nd	7.00pm - 9.00pm	New Age Kurling - Southmoor Village Hall	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Green Bin Collection &amp; Brown Bin Collection ****</b>		
Friday	25th		KBS Bowls Club Quiz Night, Club House, Oxford Road	24
Sunday	27th	2.30pm	Great Easter Egg Hunt - Millennium Green	6
Monday	28th	2.00pm - 3.30pm	KBS WI Themed Scarecrow Event - Judging and Craft Sale - SVH	27
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>Mobile Library ** SVH 1.35pm - 2.00pm, Bellamy Close 2.05pm- 2.20pm **</b>		
Tues & Thurs	29th & 31st	10.00am -01.00pm	Fun Factor Easter Holiday Club - Scout Hut, Oxford Road	12
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>31st</b>	<b>**** Food Collection &amp; Grey Bin Collection ****</b>		
<b>April 2016</b>				
Saturday	2nd	6.00pm - 8.30pm	KB & S Talent Show - Southmoor Village Hall	17
Sunday	17th	10.00am - 5.00pm	Riding For The Disabled Food Fair - Loyd Lindsay Rooms, Ardington	11
Saturday	23rd	Doors Open 6.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group - Murder Mystery Evening - SVH	25

## Regular Events each Month

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

## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

<http://stjb.churchinsight.com/>

Sunday 6th March 9.00am Holy Communion Mothering Sunday Revd David Pickering  
 10.30am Mothering Sunday All-Age Service Speaker: Mr Gary Long  
 Sunday 13th March 9.00am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering  
 10.30am Morning Worship Speaker: Revd David Pickering  
 Sunday 20th March 9.00am Holy Communion Palm Sunday Revd David Pickering  
 10.30am Questions of Life Service Speaker: Revd Andy Knowles  
 Thursday 24th March 7.30pm Last Supper Passover Maundy Thursday Revd David Pickering  
 Friday 25th March 2pm Good Friday Meditation Revd Joe Cotterill

(Good Friday)

Sunday 27th March 9.00am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering  
 (Easter Sunday) 10.30am All Age Family Communion Revd David Pickering



**Coffee and biscuits after all services – a good time to chat and make new friends.**

**MARCH HIGHLIGHTS: MOTHERING SUNDAY:** On Sunday 6th: it's a special service every year, with flowers for all mothers, and a joyful celebration for all the family. This year we will also have a special "Open the Book" presentation of the story of Jesus in the Temple – a must-see moment.

**GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION:** We are very fortunate to have the Revd Joe Cotterill lead our Good Friday Meditation once again, sharing with us the benefit of 99 years of experience and wisdom! Strongly recommended, it will also include Good Friday hymns.

**EASTER SUNDAY:** We have a special All-age Family Communion at 10.30am on Easter Sunday. Children are invited to join our "Easter garden on a plate" competition: make a garden on a dinner plate for Easter and bring it to the church room before the service. After the service: all who enter will get a prize, and the winner gets an Easter egg. There will also be an Easter Egg hunt for children in the churchyard afterwards.

**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 Wednesdays).

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## VILLAGE VOICES



*Dear residents of Southmoor,*

Could people using the field to the south of Wellington Way PLEASE pick up after their dogs. It's getting almost silly the amount of dog poop left. Quite naturally, it has become a lovely place to walk our dogs and let our children be children; building dens and climbing trees. I have personally applied for a dog bin to be put at the entrance/exit but that will only happen once the site is adopted from Pye Homes, potentially another year away. In the meantime, please could we keep Southmoor doggy poo free. Many thanks, *Kate Flint*

*We hear Keith Viney was taken very ill recently. The KBS News team send him every good wish and hope he is well on the way to a full recovery.*

***Isn't it sad that they are looking at massacring our bus services, one of the few facilities we have and one used to sell the new houses in the village! Ed.***

## BADMINTON

Did you know that we are lucky enough to have a badminton court at Southmoor Village Hall? If you would be interested in playing or learning to play badminton please email [sharon@cherrytree21.plus.com](mailto:sharon@cherrytree21.plus.com) (or call on 01865 820399) with answers to the following three questions: 1. Are you a complete beginner / improver / intermediate or advanced? 2. Would you prefer to play during the day, evening, weekend or school holidays? 3. Are you interested in playing on a regular or occasional basis? If there is enough interest I will be happy to try and coordinate some badminton to suit! *Sharon Cooper*

### **KBS Jaguar Appreciation Society**

*The new club got off to a flying start with the email address being wrong in the February issue of the News. The Club Secretary has now been flogged and dismissed. The e-mail address for anyone interested in joining the club should be [kbsjags@aol.co.uk](mailto:kbsjags@aol.co.uk)*

## Village Notice Board

### **KBS Online**

#### **Windows 10 stumping you?**

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*We shall hold 4 weekly clinics in the*

*Swallow Room, Southmoor Village Hall from*

**Tuesday 8th March 2016**

**7.00pm until 9pm.**

Bring your portable computer/tablet/phone with you, so that we can best understand the system you use.

**If this interests you, contact David Warr 820264**

### **New Youth Group**

*'New Friends' Youth Group meet once a month for a chance to get together and have fun. It is a purely social group for school years 6-8. All meetings are at The Church Room, St John the Baptist Church unless otherwise specified. Next meeting (20th March 6-7.30pm) is a video game/craft night. Ring Corrinna 820770 or Mel 821087 for details and parental form. Corrinna Thomson*



**Zumba Kids Junior Sessions**

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**Tasters Sessions:**

Mondays 14 and 21 March, 10 – 11am  
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Contact Anna Clarke –

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### **THANK YOU**

Thank you so much to everyone for your love, prayers and support for me and the family after the death my husband Charlie. You are amazing. *Jenny Bone*



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## FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT? No: 34 The Fox, Denchworth

For years I have known of the Fox at Denchworth. Having just recently heard again how good it is, the survey team went en masse in trepidation to the oasis that is the Fox in the delightful village of Denchworth.

Inside it is warm and welcoming and pretty much what you would expect in a village pub with the bar stools swamped by locals restricting the proportion of the bar left to the rest of the earth's population. I can never understand this English trait.

However the staff were pleasant and hospitable and the bar service efficient. The table was ready with some members of our party already seated. We joined them and as I was driving restricted myself to a small aperitif as we waited for the rest of the team.

They arrived on time and so our order was taken. I went for a great favourite of mine, the breaded mushrooms served with a garlic mayonnaise. Oh yes.

Well they arrived rolling around the plate as they do. They tasted OK but breaking into them must have resembled splitting the atom.

Having selected a likely candidate I applied the knife with the skill of a surgeon, but as the creature fought back the knife slipped and several specimens shot across the table like a broadside from Nelson's flagship.

The bullet-proof bread-crumbed shell also belied the size of the mushroom inside. One I did manage to get into I found the mushroom cowering in the base of the item and I'll swear I saw it blink as the light streamed in.

Still no matter, the main course I picked is also an old pub favourite, the homemade steak and kidney pie, made to the same recipe for over 40 years at the Fox I'm told.

In fairness the pie was fine and tasty, the short crust pastry perhaps a tad overwhelming and a little more gravy would have been nice but that's probably because I like lashings of the brown stuff. It's one of my many bad habits.

The fries were all right as were the accompanying vegetables served by a young lady who looked after us well and was extremely pleasant I must add.

So that was it, no puds tonight as I am trying to regain my pre-Christmas svelte figure, and no more drink because of the driving thing. Overall disappointing, the meal was all right and that is as far as I would go. Shame after all I had heard about the Fox. Nothing special about the food that night, so I shan't be returning in the near future, especially as there are so many other eateries in the area that do go that extra mile. However the place was very busy albeit on a dark winter's night so they must be doing something right. If you do go along, beware those armour-plated mushrooms. *Eton Lovett*

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  - Karaoke Friday 11th March 9.00pm •
  - Disco Bingo • Easter Saturday 26th March 9.00pm • Quiz night Sunday 13th March 8.00pm •
  - Race night in aid of Team Purple Turtle cycling 1000 miles for Oxon charities Saturday 19th March 9pm •
- We are recruiting for our ladies darts team WAGS for the summer season, we play on Tuesday nights, give us a call if you are interested 01865 821676*

Take Away Fish and Chips £7.50 and a selection of Take Away Curries available during food service times

## KBS SENIORS

KBS Seniors (formerly Serendipity) held their first meeting under this new format on the 10th February. It was agreed that Pat had left a hard act to follow with Serendipity, and so we have reformed with a more relaxed approach. Each month two different members of the group will chair the meeting, with their own ideas and activities, with Joan Graham being the overall administrator. We would love any senior members of Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor to come along and join us. We have tea, coffee, and light refreshments and it costs just two pounds a month, with the first visit free. We are also looking for anyone who might be willing to come along and demonstrate any skills they have. For further information please contact Joan on 820572, or pop along on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 2-4pm. *Lynda Newman*



Let me introduce myself, I'm Manda Thompson chairwoman of Kingston Colts Football Club. Our Club is run solely by volunteers, mainly parents. We have a brilliant group of coaches who have either a level 1 award in coaching football or a level 2 and a brilliant committee who work hard behind the scenes. Our team age groups range from U6- U15's Our Under 10 team coached by John Willoughby and managed by Emma Willoughby had their picture taken with the Prime Minister David Cameron.

On the 9th November 2015 Kingston Colts U10 played Chadlington U10 the team that David Cameron's son plays for. At the start of the match the parents of Kingston colts voted Sarah Johnson to ask David for a



picture at the end of the Match, to which he replied laughing, " Only if you let my sons team win"! Well

the colts went on to win convincingly. David Cameron did have his photo taken with our team, most of the children didn't even know who he was!

At the moment our under 8 team are looking for players. Contact Dan Burgess 07855819031. We also need a U6 coach as we only have a temporary coach, my eldest son. We train on a Tuesday but can possibly change that day. We need a coach to help encourage the kids enjoyment of the game.

## THE KBS NEWS WINE LIST: WINES OF THE MONTH



Well March is here and Spring is on its way, thank goodness.

We're all fed up with wind and rain, the only thing you can do is open a nice bottle of

wine and imagine savouring it in the warmer weather to come. This month we have chosen wines from Tesco, a white from France and a red from Italy. The white wine is a 2015 Cotes de Gascogne Gros Manseng and Sauvignon Blanc, on promotion at £6.00. This delicious blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Gros Manseng is full of lime, blossom and citrus flavours with a crisp, green apple finish. It is dry, fresh and fruity, and made from grapes grown in the beautiful Gascogne region of south west France. A good aperitif or a good accompaniment to any seafood dish.

The red wine is a Piccini Memoro, non vintage, from the Tuscany Region of Italy, priced at £6 reduced from £8. This is a magnificent full bodied wine, full of red berry fruits and spices. The Piccini family has been part of the Italian Wine History for four generations since 1882, with their roots deep in the territory of Tuscany, and the production of this Memoro wine was to celebrate 150 years of Italian wine making history. This is certainly one to try. *Cheers, The Wine Quartet*

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## Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club

The season is starting to get nearer and Kingston Bagpuize CC are already through to the 2nd Round of the National Village Cup without a wicket taken or a run scored so are unbeaten so far in 2016.

Our next opponents are Shipton-Under-Wychwood CC and we are to play them on the 15th May @ Shipton.

All of Kingston's juniors that are doing County or County B have had a hard 4 weeks and now have a rest for 2 weeks before they can start outside sessions.

As the season is only 2 months away the cricket club will be starting to roll the square and getting the outfield rolled and spiked in the coming weeks.

Nets started at the end of February and if you want to have a net session with qualified coaches then come along, they are being held at Abingdon School on Sunday's 3pm till 5:30pm price £3 a session. Let's hope for the right weather for the cricket square. All updates and Net Session times are on our website

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*Rich Woodley KBCC HEAD COACH, ECB LEVEL 2*



## KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR



The café is going from strength to strength, with increasing numbers of customers. There's a great "buzz" to the place on Thursday mornings. We have welcomed several new villagers recently. It's lovely to meet you all.

We'll be providing refreshments at the Village Showcase on Saturday, 5th March in Southmoor Village Hall.

Come and have a look at all the different groups that the village offers.

The café is open in Southmoor Village Hall every Thursday morning from 9am – 12 noon. We serve Fair Trade tea, coffee and hot chocolate, orange and blackcurrant squash, and various baked goods, including a few dairy- and gluten-free options.

Come and enjoy a bacon butty, or a slice of home-made sponge cake. If you are very lucky you might arrive on a day when Carole has made a Lemon Drizzle Cake with Attitude (i.e. gin and tonic)!

There are plenty of toys for the children to play with, and some magazines and newspapers for our customers to read while they enjoy a cuppa and a piece of cake. For our more mature villagers the Kingston Codgers meet at the café on the last Thursday of the month.

If you would like to join our team of lovely volunteers, or would be willing to bake us a cake on occasion, please contact Jenny Bone on 01865 820368.

The KBS Café has a Facebook page, where you can find updates:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/263392812744/>

We look forward to meeting you. If anyone needs a lift, please contact one of us on the numbers below.

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

Jenny Bone (820368) Carole Watts (821710)

### Keith's Kartoon Kommentar ORCHARDS?

My Grandad was here for WW1  
and I promised to take photos of  
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### RDA Abingdon Group Food Fair

On the 17th April I am organising a Food Fair at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms in Ardington, Nr. Wantage. It will be open from 10a.m. until 5p.m. Entrance is £3, and children 10 and under are free. We have approximately 34 stalls coming, most of whom will be giving tasters of their exciting products. There will also be several stalls offering food during the course of the day. This Fair is in aid of Riding for the Disabled, Abingdon Group, who provide riding to 90 disabled children and adults, ranging in age between 2 and 70, with many differing disabilities. We operate from a purpose built Centre just outside Southmoor, with 12 wonderful horses and ponies. Sarah.

## Matt Chapman - Racing to the Top



Testing is an important part of the build up and continuation of the racing season. Before the season starts, we test the new cars we will be in, if we are changing championships, learn new circuits and get to grips with new teams.

When I started in the Ginetta Juniors, we wanted to get to each track in the calendar at least one time to ensure I knew the ins and outs of the circuit and how the car drove round there. Furthermore, the team wanted to know the set up of the car round those tracks so there was a combined learning effort going on, on those days. For the mornings of those days we would usually concentrate our effort on learning which way the track went so when the afternoon came, we could push the car and ourselves to make sure we were in the best position for the race weekend to come. If you are below 16 years old, you have to have a driver coach in the car with you so you always make the most of the day, with little improvements being pointed out so that you can become as fast as possible. Even after that age, driver coaches are important as they pick out things you may have missed; things that make you a little faster. All these marginal gains contribute to a large gain overall.

Test days can take different forms. We prefer days that are quieter with fewer cars on track. These are called semi exclusive. This is where a limited number of people are allowed on that day so it doesn't become too crowded. General test days are useful as well, with more cars being allowed, but again everyone has to have a racing licence. Sometimes the only day available is a track-day. These are the most painful days as anyone is allowed to drive, racing licence or not, in road cars as well as race cars, so the track can become crowded with a mixed range of abilities and cars all aiming for fast times. In adverse conditions it can be particularly difficult because as well, having to negotiate traffic there may be frequent track closures due to cars coming off the circuit or crashing.

Throughout the season, we test on tracks that we will be visiting in the near future, so for example if we are visiting Silverstone in June, we will do a test either in March, April or May. This is to ensure we know the set up of the car and also to get to grips with the car on the track. As we become more experienced, we will ask for changes to the car and try more things to make it go faster, as we are faster and more knowledgeable than previously. This in turn will make our race craft better and we will be able to take a leading role in more set up changes to the car and the way we drive.

Of course budget plays a key part to how much one can test. With a low budget, testing is only possible once or twice before we go to a track. Some of the competitors test much more often, some as many as 2 or 3 times a week. However, our hope is that with partners joining, testing can be more frequent and of course my ability would improve more rapidly, so both parties gain from this endeavour, with their brand being on a winning car, and me from being able to be successful with the help of others. It is a real team effort and that is what drives me to improve and become more experienced every time I go out in the car. *Matt Chapman*

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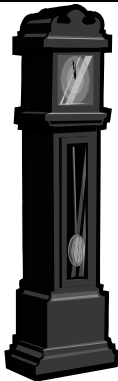
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## Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

### Village Showcase, and water

Come and say hello to us at the Village Showcase on Saturday March 5th. You'll be able to plant your own vegetable or flower seed to take home - and get some tips from members of the club. We'll be there from 10am to 4pm.



*James Allison*

Our regular monthly talk will happen on Tuesday 1st March. We'll be joined by James Allison (pictured), lecturer and award-winning author. James has a life-long passion for ponds and water gardens and will reveal some of his secrets for successful water gardening. If you're planning to create or update a pond or water feature, the talk is a must-see. Talk details: Tuesday 1st March, 7.15 for 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. Non-members £3; members free. Tea and coffee served after the talk. March is a wonderful month - not just longer and warmer days but starting to grow. It's the month of seed planting, and you can also directly plant out shallots, onion sets and early potatoes. Don't forget to chit more potatoes (the 'maincrop'). Flower lovers can also plant out summer bulbs - my favourites being Allium (loved by bees) and Freesia for their wonderful scent. For more information about the club, call Rebecca on 01865 820793 or email [skbgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:skbgardeningclub@gmail.com). *Paul Gill, Secretary.*



### Play tennis at the Village Showcase!

*Hit some balls on Saturday March 5th at the Village Showcase! We won't be threatening other visitors in the Hall - the action will be taking place on the courts. If you've not visited before, these are to the far side of the Village Hall.*

*Please do come down and have a try. We'll be running a variety of sessions throughout the day including mini tennis for young children (4 and up), mixed doubles, and you can pit your skills*

*against the club's ball machine. There will also be some light refreshments including tea and coffee.*

*We'll welcome new and existing players, children and adults. You don't have to bring a racquet - just some clothes and footwear suitable for tennis (e.g. trainers). The day will run from 10am - 4pm. Hope to see you there. Paul Gill.*

### Longworth & District History Society



Our next Meeting is on Thursday 17th March at 7.15 for 7.30 in Southmoor Village Hall. Come and have some refreshment before the talk. Mary Clapinson will talk about "Highlights from the History of the Bodleian Library". Mary worked at the Bodleian from 1968. She became keeper of The Western Manuscripts, and was elected professorial Fellow of St. Hugh's. Her present research continues with the Bodleian in the early 17th century.

The April meeting is on Thursday 21st in Southmoor Village Hall 7.15 for 7.30. Alan Turton will return to tell us about The Mary Rose. Alan is an official presenter for The Mary Rose Trust. Everyone is welcome to our talks. We have a local history book stall, and a pamphlet of our programme of events.

Membership is £10 per year and guests are £3 per evening. By the time you read this we will have had our AGM and the committee will be in place. We are always open to ideas for talks and outings, and any local history stories. *Kathy Fletcher 820193*



### Speedwatch

*The neighbourhood action group speedwatch kit is now up and running in Shellingford, Littleworth, Longworth, Kingston Bagpuize, East Hanney, West Hanney, Charney Bassett and Stanford in the Vale. The kit was purchased by all the parishes and they are already seeing the benefit in using the kit. Volunteers have given up time to be trained and volunteer their own time to conduct speedwatch patrols in their villages in conjunction with the Police. So far reports are that the kit has been successful in reducing speeds through the villages and we are able to use the data obtained to better target our speed enforcement patrols.*

*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:*

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## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The February meeting of the KBS Parish Council took place on Monday 1st February in the Village Hall together with 14 members of the public, County Councillor Melinda Tilley and District Councillor Eric Batts.

**Report from District Councillor Eric Batts:** The Vale budget has been drawn up and will have been presented to full Council on 17th February 2016. The Financial position is good and will result in no increase to the Vale element of the Council Tax. The Village hall has been granted £19K from community funds but has yet to secure S106 funding. The revised plans for the Botley re-development have been received and are now subject to consultation. The issue of S106 monies from the Taylor Wimpey has yet to be resolved, and continues to be contentious. A full list of S106 monies from the Mactaggart 280 house development has yet to be published. Clr. Batts will continue to attempt to resolve the issue.

**Public Participation:** Questions were raised regarding grants and S106 money for Scout facilities which could come from several sources, but normally from no more than 5 S106 agreements. Another member of the audience expressed dissatisfaction with the precept for 2016/17. The subject of H.M. The Queen's Birthday Celebrations was raised. Some thought the P.C. would be in receipt of monies. Not so, however a fund is available to make claims for events arranged by the P.C. Another member of the public raised concerns over the minutes of the Vale Planning Committee, with regard to the review of App P15./1808/O Draft Minutes (/ Land east of the Witney Road.( Mactaggart). The minutes do not reflect what he and the Clerk said, and are a distortion of what was said. Clr Batts will pursue the issue!

**Planning Applications:** P16/V0046/LDE Top flat/2A Cherry Tree Close. Lawful Development certificate. No Comments made. P16/V0126/ful. Land at Blenheim Way. Infill of one dwelling of previous access to field to north, now occupied by houses of Southmoor Grange. Strongly object.

**Accounts:** Please refer to minutes. The meeting of 4th January resolved to set the precept for financial year 16/17 at £37740 based on forecast costs for the coming financial year.

**Correspondence/ matters arising:** Donations; Enrych (Adults with Physical disabilities, 2 in KBS) - Donation of £500 requested £100 approved. Thames Water. To lay pipe from Abingdon road to Rimes lane, commence Mon 15th Feb.(Half Term) Hope to complete by 23rd (before publication of March Issue); then from School Lane to Bellamy Close along Faringdon Road; Estimate some 8 Weeks; but hope to complete sooner.

**Village amenities:** Complaints from residents of Lime Grove of Anti social behaviour, police responded, and returned following day. No apparent damage or litter. Waggon path - Complaints received regarding the state of the Waggon Path and the footpath between Draycott Rd and Waggon path, which residents attribute to the activities of Taylor Wimpey during the construction of Southmoor Grange, or rather the western and northern perimeters .Taylor Wimpey have been requested to carry out remedial work. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 14th March in the Village Hall at 7 p.m. *Brian Forster, Chairman.*

## The Way We Were



*The Parish Council at the VE 50th Anniversary celebrations in the Village Hall, May 1995.  
(L to R, Rear row) Richard Gardiner, Brian Forster, Jill Hook, Ron Green (Chair), Gillian xxxxxx, Gordon Treherne. (Front Row) Sally Atkins, Mary Blanchard, Ann Thompson*



*Plastic bags lady, only 2p each?*





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## Adam's Cycling for Charity

So in the summer of 2014 I found out that, at the grand old age of 32, that I had to have a hip replacement. As you can imagine this came as a bit of a shock, however not being one to dwell on things for too long I decided to give myself a goal to aim for post surgery. A friend of mine, Shaun Claridge, had recently finished a solo cycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats and I felt that this was a very achievable aim, providing I put the required work in. The beauty of cycling is that there is low impact on the joints making it a perfect sport for someone with a new hip!

I had the surgery on Wednesday 3rd December 2014 and I was discharged from the Nuffield Orthopaedic on the Friday. The recovery was underway.

By mid-February 2015 I rode a bike for the first time since the op and that was it, training was underway. Whilst I was captivated by the solo nature of Shaun's ride I decided that this adventure would be better if there was company. The best bit of news is that Shaun wanted to do it again, meaning that I had someone onboard with a wealth of experience about what would lie ahead. Other team members were recruited from my friends via an advert that I

placed on my Facebook page. As you can imagine some of these fell by the wayside due to various life events, commitment issues and finances. The key for me was that all monies raised would go to the charity/charities that we chose, meaning that all equipment and all accommodation etc would have to be funded by ourselves. Many training rides have been undertaken including a 100 miler from Abingdon to Worcester last September and even the bad winter weather hasn't stopped us (although my daughters were quite annoyed that I took over their playroom with my turbo trainer - see pic). After all of this we finally have our settled team of 6 riders - Myself, Shaun, Roland Mayer-Jones, Sam Gissing, Greg Muden and Nick Woolley.

The ride will be taking place from Saturday 23rd April 2016 to Wednesday 4th May 2016 taking in nearly 1000 miles in 12 days, carrying all of our own equipment and supplies. We have decided to ride for 2 Oxfordshire-based charities - Sobell House and Helen and Douglas House as this way you can see the difference that the money you raise is making. Our fundraising was given a massive early boost by The Purple Turtle Bar (Oxford and Reading). Two of our riders have ties to this business and they pledged a substantial sum and as a result we gave them our team name, so we are Team Purple Turtle. We have also received vital assistance from Jeff Moore at Bagpuize Bicycles and he has kindly offered to service our steeds to make sure they are in tip top condition ready for the epic ride.

On Saturday 19th March The Waggon and Horses are kindly hosting a Race Night after the England v France rugby game and there will also be a raffle with some great prizes. All proceeds of the evening will go towards our fundraising so hopefully we will see plenty of people from the village there.

We are still looking for a few more raffle prizes so if you can help please call me on 01865 823150. Our fundraising page is now live and if you would like to help these two great causes and also motivate the 6 of us throughout our remaining training and the ride itself please visit [www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/purpleturtle](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/purpleturtle) We will also be posting regular updates of our trip via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Team-Purple-Turtle-cycling-1000-miles-for-Oxon-cancer-charities-1643276375909645/> so feel free to stop by to see how we are getting on! Thank you for reading. *Adam Dewar*




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## Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group



It might be chilly outside, but we're in high spirits at Baby & Toddler Group. Lots of folk have been making the most of the cosy atmosphere in the Village Hall where there's plenty of room for little ones to play and scoot about while grown ups enjoy some warming tea and chat.

We meet on Friday mornings during term time from 10:00-11:30 at Southmoor Village Hall. Each session is only £2 per family and your first visit is absolutely free! This includes refreshments for the grown ups and a snack for the children.

We'll also be at the Village Showcase on Saturday 5 March from 10:00am to 4:00pm and would love to meet you. If you'd like to know more about Baby & Toddler Group plus what all the different village organizations have to offer then come along. There'll even be activities to entertain children and toddlers! Do get in touch if you'd like to know more. *Rachel Skeet, Secretary (southmoorbabytoddlergroup@hotmail.co.uk)*

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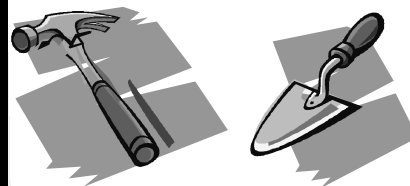


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## News from The Village Hall

Great news! The Village Hall has been granted funds from the Vale of White Horse District Council following a meeting in Wantage on 26th January, when the Grants Committee awarded 50% of the cost of replacing the windows and external doors at the Hall. This news means that subject to securing the balance needed the Management Committee hopes to be in a

position to nominate the successful contractor and work should commence during the summer. The award from the Vale is based on the total project cost of £39,781 and this means we will be able to claim a grant of £19,890. Of the remaining 50% (£19,890), £5000 has been awarded by the Parish Council, leaving a balance of £14890 part of which we hope to receive from another funding source.

The art project to be featured at the entrance to the Village Hall is progressing with help from the Arts Development Officer at the Vale of White Horse DC. Children and local groups will have an opportunity to put forward their ideas during the Village Open Event on Saturday 5th March. Regret no news from Taylor Wimpey on the dry-stone wall, so-much for their promises!

We welcome two new users of the Village Hall: New Age Kurling and Qigong and Tai Chi, we wish them both a long and successful stay.

Some users groups have raised concern over the temperature in the main hall being too cold, to which we apologise and we are seeking advice from heating consultants, as to how best to address this issue. The new windows and doors may help but it appears that the roof and floor insulation could be the main causes of heat loss.

Parking, skateboarding and exercising dogs are issues that have recently been brought to the attention of the Management Committee. The CCTV has revealed illegal parking, sometimes cars and vans are left overnight, there are times when other anti social behaviour occurs around the Village Hall. Once again a reminder that the Village Hall and the area around, is private property for use ONLY by visitors using the hall or members attending the tennis club. *Ron Green*

## All roads lead to Southmoor

*The first article from our 'New' resident columnist tells of her own journey to the village*

My journey to Southmoor began many years ago in the late 80s from my base of Hampshire, Sussex and Surrey. When my daughter left University she got a job with Oxford Instruments; a lovely little flat in Abingdon and then met the man of her dreams. They bought their first house together in Southmoor.

Meanwhile, I had found the man of my dreams and we bought a little smallholding on the Kent/Surrey/Sussex border. I became a farmer and my husband became a farmer's husband. My friends at work were horrified, ".....but your hair, finger nails and stilettos ?" "Oh that's the office me. Underneath is another person."

We both got the farming bug and it wasn't long before we decided to move to France. We were in our 50s so no retirement pension; this was going to be self sufficiency in a big way. It was The Good Life but, perhaps not quite so funny!

Just before we left for France, lock, stock and barrel, I made many trips to Southmoor to 'do' my daughter's garden. I had plants wrapped around my ears as I toiled the M25, M4 and A34 in my little VW truck on my way to Southmoor. We left for France and a few years later they moved to Littleworth. Goodbye Southmoor or just au revoir?

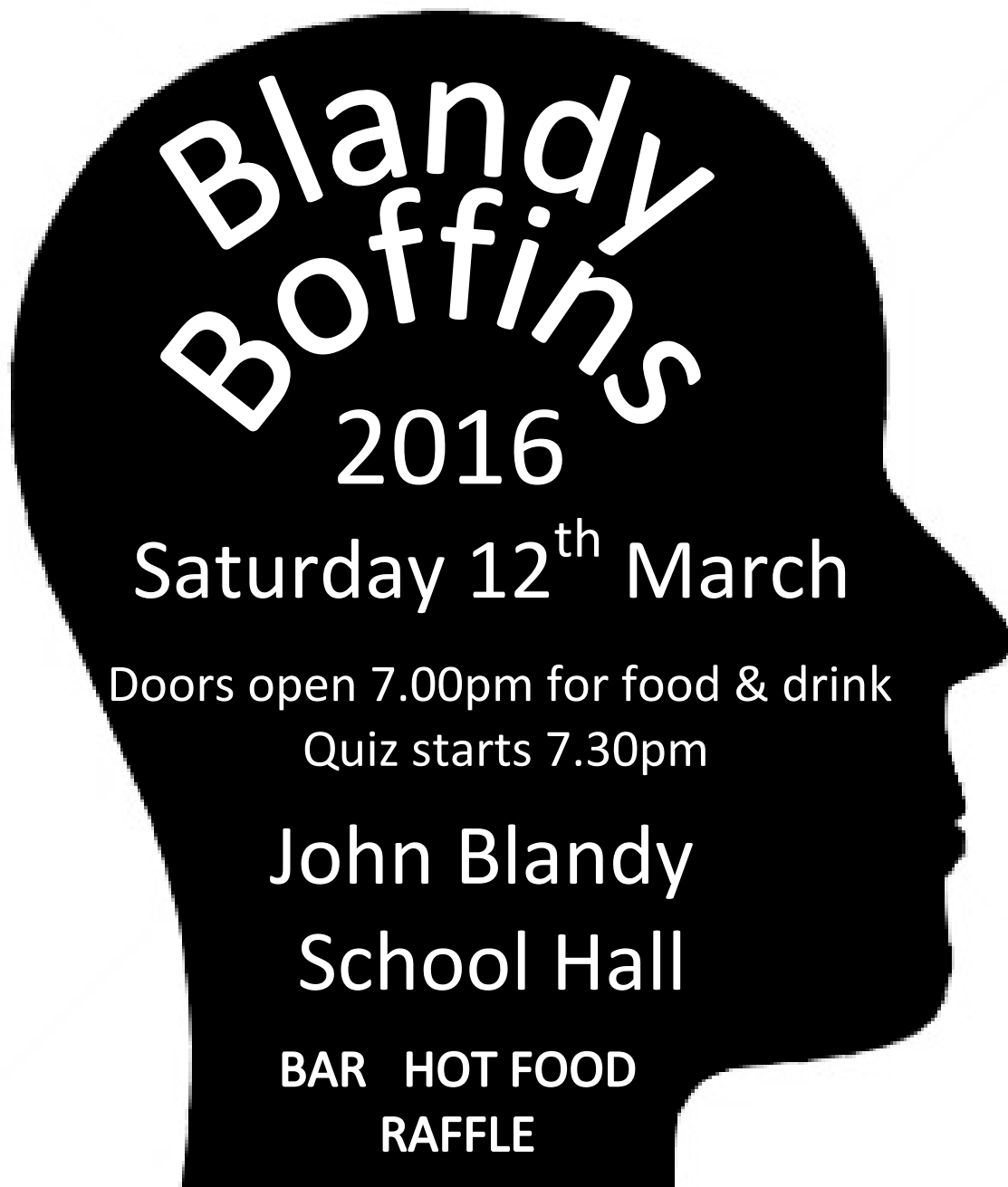
We lived twenty one very happy years in France but all good things come to an end and, sadly, my husband died very suddenly in March 2014. I decided immediately to come back to the UK to be near my daughter, her husband and my grandchildren of whom I had seen very little.

No sooner said, than done - they were on my case. I came back in May to view some properties they had found and the first one was perfect. Draycott Road in Southmoor. Full circle.

I feel so very fortunate to have moved to such a friendly village where everyone says, "Hello." All you newcomers, like me, keep it up. Say, "Hello." as you pass and when you get a smile and response you will feel that you belong.

What we would all love to hear is how you came to Southmoor. Your journeys here must all be different and interesting, whether short or long. Please jot them down; post, e-mail or pop them in to the Post Office and we can all enjoy your personal experience. *Delta Dee.*

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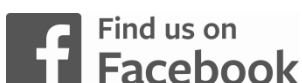
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## KINGSTON BAGUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR WI.

We welcomed several new members to our February meeting and members listened to the first part of a trilogy of interesting talks entitled 'Fortitude and Fancy' by Rev Nicholas Henderson on the 6 wives of Henry VIII- Catherine and Anne being the first two. Members enjoyed splendid refreshments thanks to our hostesses. Next month's meeting on 8th March is our Annual Meeting and a new committee will be elected for the coming year. Members are encouraged to come forward and/or nominate themselves to take our WI forward for the next 12 months. Some of the existing committee will volunteer for another year but some wish to stand down so new faces are vitally important. The competition will be a spring flower.

Members were also encouraged to promote our fundraising Easter Scarecrow Competition with the winner being announced in the Village Hall on Easter Monday 28th March 14-00 to 15-30.

Judging will take place that morning by the Committee and refreshments and crafts will be sold in the afternoon along with the prize giving. Individual and Group entries are welcome. Further information and how to enter in last months KBS News and also from myself and Helen Disley 820577. We hope to brighten the gardens of the village with your scarecrows for all villagers to enjoy.

Our meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month in Southmoor Village Hall at 7-30pm. New members are always welcome and you can also find more information on our website and Facebook page. *Karen King 803169*



## Ist Southmoor Guides



At the start of the new term the Guides have been very busy planning and running their own patrol night. Each patrol put together an activity plan and the Guides then voted on their favourite activity which the winning patrol then ran a fortnight later. The evening itself involved various activities including the patrols acting out various scenarios in a big game of charades. The leaders also became a model for the patrols to demonstrate their make-over skills.

In January we also held a Christmas present swap shop where Guides could bring along Christmas presents to trade. We followed this up with a crafty session making Mother's

Day cards (a little premature, but it's always good to be prepared!). We then ended the month with a onesie night watching "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen" with a mini picnic.

In February the Guides made and cooked their own pancakes with a selection of tasty fillings including bananas, strawberries, Nutella and traditional lemon juice and sugar. The following week we spent a fascinating evening star gazing. Having missed out last year due to cloudy skies, we were particularly pleased that cloudless skies at last meant we could visit Ray Bellis's observatory.

Through the lens we saw the nebula in Orion's belt, where millions of years ago the new stars were born that form part of the nebula. We also saw the Andromeda Galaxy which contains over a trillion stars and is a spiral galaxy similar to our own. Finally, we saw the Seven Sisters star cluster which actually contains many more stars but most of them are not visible to the naked eye.

After half term we are looking forward to meeting some reptiles and learning some more traditional guiding crafts. To find out more about Southmoor Guides visit us at the Village Showcase on 5th March. We will be running activities in the Swallow Room at the Village Hall with the Brownies and Rainbows. We meet on Wednesdays at 7pm to 8.30pm in the Swallow Room and can be contacted at [southmoorguides@gmail.com](mailto:southmoorguides@gmail.com). Our leaders are Sarah Harris, Sally Dance and Carole Armstrong.

## KINGSTON BAGUIZE DRAMA GROUP



The drama group is presenting a Murder Mystery Evening on the 23rd April in the village hall. We will be presenting 'Thoroughly Murdered Millie' a 1920s whodunnit? The evening will consist of entertainment, chance to interview the suspects, a quiz, fish and chip supper, dessert, full bar and teas and coffees. Please see our poster in this month's KBS news for details of how to book. *Sarah Curran*

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

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## KINGSTON BAGUIZE & SOUTHMOOR BOWLS CLUB

**Are You 60+? Would you like to take up Lawn Bowls?** South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are setting up a 3 year project called GO Active Gold, to help those aged 60+ to live more active lifestyles by setting up physical activities in rural areas. We do of course welcome bowlers of any age. One of the first initiatives will be a 6-week bowls course, to be held at Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor Bowls Club, for those living within a reasonable distance of the Club and in the surrounding Villages. The course will be run on six consecutive Mondays, beginning on 14th March, from 11.00 am to 12 noon, at a cost of £2 a session. This will be a taster, for anyone who thinks that they might like to have a go at bowling but doesn't know how to get started.

KB&S Bowls Club has an all-weather carpet, rather than a grass green, so the Club can operate all year round – including March, when most bowls clubs are closed. You can e-mail [goactivegold@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:goactivegold@southandvale.gov.uk), telephone 07717 346351, or alternatively ring Mike Cox (KB Chairman) on 0123586827. We will also be present at the village Show Case with various other clubs in the Village hall on March 5th the object being to show the numerous clubs that operate in KB&S. Both of these events will be advertised around the Village. Club activities during March include a supper evening with a Cowboy theme on the 11th, a pre-season friendly at home to Abingdon on the 19th and our monthly Quiz on the 25th.

My thanks go to Hawkeye of the KBS News proof reading department for spotting and correcting my mistake in last month's issue, a senior moment on my part.

*Mick Fuller (Club Captain) 01865 820818*



### ED VAIZEY'S Parish Newsletter

I mentioned last month that one of the highlights for 2016 will be the celebrations for HM The Queen's 90th Birthday. A fantastic initiative to help clean up the country for these celebrations is the "Clean for The Queen" weekend. This project aims to inspire a million people to take action and enjoy a few hours together litter picking and making the areas we live in more beautiful. If you know of any individuals or organisations that could help with the events that are taking place between 4th and 6th March please contact [www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk](http://www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk)

It always gives me great pleasure when I come across ways to encourage and inspire young people. BAFTA are looking for entries to its 2016 Young Games Designer's competition, which gives young people a chance to make and design their own game. The winners will be announced at a special awards ceremony in July, attended by stars of the gaming world. If you or, anyone you know, is keen on gaming entries are now open at [www.bafta.org/ygd](http://www.bafta.org/ygd)

This month my mailbag has been dominated by emails and letters about food waste, in particular on UK farms. I know that my ministerial colleagues have been working with charities on how best to prevent this, with one option being to encourage retailers to agree in advance to purchase the whole crop from a specific farm or field, then decide how each vegetable is used based on their size and appearance. This would help ensure vegetables aren't wasted just because they look unusual. The Government also continues to work closely with industry to help forge closer links with redistribution charities across the whole supply chain. It's simply wrong that anyone should go hungry at the same time as surplus food is going to waste.

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



### Vale Council tax frozen for another year

The District Council element of your council tax bill is to be frozen for yet another year at just £116.69 for a Band D property, the increase to the County and Parish element is awaited. Services are also being improved with a scheme to enhance street cleaning, funding for community flood groups and celebrations of HM The Queen's 90th Birthday later this year.



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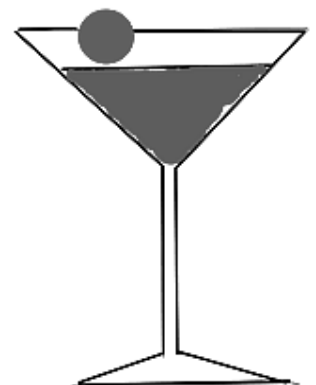


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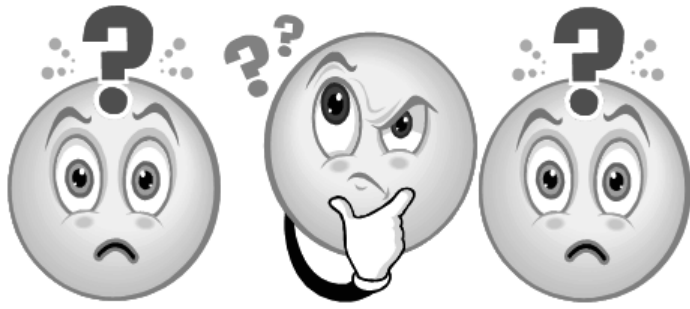


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# QUIZ NIGHT

To raise essential funds for the ongoing costs of running our specialist riding centre.

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016**  
**7.00 for a 7.30 pm start**



Southmoor Village Hall, Draycott Road,  
Southmoor, Abingdon, OX13 5BY

Bring your team of up to 6 people,  
or join a team on the night  
Raffle prize donations welcome



Pre-purchase your tickets from:

- The Abingdon RDA stables,
- Munch at the Log Cabin, Southmoor, or
- call 07801 379814, or email [annps.barlow@googlemail.com](mailto:annps.barlow@googlemail.com)

Bar  
Light buffet platter

Raffle  
*Ticket: £6.00/person*



## A Village Event for 2016

# Make An Easter



# Themed Scarecrow

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

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

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

To Enter your scarecrow please complete the form below and return it to  
KBS WI c/o 24 Draycott Road or email the details below to:-

*kbswi@gmail.com*

Name/Organisation	Address where scarecrow displayed	Contact no/e mail

( £3 entry fee for each scarecrow.)

**Village organisations are encouraged to join in!**



When I was 17, I saw the musical “Jesus Christ Superstar” for the second time on TV. The first time, I wasn’t much impressed; the second time, it completely changed my life. It is a story about a man who suffered and died. He went through tremendous anguish and torment. He was beaten and tortured. He was mocked and betrayed. He was crucified. The film recounts the events of Easter Week. I was stunned by the scenes from the Garden of Gethsemane: Jesus wrestling with the horror of what lay ahead, but surrendering to his Father’s plan. How did this relate to me? Outrageous claims were made about this man: that he was God on Earth and that he died to cancel out all our mistakes. This set me on a quest to assess whether this was true; and on this journey I came to know Jesus and to believe in this most amazing story.

Easter Week is at the end of March. On Maundy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper and the night of Jesus’ arrest in Gethsemane, and on Good Friday we will remember his Crucifixion. What could possibly be “good” about Good Friday? It certainly wasn’t good for Jesus. Either he was completely misguided and he threw away his life for no reason, or he really was God’s son and he really did pay the price for all our failures. What proof is there of Jesus’ claims? The fact that he rose from the dead on the first Easter Day! And so we celebrate that Jesus conquered death; that he is the Son of God. And the good news of Good Friday is that he has dealt with all the rubbish in our lives and we have the possibility of reconciliation with God.

Why not join us for Easter Sunday? We have a quiet, reflective, peaceful Communion at 9.00, and a joyful All-Age Family Communion at 10.30. You might be asking, what is our “garden on a plate” competition for children? They make a micro-garden on a dinner plate, it can be an Easter garden or just an ordinary one, bring it along to the 10.30 service, there is a chocolate bar for all who enter and a big Easter egg for the winner. Then, of course, we have an Easter egg hunt for children afterwards (sorry, grown-ups). After Easter, try another service, or one of our friendly discussion groups, where you can look at what the Bible has to say on a range of issues that matter to us today. (Call 820451 to find out more.) - Happy Easter!

*From Stephen Haywood and all at St. John the Baptist*

**SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES**  
**Come and join us in exploring the mysteries of Easter**

<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.30pm Maundy Thursday Last Supper recreation</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>2.00pm Good Friday meditation, with hymns, led by Revd Joe Cotterill</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.00am Quiet Easter Holy Communion 10.30am Easter All-Age Family Communion Service (with ‘Garden on a plate’ competition for children, followed by Easter Egg hunt for children)</b>

**See the KBS News for details of our other services. Our Sunday school, The Space, offers a warm welcome to children on Sundays at 10.30.**