



# KBS NEWS

## The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village News

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### Local resident received Maundy Money from the Queen

**THE PREPARATION.** The Invitation for Joe to be a recipient of Maundy Thursday money was redirected from Southmoor to Arizona, so arrived with only just enough time to fill out the reply form and send it off Special Delivery. The next question, of course, was, What to wear for the Big Day?? Joe's decision was quick, "I'll wear my wedding suit," said he, "White shirt, York Minster tie," Easy. Simple. For me the question was more complicated. It had to be a dress or skirt - no slacks for the Queen. I don't have anything in the way of elegant dresses, but I did have an outfit I bought for a wedding in 2012 - lined chiffon skirt, medium weight jacket, with scarf to match the skirt - perfect for a lovely

warm Spring day. But then I thought - **A HAT!!** The Queen always wears a hat - everybody wears a hat to Christchurch Cathedral. I decided to leave that problem till I got back to England - they know all about hats there.... On our arrival, England was in the grip of **COLD**. No sign of spring - just snow and ice, bone-chilling winds - the coldest Easter Season on record. My neighbours, Kathy and Jennifer, were adamant that my chosen outfit was totally unsuitable. Wearing everything I could and still unable to get warm in the house, I was inclined to agree with them. On Monday of Easter week, Kathy took me shopping. It was **COLD, COLD, COLD**. After three shops, we hit pay dirt. A discerning shop assistant brought out a thick boiled wool slightly fitted sheath dress with long sleeves. It was a nice shade of purple, but had a wide neck. No problem, the shop assistant produced a warm roll-neck wool sweater to wear underneath. And it was **ON SALE!** Success! Kathy and I made a half-hearted attempt to look at hats. I tried on a few little 'fascinators', but became convinced that Prince Philip would fall about laughing. Giving up, we rushed home, chilled to the bone. I warmed up with hot cocoa, while Kathy called Carol, neighbourhood genius at everything stitchable. Carol was over in a jiffy, pinned a little here, took in a tuck or two there, and took the dress home to do her magic on it. The next day she returned, alterations completed. I tried everything on. First Australian wool underwear, then thick long black tights, (Kathy's), a slip, the roll-neck sweater, the long wool dress. The women looked at me critically and nodded their approval. Feeling firmly swaddled and cocooned, a long-forgotten phrase advertising cigarettes came into my head - "So round, So smooth, So fully-packed..." And I was **WARM!!** Almost ready now. Other neighbour Jennifer swung into action. She produced a fur-trimmed coat, gloves, AND - a lovely **FUR HAT!** Roll on Big Day!

**THE BIG DAY:** Kathy drove us to St. Aldate's church. We presented our tickets, Red stripe for 'Recipient', Blue stripe for 'Companion' - both seat number 37. (Joe queried, "Are you going to sit on my knee or the other way around?") At 9:30 a.m. I walked with other 'companions' across the cordoned off street past police and sniffer dogs to the Cathedral. I found my seat in a long row down the south side. The row in front of me was for recipients - and Joe came later to sit in the seat in front of me. Christchurch Cathedral is renowned for its pillars that restrict views, but as all the Processions went by in the middle aisle, I got a glimpse of a royal blue hat, and a stooped but still tall Prince Philip just behind it. After the first Reading, accompanied by the glorious singing of two choirs, the Queen came across to the beginning of the line on the south side. Followed by a bishop, four little children with nosegays, and a burly Yeoman of the Guard bearing a huge silver salver holding all the little purses, the Queen progressed down the line. When she got to Joe she stopped and spoke a few words to him, gave him two small leather purses, then flashed him a brilliant smile, and moved on. It was over in an instant. The combination of soaring music, mighty Cathedral, age-old pageantry, and then the Queen herself made it all seem surreal and dreamlike, but now remains vividly real in the memory. *It was a magical day!*



*Joyce Cotterill*

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### NEED A DOCTOR URGENTLY?

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**THE FERN HILL PRACTICE tel 01367 242407**

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

**The practice runs a weekly service to the Post Office delivering each Thursday at 2:30pm  
Please allow 2 working days and include payment when requesting your prescription where necessary**

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

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

DISTRICT NURSE or HEALTH VISITOR 01367 240087

SOUTHMOOR CHILD HEALTH CLINIC First Friday of the month 2pm to 3pm

**NEED THE POLICE? EMERGENCY ONLY: 999 NON EMERGENCY: 101**

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

Well it's litter isn't it. That gets me really hopping mad. We have all seen some oik tossing a cigarette packet, or even worse, the remains of his gourmet kebab out of his car window or just simply dropping it in the street. Who the devil do they think is going to pick it up? But then they don't think at all do they? We live in a village where there is no shortage of litter bins, not to mention dog bins (I've never found a dog in any of them mind) but just a few feet away debris is found because the culprit is too idle to take it two feet to the bin. Why do people want to live in a litter strewn environment? Why should we have to put up with unsightly and in sometimes dangerous litter plus encouraging vermin because of the mindless actions of others? Do they drop waste paper and discarded junk round their houses? The answer is probably yes. The guy employed by the Parish Council to litter pick in the village does a great job so as a rule our village and recreation grounds do look fairly tidy. Then along comes the village idiot tossing his chip butty over his shoulder along with his empty can of three star supermarket value cider, or there's a half eaten turkish delight and paper trail along the Faringdon Road leading back to the kebab van. Why *do* people want to live in a village that looks like Benghazi on a Saturday night? Honestly you couldn't make it up. *Lance Bassett*

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## VILLAGE DIARY (inc Mobile Library Dates)

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

May	Day	Time	What & Where (SVH = Southmoor Village Hall)	Pg
Wednesday	1st	10.30am - 1.00pm	Serendipity Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale / Book Stall "Bembridge" Faringdon Road.	12
Monday	6th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Tubney Church Organ Fund - Open Garden & Teas, 89 Netherton Road, Appleton	23
Tuesday	7th	7.30pm	S & KB Gardening Club - An Alternative Look at Weeds - SVH	12
Wednesday	8th	7.00pm	KBS Online Computer Classes - Swallow Room SVH	10
Thursday	9th		VOWHDC Waste Collection (Food & Green Bin - replaces Wed 8th)	6
Saturday	11th	1.00pm	Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club First Match - Sports Ground	16
Sunday	12th	8.30am - Noon	Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club Car Boot Sale - Sports Ground	16
Sunday	12th	2.00pm - 4.30pm	Longworth & District History Soc Exhibition - Mansell Collection Longworth Village Hall	18
Sunday	12th	2.00pm - 5.00pm	Longworth Open Gardens	4
Sunday	12th	2.00pm - 5.00pm	Kingston Colts Football Club Presentation Day - Sports Ground	5
Sunday	12th	2.00pm - 5.00pm	Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group - Open Talent Auditions - SVH	24
Monday	13th	7.00pm	Parish Council Annual Meeting (Election of Officers), Swallow Room, SVH	11
Tuesday	14th	7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor WI 'The Philosophy & Practice of Chinese Medicine' SVH	15
Thursday	16th	6.15pm	Longworth & District History Soc - Guided Walk at Colshill	18
Friday	17th	9.00am	Southmoor Pre-School - Bag2School Collection	16
Friday	17th		S & KB Gardening Club - visit to BMW Assembly Plant, Cowley	12
Saturday	18th	7.30pm	1st Longworth Scout Grp - Celebration and Presentation for Ray Applegate'	6
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20th</b>		<b>Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon &amp; Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15</b>	
Monday	20th	4.00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for June KBS News	2
Tuesday	21st	10.30am - 3.30pm	SeeSaw Charity House & Garden Fair - Fallowfields Hotel	4
Tuesday	21st		WI Group Meeting 'Bhutan - Land of the Thunder Dragon' - SVH	15
Wednesday	22nd	7.30pm	Talk at Tubney House - The History of Fyfield & Tubney	23
Thursday	30th		VOWHDC Waste Collection (Food & Grey Bin - replaces Wed 29th)	6
Friday	31st	7.30pm	Bell Tower Repair Appeal Instrumental Concert - St John the Baptist Church	21
<b>June</b>				
Wednesday	5th	11.00am - 1.00pm	KBS Bowls Club Coffee Morning - Oxford Road Clubhouse	18
Saturday	15th	June 1 - 4 pm	St John the Baptist Church Fete	
<b>Future Dates for the diary</b>				
Saturday	14th	September	Gardening Club Annual Show	12

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

### Regular Events each Month

What	Where	Day	Time
Apple Quilters	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd & 4th Monday	9.30am - 12am
Baby & Toddler Group	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday Term Time Only	10am - 11.30am
Church Youth Group	1 Oxford Road	Every Sunday Term Time	6.00pm - 7.30pm
French for Fun	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Every Wednesday	9am - 10.30am
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth VH from Jan 8 2013	Tues Term Time Only	11.00am - 12.30pm
KB Drama Group	St John the Baptist Church Hall	Every Tuesday	7.30pm
KB & S Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.30pm
KB & S Cafe	Methodist Chapel	Every Thursday	9am - 12 noon
KB & S Gardening Club	Southmoor Village Hall	1st Tuesday from Feb	7.15pm for 7.30pm
KB & S Health Walk	Leaves Southmoor VH 10.45am	Every Tuesday	10.30am - 11.30am
KB & S 14+ Drop In Centre	Methodist Church Hall	Friday Term Time Only	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Kingsmoor Community Club	Hinton Waldrist Village Hall	Every Tues, Wed, Fri	10.00am - 3.00pm
1st Longworth Beavers		Every Thursday	6.00pm - 7.15pm
1st Longworth Cubs	The Scout Hut	Every Tuesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Longworth Explorers	Faringdon Road	Every Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Scouts		Every Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
Pilates	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Thursday	7.30pm - 8.30pm
Serendipity Meeting	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	2nd Wednesday	2pm - 4pm
1st Southmoor Guides	John Blandy School	Every Wednesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Southmoor Karate Club	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Sunday	10am - 11.30am
KB & S Womens Institute	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd Tuesday	7.30pm
Zumba	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Monday	8.15pm

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 Inside Part Page % of page used Min £5 Personal Small Ads (Items for Sale) % of Page Minimum £5

## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

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

**Sunday 5th May 9.00am** Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill with a speaker from Christian Aid

**10.30am Morning Worship** Speaker: A speaker from Christian Aid

**Sunday 12th May 9.00am** Holy Communion Revd David Pickering **10.30am All-Age Service** Speaker: Mrs Anne Curtis

**Sunday 19th May 9.00am** Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill **10.30am Questions of Life Service** Speaker: Revd Andy Knowles

**Sunday 26th May 9.00am** Holy Communion Revd David Pickering **10.30am Holy Communion** Revd David Pickering

**MAY HIGHLIGHTS - SATURDAY 11th: MEN'S BREAKFAST: "SEARCHING FOR THE GOD PARTICLE – SEARCHING FOR GOD"** – at 8.30am at Carswell Golf Club, Dr Stephen Haywood, Deputy Director of Particle Physics at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, and Group Leader of the Rutherford's part of the ATLAS project, one of the two major projects being undertaken with the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva, will give an illustrated presentation on the Higgs Boson, dubbed by the press "The God Particle." What is the God particle? Why does it matter? How does it connect to God? Cost £7.50 for a full English breakfast, payable on the day, to book call Ian Bensted on 01865-390955 or email [bensted@easynet.co.uk](mailto:bensted@easynet.co.uk). **FRIDAY 31ST: INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT IN ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH:** Many of you will remember our brilliant instrumental concert in the church last September. We are thrilled to announce that we have persuaded James Thompson, Rory Evans and Ian Miles to come back on Friday 31st May at 7.30pm to play for us again. James and Rory will bring another varied programme of flute and guitar pieces, both modern and classical which will be accompanied by Ian on the piano. Ian will also perform solo works for the organ..

**CHURCH GROUPS:** We have a range of groups for adults and children. Call David on 820451 or Hazel on 821358 for more information. **Do contact our Vicar, The Revd David Pickering (820451),** re baptisms, weddings, funerals or pastoral care (on any day of the week except Saturdays).

### Fyfield Chapel (Evangelical)

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

Sunday Service: 11.00 am

Crèche and Sunday School

Communion: 2nd Sunday in month

Evening Tea & Fellowship

5.30 pm 1st Sunday in month

Home Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

8.00 pm 3rd Friday in month

(for details please email  
or call 01865-769473)

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### BUCKLAND AND FARINGDON PARISH CENTRED AT BLESSED HUGH CHURCH FARINGDON

Parish Priest: Fr Leslie Adams, 1 Coxwell Road, Faringdon,

SN7 7EB Tel: 01367 243510, email:

[blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com](mailto:blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com),

**Masses: Sunday One Mass at 9.00am.** Weekly Masses:

Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.15am. Details of Masses on Holy Days and of Reconciliation - please refer to the Parish Newsletter available at Blessed Hugh

Church or from the Parish Website:

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



**SeeSaw Charity House &  
Garden Fair**

**Tuesday 21st May 2013**

**10.30 am - 3.30 pm £3.00 Entrance**

Fallowfields Hotel, Kingston Bagpuize,  
OX13 5BH

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

### Longworth Open Gardens

2pm - 5pm Sunday 12th May 2013

Seven gardens open, scarecrow competition,  
teas, cakes, ice creams

Entry: £4 per person (accompanied under-12s free)

All proceeds to HALF (Hinton and Longworth  
Education Fund)

For further details call **01865 820315**



**Lucy Pool**  
**September 1990 – March 2013**



It appears that our readers are getting younger every day!! Eden Sharp, 11 months takes KBS News very seriously!

*We would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for all the cards, flowers and support received during our difficult time over the past couple of months. Lucy passed away on 22nd March after a seven week battle following a heart transplant operation at Papworth Hospital near Cambridge. We would also like to thank those who generously donated money in Lucy's memory to Papworth Hospital. Peter, Claire, Alison & Miles Pool.*

**LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER- VILLAGE WEB SITE**



An application was for employment - A program was a TV show - A cursor used profanity - A keyboard was a piano!

Memory was something that you lost with age - A CD was a bank account - And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy - You hoped nobody found out!

Compress was something you did to garbage - Not something you did to a file - And if you unzipped anything in public you'd be in jail for a while!

Log on was adding wood to a fire, and a hard drive was a long trip on the road. A mouse pad was where a mouse lived, and a backup happened to your commode!

Cut - you did with a pocket knife, and paste you did with glue - A web was a spider's home, and a virus was the flu!

I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper, and the memory in my head. I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash, but when it happens they wish they were dead!



**KINGSTON COLTS F.C.**

The official football season is over for most of our teams now but our players are still training and playing friendly matches. After our very successful season it is important for us to keep developing our players ready for the summer tournaments and the onset of next season.

**On 20th April**, we had our annual visit to Swindon Town FC, which saw around 35 of our players receive training from a professional football club and our U8s team play a 7 a side match on the pitch during half time of the Swindon Town v Stevenage Borough match.

**On 12th May** we have our annual Presentation Day when all of our players will receive trophies and the players from our 3 league winning teams will receive their Cups and Winners Medals – this could take some time! We hope to have some photographs of our teams in a forthcoming edition of KBS News.

For more information on our Club's success (fixtures, results, tables, etc), please go to [www.kingstoncolts.co.uk](http://www.kingstoncolts.co.uk) or [www.wdyfl.org](http://www.wdyfl.org).

Regards

**Andy Gardner, Chair**



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## Village Notice Board

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### May Bank Holidays Waste Collection 2013

*Normal Collection Day*

Wednesday 8 May

Wednesday 29 May

*Revised Collection Day*

Thursday 9 May

Thursday 30 May

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Dear Editor

## VILLAGE VOICES

### Re - Discipline as regards 'Precedent' & 'Built-up Area'

As a village, we need to be careful not to give succour to developers seeking permission to build outside the built-up area of our village, and using as justification our already sad failure to protect our village. A case in point is Town Pond Lane. It's 'only two houses' - but the proposal is to build on land to the south of our village that is outside the built-up area of our village.

We live in an interconnected world - and, chillingly, the applicant's new Planning Statement 'uses a precedent to set a precedent'.

Their Paragraph 6.2 tries to justify the granting of permission to build outside the village's built-up area by citing "the grant of planning permission in respect of application P12/V1302/0 which relates to agricultural land of 3.3 ha to the south of Faringdon Road and to the west of the built up area of the village. ...."

This is the reality. One precedent feeds the next.

Surely, within our own community, those set on building should first of all seek permission to build on land within the built-up area of our village – before taking steps that will forever destroy views the public currently enjoy of historical associations and open country side to the Downs?

And our own village web site and action groups should surely change their current sign-off to include this thinking by adding the words in bold Italics, below -

"We don't object to sensible, proportional development *within the built-up area of our village*, but will fight the onslaught of large applications from greedy developers."

Regds **Rob Belk**

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### *'1st Longworth Scout Group - Celebration and Presentation for Ray Applegate'*

Everyone at the 1st Longworth Scout Group are delighted that our founder Ray Applegate has been recognised for his lifetime of achievement in Scouting by his recent award of the highest award in Scouting - The Silver Wolf Award. The Silver Wolf is the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout and is only awarded for services of a most exceptional nature.

To commemorate this achievement the 1st Longworth Scout Group are holding an evening of celebration on *Saturday the 18th May in Southmoor Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm* and the award will be presented to Ray on this evening. Anyone who is or has been involved with the Group in any capacity are welcome to attend and a light buffet and drinks will be served.

So if you are a current or former member, a parent of current or former members, been involved in the running of the Group in any capacity or just someone who would like to join us to celebrate this special achievement you would be most welcome. Please feel free to tell others living further afield than the KBS News readership and who might be interested in attending about the evening, and you can point them in the direction of the Group website - *www.1stlongworthscoutgroup.co.uk* where these details will be posted.

We would like to make this a very special evening so please spread the word. In the meantime, if you want any further details about the evening please contact the Group Chairman, *David Christensen, on 821238 or christensen@clara.co.uk* or our Group Scout Leader, *Mike Furse, on 820162 or mgfurse@btinternet.com*.

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Lamb & Flag dates back 300 years

## FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT?

### No: 4 The Lamb & Flag, Longworth

Taking advantage of the Lamb & Flag's Monday Night is Half Price Ladies Night, a party of us booked a table and were warmly welcomed inside the hospitable walls of this 300 year old pub.

As I closed the outside door, the barman, a sturdy Falstaffian fellow, the epitome of the friendly landlord, put a positive spin on the evening immediately with his beaming greeting.

We went straight to our table and were attended by attentive and very pleasant staff immediately, so far so good.

My starter of sweet and sour chicken soup didn't disappoint, the taste sharp and hot in both senses of the word.

There was the a long wait for the main course, but good company and the fact we were not in a hurry made this hiccup fairly unimportant.

In fairness the restaurant was busy but if we had have been tight for time it could have been a problem.

My main course of Beef in Oyster sauce was fine though a little tasteless but after the fiery soup I guess anything would have been rather bland so I guess I should have ordered something spicier.

We are fortunate to live in an area of so much choice when it comes to eating out, and the Lamb & Flag does make an effort with it's promotion nights and tribute evenings. However I do miss the Steak & Ale pie served under the old regime, the finest in the land, I wonder what happened to the recipe.

I digress, the evening was excellent, the ambience and hospitality good. Other than the long wait there were no complaints, and with the ladies' meals at half price and a rather nice bottle of Merlot, two courses came to well under £50. *Dinah Outte*

## The Way We Were.....



Behind where the Post Office is now, the old bakery stood for many years which not only provided freshly made bread and sundry items but was also the Post Office and shop.



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### Notes on the month of May - Part 1

Part of May Day was given over to various festivities. There was dancing on the village green, archery contest and exhibitions of strength. The highlight of the day was the crowning of the May Queen, the human replica of Flora. By tradition she took no part in the games or dancing, but sat like a queen in a flower-decked chair to watch her 'subjects'.

**May Day Garlands** Young girls would make May Garlands. They covered two hoops, one at right angles inside the other, with leaves and flowers, and sometimes they put a doll inside to represent the goddess of Spring. In some parts of Britain, May 1st is called Garland Day.

### WORDS OF WISDOM

The World is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing. *Albert Einstein*

COMPUTER CLASSES @ KBS VILLAGE HALL

“Dear Andy: How have you been?  
Your mother and I are fine. We miss you.  
Please sign off your computer and come  
downstairs for something to eat. Love, Dad.”

**Computer Classes**

Our popular lessons restart  
on Wednesday  
8th May 2013 at 7.00pm

Swallow Room, Village Hall

Absolute Beginner?  
Lack confidence using  
computers and the internet ?

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Learn to surf the net; set up an  
email account, make online  
applications and much more.

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**KBS Online Computer Group**  
on 820493

**Ron's Green Finger Gardening Tips**

*It's time to wage war on Slugs and Snails!* Before they start to help themselves to your lovely tender seedlings which you have at last managed to plant out in the garden now the weather is a bit warmer; Slugs and snails are more active overnight and can destroy a row of young plants while you are sleeping! If you have children or a pet animal running around the garden you won't want to put down anything nasty to eradicate them and I also shy away from going out in the dark, with a torch looking to pick them up for disposal.

Unfortunately last year's wet weather was paradise for slugs and they bred like there was no tomorrow! The eggs look like clusters of tiny pearls and can be found under debris and stones near the soil surface, it is important to fight this battle with everything you can muster before these slimy molluscs can establish a real stronghold in your garden. You will never eradicate them completely and they do play their part in the ecosystem of any garden but keeping them down to manageable numbers is definitely the preferred action! The simplest way to deal with Slugs and Snails is with a **Biological Control** called Nemaslug, it contains tiny microscopic organisms, naturally occurring nematodes (*Phasmarhabditis hermaphrodita*) will control all common species (up to 8cm - 2½-3 inches) both above and below ground. You simply mix with water and with a watering can wet the soil beneath your plants. One application of Nemaslug provides 300,000 nematodes for every square metre of soil, giving at least six weeks control! This is generally enough time for seedlings and plants to get well established. Nemaslug is easy to apply and does not leave any unsightly residues. The majority of the slugs will die underground, so don't expect to see too many bodies lying around! Apply the mixture to moist soil. The soil temperature should be 5°C (40°F) or above, this is also when plants naturally start growing. Nematodes are capable of surviving the odd frost, so don't worry if the temperature falls after you have applied it. And the nematodes are completely harmless to birds and animals.

Fresh home-grown Asparagus is one of those delights nearly every gardener looks forward to, so why not try growing your own; For best results buy dormant one-year-old plants of an all-male F1 variety. It is a really easy to grow but good preparation is the key to a productive Asparagus bed. Remember it will be permanent and could produce for many years so choose your site carefully, Asparagus grows best in an open sunny position but will tolerate some shade. Dig your chosen site to a good depth and remove all perennial weeds, incorporating plenty of well-rotted manure, home-made compost will be fine, apply a dressing of a good general purpose fertiliser such as or Fish Blood and Bone, Once planted **do not** cut for the first year to allow optimum development of the plants, cut only sparingly in the second year, add a thick layer of mulch annually in early spring.



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



The monthly meeting of the KBS Parish Council was held on Monday 8th. April, in the Village Hall, together with nine members of the public.

### ***PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.***

Residents of Town Pond Lane presented their objections to the re-submitted planning application for two chalet bungalows with access on to the Hanney Rd. A petition signed by 17 residents was presented. Residents expressed particular concern over the speed of rush hour traffic, on this section of the Hanney Rd, and that the highway splays will require the removal of most of the existing hedge. The proposal from a member of the Village Action Group that responses to the survey of villagers' wishes in relation to planning gain to be discussed with representatives of the Parish Council to compose a response to VWHDC planners was approved.

Complaints were received regarding continual flooding in the Post Office car park, after heavy rain, due in part to "run-off" from the Faringdon Rd. Together with what appears to be blocked drainage within the carpark. Clerk to contact OCC.

### ***PLANNING.***

Local Plan 2029 pt. 1 Strategic sites and Policies. The Clerk will respond to the consultation, making the following points:- Members expressed concern that the document appears to treat the village as two villages, i.e Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor, including the area maps. Housing figs given, relate to April 2012, and so fail to reflect the more recent planning applications. The inclusion of the parish within the Abingdon and Oxford sub-area could result in further over development of the village, in the period covered by the plan, as permission for almost all of the additional 299 houses in this sub-area has already been granted. The proposed Core Policy provides the caveat of extra housing in this sub area should "additional sources need to be identified". Given the restrictions of the Oxford Green Belt and Ock Flood Plain, these additional houses would need to be in Marcham and our Parish. Other than modifications to the Frilford lights there will be no improvements to the A415 within the planning period, adding further traffic to the minor roads around the village. The current and especially future state of the A415 from its junction with the A420 will mean an increasing emphasis on employment and services outside the District. The requirement to support to "the move to a low carbon economy" will not be achieved by locating additional houses in Rural Villages, which lack employment opportunities, and inadequate transport links to a choice of services. The lack of these opportunities especially major supermarkets, along local areas of the route 66, questions the categorisation of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor as a sustainable village in Planning Terms.

### ***BROADBAND.***

The company known as Gigaclear have given a presentation to the village and surrounding areas, and given a demonstration in Appleton Village Hall. They are still well short of the interest required to initiate installation in the Village. Information on provision of broadband through the O.C.C. programme is vague, with a decision on the contractor providing the infrastructure still awaited.

### ***VILLAGE AMENITIES.***

As the winter finally comes to an end, various maintenance tasks are required to play equipment and surrounds, and the football pitches.

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be the *Annual Meeting, (election of Officers)*, on *Monday 13th May* in the Swallow Room of the village hall.

***Brian Forster, Chair.***

## SOUTHMOOR & K.B. GARDENING CLUB

### READY - STEADY - GROW



Last month we announced that the Village Show will accept entries from anyone in the village. If you've not started digging for victory just yet, don't worry - there is plenty of time to get a good crop of veg this summer. With the coldest March on record, and April not starting much better (although as I write this we're forecast warmer weather), it means that planting things in May will still work out fine.

I suggested sowing your courgettes and runner beans indoors last month - and you can still do this, ready for planting out later in June. Why not try some tomatoes too? All you need are the seeds, compost, some pots and a bit of spare window ledge. The seed packets have instructions on what to do. You can also sow many plants directly in the ground now. Root crops like carrots, parsnips and beetroot can all be planted in soil that's been well dug - they like it to be nice and loose so that the growing tip doesn't have to force its way downwards.

Salad lovers can start to sow lettuce, rocket and other leaf crops directly into the ground. Or try a packet of the mixed 'cut and come again' varieties and sow them in a window box, pot or tub. They all grow easily if watered regularly and there's nothing like the taste of fresh salad from your own garden (or the feeling of having saved £££ from not buying the packs from the supermarket!). So, get outside and get planting, and let's hope for some lovely warm (and damp) spring weather for growing! And don't forget to download your copy of the show schedule from [www.kbsonline.org.uk](http://www.kbsonline.org.uk)!

*Paul Gill.*



Our next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall, Draycott Road, Southmoor and this month the topic will be 'An alternative look at weeds; useful, beautiful but unloved'. Come and listen to Robert Umpelby's illustrated talk and be enlightened on the important part weeds play in our modern ecosystem.

At last month's meeting members left with many tips passed on by Sue Bedwell's practical approach to plant propagation gained after many years in horticulture including 20 years at Waterperry Gardens. You will be very welcome on **7th May. Admission: Members £1.50 Visitors £2.00**, tea or coffee with biscuits included. Each month we hold a raffle, plus there's often a members' table where plant and gardening goodies are available for sale. Also this month and to celebrate 100 years of car manufacture at Cowley we are planning a visit to the **BMW Assembly Plant on Friday 17th May. Contact Alwyn Woolley** for details of time and cost, or for further information about the Club visit [www.kbsonline.org.uk](http://www.kbsonline.org.uk) and click on Gardening Club or contact **Chairman Steve Smith on 01865 820399**

*Ron Green*

## SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

17 members enjoyed a lunch at the Lamb and Flag. The food was good, but we were all hungry when eventually it was served. We all found plenty to talk and laugh about while we were waiting! There was however, some very sad news that **Mary Spurge** is in hospital at the moment. We all missed her and hope that she soon starts to feel better.

There will be **NO** meeting in May in the Village Hall - **BUT SERENDIPITY ARE HOLDING A TABLE TOP SALE AND COFFEE MORNING FROM 10.30 - 1 PM AT "BEMBRIDGE", FARINGDON ROAD - HOME OF RUTH REYNOLDS - ON WEDNESDAY MAY 1st. Please come along and support.**

## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.



*Meeting held on Tuesday 9th April 2013.*

Our well attended April meeting began with our President Jean Warr welcoming the new committee members for the following year. We started off our new programme with musical entertainment” Songs from the Shows” thanks to the dulcet tones of Dave Tonks and his keyboard. The audience were able to participate both vocally and with flourishes on the tambourine to his repertoire which spanned the ages of the shows including “Annie Get Your Gun “ and “Oklahoma” to name but a few. He made us smile with “Bring Me Sunshine” and hearty renditions of “Land of Hope and Glory” and “Jerusalem” made for a resounding finale. Members enjoyed delicious refreshments afterwards kindly provided by the hostesses for the evening.

Our rescheduled and long awaited *Annual Dinner will be held at Sudbury House Hotel, Faringdon on Friday 26th April.*

Our May meeting will be on *Tuesday 14th May starting at 7-30pm* in the Village Hall. Lee Butler will be speaking on the interesting subject of “*The Philosophy and Practice of Chinese Medicine*”. To continue this theme the competition will be Something Chinese.

May is a busy month as we shall be hosting our group meeting on the *21st May* as well as the normal monthly meeting mentioned above.

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

**Karen King (820046)**

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Hello There

My name is Sam Williams and I’m an assistant producer working on ITV1’s Secret Dealers and we are looking for people in your area to take part in our hit TV show!

We are currently filming the fourth series and we would love to hear from people with wonderful antiques who would be interested in finding out more about the series. Please see below for more information;

Secret Dealers sees three rival antique dealers doing battle in private homes for items they can sell. The competing dealers tour the house inspecting everything of value. The owners are then faced with a bonanza of surprise valuations and cash offers on some of their most prized (or not so prized) possessions. They can either accept or reject the offers and the owners must then face the choice between sentimental attachment and the chance to make a fast buck.

The reason I am writing is to see if you would kindly put some information into your parish magazine, newsletter or circulate it round to your parishioners. <http://www.comebeonsecret-dealers/>

Last year this method of reaching people was very successful and we found some of our best people, houses and antiques so I would be very grateful if you could pass on this information.

People can apply to be on the show by post, phone or email.

Secret Dealers 0117 970 7674 [secretdealers@rdftellevision.com](mailto:secretdealers@rdftellevision.com)  
 PO Box 3024  
 Bristol  
 BS8 9EY

## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CRICKET CLUB



Car Boots – Again this year we will be holding Car Boots sales on the following dates:

12th May; 9th June; 14th July; 11th August and 1st September 2013.

All car boots start at 8.30am until noon. For more information please contact Mandy Rodway on 07884 393613. Hopefully the weather will get better and the square will be ready for the new season. Junior training will start on on 26th April @ 5.45pm for 1

hour, please come along and have a go. Kingston U15s will have started the season on the 22nd April.

For the further information for fixtures [www.kingstoncricket.co.uk](http://www.kingstoncricket.co.uk)

**Fixtures 22/04/13 Abingdon Vale U15s v KBCC U15s ECB Championship 6pm start**

**28/04/13 Combe U13s v KBCC U13s Friendly 10.30am start**

**01/05/13 Sutton Courtney v KBCC CHD Cricket League 6pm start**

**05/05/13 Charlbury U13s v KBCC U13s Cup 10.30am start**

**11/05/13 Cherwell Div 4 KBCC 1st XI v Great & Little Tew II 1pm start**

**Cherwell Div 8 Cummnor 3rd XI v KBCC 2nd XI 1.30pm start**

**Cherwell Div 10 Long Manston III vKBBC 3rd XI 1.30pm**

Also in May members of the Youth Section at Kingston who are in the County Squads start their campaigns against other County Teams so good luck to them. **Hannah Woodley**

### Notes on the Month of May - Part 2

The first day of the month of May is known as May Day. It is the time of year when warmer weather begins and flowers and trees start to blossom. It is said to be a time of love and romance. It is when people celebrate the coming of summer with lots of different customs that are expressions of joy and hope after a long winter.

Traditional English May Day celebrations include Morris dancing, crowning a May Queen and dancing around a Maypole.

Although summer does not officially begin until June, May Day marks its beginning. May Day celebrations have been carried out in England for over 2000 years.

The Romans celebrated the festival of Flora, goddess of fruit and flowers, which marked the beginning of summer. It was held annually from April 28th to May 3rd.

## SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL



### Southmoor Pre-school Bags2schools Friday 17th May

Thanks to everyone for their support in collecting items and buying from our stall at the John Blandy Car Boot Sale in April. All funds raised will go towards providing the children with equipment and helping to promote a stimulating environment in which the children can learn and play. Last year's fund raising activities collected enough money to purchase a new arts and craft station which we reported on last month. This time we are really hoping to raise enough to get another large rug for the children to play, relax and listen to stories on, along with some creative crafting materials.

One of our best fund raising events is bags2schools which happens twice a year. So don't forget if you are having a sort out we are collecting old clothes and curtains (in reasonable condition). They will be collected on **Friday May 17th**. The van arrives very promptly so items must be at the gates ready for collection by 9am. The collection is open to anyone in the village so please dig out everything you can to help!

**Marie Siviter** (pre-school committee member)



## News from ORCC - April 13



### ***ORCC Trading - Oil Scheme updates***

Members of the ORCC Trading bulk oil buying scheme continue to save money – the March bulk order brought a massive saving of £27.70 on 500 litres against the average price and this meant that EVERYONE who ordered oil has saved their membership fee on this order alone - the power of the GROUP! Details for the March order which was supplied by Sweet Fuels and Callow Oils were: Members' Price - 61.75p per litre; Highest price quoted from a supplier: 70.55 ppl; Average price quoted: 67.29 ppl. (All prices +5% VAT) Please note that the final deadlines for ORCC Trading Ltd to receive all orders for inclusion in the next Bulk Oil Order. Details of future ordering dates will be available on the ORCC website – [www.oxonrcc.org.uk](http://www.oxonrcc.org.uk) If you would like to join the Oil Scheme, please complete your membership at least one week before the order deadlines. We can only include members' orders if annual membership is paid up to cover the relevant order/delivery period. For details contact Christine Bartle on **01865 733214** or [oil@oxonrcc.org.uk](mailto:oil@oxonrcc.org.uk)

***Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme.*** The Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme is setting up a quality standard for firewood called 'OxLogs'. OxLogs suppliers will clearly state the volume, type, length and moisture content of their wood. Please ask your supplier if they provide OxLogs. This is the time to buy firewood and store it for next autumn, and also to think about installing a wood stove or boiler. See [www.woodfuel.org.uk](http://www.woodfuel.org.uk) for advice. We have had five successful 'logs for labour' events this spring, and will run more next autumn. If you are a woodland owner who could use some free help with woodland management, or you would like to work outdoors in return for some firewood, please see [www.woodfuel.org.uk/logs-for-labour](http://www.woodfuel.org.uk/logs-for-labour). As ash trees come into leaf, it will become apparent if they have chalara (ash die-back). Signs include wilting leaves and browning of young stems. Forestry Commission advice is not to fell ash trees unless they are ill. The felled wood can be used as firewood. See [www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara). There will be woodfuel themed study visits on 15 April, 1 June and 8 June. The first and last of these will each involve a visit to a woodland, a wood processor and an interesting wood boiler. The 1 June event is at a Ministry of Defence woodland, and involves tasting wild rabbit and taking away firewood if you want. More information is at [www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/woodfuel-site-visits](http://www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/woodfuel-site-visits). For details contact Riki Therivel [Manager@oxonwoodfuel.org.uk](mailto:Manager@oxonwoodfuel.org.uk) or telephone **01865 243488**.

### ***Does your village want access to faster broadband?***

The third round for the Rural Community Broadband Funds is open between 22 March and 24 May 2013. Full details of how to apply to this round can be found in the Applicant's handbook.

- Applicant's Handbook
- Expression of Interest Form

To apply you will need to complete an Expression of Interest Form by 17:00 on 24 May 2013. Should your Expression of Interest be approved, you will be invited to submit a detailed full application, providing specifics of your proposed solution, and how it will be established and managed. To see if your village is eligible to apply for RCBF support under the Fund rules and to link in with the County Broadband Plan you will need to contact Oxfordshire County Council's Broadband team at [www.broadband@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:www.broadband@oxfordshire.gov.uk). They will also be able to provide support for completing the Expression of Interest Form. It is also worth visiting the Broadband pages of the County Council's website for the latest information on their work to enable the provision of better broadband speeds within the county: Broadband for Oxfordshire. See in particular the community options information.

### ***Village Halls/Community Centre Building Project*** – County Council Grant Aid

Oxfordshire county Council (OCC) has a small grant scheme to fund improvements to village halls and community centre building projects in 2013/14. All enquiries about this fund should be made to ORCC who administers the scheme. Grants area allocated once a year and application forms need to be returned to ORCC by 30 June 2013, cabinet decision will be made in September 2013. If you require an OCC application form, please contact Lynne Newin, Community Halls Adviser – [lynne.newin@oxonrcc.org.uk](mailto:lynne.newin@oxonrcc.org.uk)

## BOWLS CLUB



The start of the season has arrived and the Club would welcome anyone in the Village who would like to give Bowls a try. Now is an ideal time to come down to the Club house and try the sport out, the weather is now improving, and you have nothing to lose. Our playing programme consists of around eighty matches plus County and club competitions so we need plenty of bowlers of all standards to fulfil our programme. Friday evening from 6.30pm is our roll up and social night and you will be made most welcome, we are a very friendly club with a great social side throughout the year. We feel that many of the Villagers do not know what we have to offer down at the bowls club as we are a little out of the centre of the Village, you can find us next to the Millennium Green on the Oxford Road, give us a try you will not be disappointed.

We have Coffee Morning on the 5th of June at the club house, a chance to see our new improvements, from 11am-1pm and this will be well advertised around the Village and also a stall at the Church Fete on the 15th of June.

**Mick Fuller** (Club Captain) 01865 820818



*The new refurbished interior*

## LONGWORTH AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY



In the late 19th century a local family collected memorabilia of their everyday lives, including family photos, certificates and reports of events. Nothing perhaps particularly remarkable about that, except that this family continued to assiduously accumulate a record of events of the family for over four generations. Some of the events were life shattering, such as news from the front in two World Wars. Other records seemingly at the time prosaic and mundane. The family were the Mansells of Longworth, intimately connected with the Richings, Gutteridges, the Tubbs and the Heath family. When Mary Mansell prepared to leave Longworth in 2009, she passed this bonanza of accumulated records and memorabilia to the Longworth and District History Society, where it became a dedicated element within its growing archive collection. Using this massive collection, together with interviews and parish research, Jan Kelly has reconstructed the lives of this stonemason's family in intriguing detail and in doing so has painted an evocative story of Longworth throughout the 20th century. The end result of this is a book, published for the Longworth and District History Society which will appear in early April.

Marking this event, the History Society is holding an exhibition of the highlights of the 'Mansell Collection' which will be on display in Longworth Village Hall on Sunday 12 May, 2013 (2-4.30pm). This event is free and you may browse at will through a fascinating collection of objects and papers reflecting the life of Longworth throughout the 20th century. You may also inspect the 160-page book called 'A Story of Longworth', full of photos, many in colour. There is also the opportunity of purchasing a copy of the book (£4.50) before official publication day,

Our usual monthly meeting for May is a visit and guided walk in Coleshill grounds. The walk begins with a short talk to explain the background to the British resistance organisation. The walk will be approx 2 miles, which is unsuitable for anyone with walking difficulties. We will meet at 6.15 for a 6.30 start on 16th May, for a 2-2 ½ hour walk. Map and instructions are on the back of the ticket. Members £2. Guests £4. Lifts can be arranged.

**Kathy Fletcher 820193**

*Commenting on a complaint from a Mr. Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said, 'We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr. Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house.' (The Daily Telegraph)*



### *Ed Vaizey MP congratulates local business*

WorldBeatsMusic in Shippon has been recognised as a leading local business by being shortlisted in a Newspaper Society competition. The Local Business Accelerators competition is looking for the most promising small businesses in the country, with a national winner being announced in October.

Ed Vaizey MP said, "I am delighted to see the success of WorldBeatsMusic. Small businesses play a vital role in our economy and in local communities. I very much hope that the Local Business Accelerators competition and the accomplishments of WorldBeatsMusic will help to inspire other people to start their own business in Oxfordshire or to grow one they are running already.

"The competition is supported by Business in You, and I would like to remind other local businesses that the Business in You website ([www.businessinyou.bis.gov.uk](http://www.businessinyou.bis.gov.uk)) contains a range of practical information and directions to other sources of help. Particularly when you are starting out in business, seeking out and acting on advice is key to success."

The competition's winner will receive a year's mentoring from Dragon's Den star Deborah Meaden and other prizes including free advertising in their local newspaper, £10,000 from the Business Growth Fund, a year's membership of the CBI, business advice from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, broadband and a website from BT, and an iPad and a year's access to software from Freeagent.

### *Raise the Roof -- Bell Tower Repair Appeal*

Concert in St John the Baptist Church on Friday May 31st at 7.30 pm

A number of you came to hear the very talented ensemble of James Thompson, Rory Evans and Ian Miles at the concert they gave in the church last September.

Everyone who came thoroughly enjoyed the evening and we are delighted to announce that we have persuaded them to come again on Friday 31st May. As before there will be a very varied programme of solo organ pieces and pieces for flute and guitar accompanied by the piano.

James, grew up in Southmoor and started playing the flute whilst a pupil at John Blandy School, continuing to play at senior school and university. While he was studying for a degree in Music and Sports Science in London, he performed both as a soloist and as a member of various chamber groups and orchestras and continues to do so.

Ian is the Organist/Choirmaster at Sutton Courtenay Parish Church; he has more than 30 years of experience as a soloist, accompanist and chorus director both locally and further afield. Ian and James have performed together at Sutton Courtenay Parish Church Proms for two years. They will be joined again, for this concert, by Rory Evans an exciting young guitarist, who thrilled us with his playing when they came last year.

They all enjoyed performing in our church which has excellent acoustics and are happy to be returning. I hope that many of you will be able to join us this time for what promises to be a really good evening. There should be something to suit most people, from classical flute and organ pieces to arrangements of popular music for the guitar. There will be no charge for seats, but there will be an opportunity for you to make a donation at the end of the concert. We shall serve refreshments in the church room during the interval.

***Susan Green***



## POLICE UPDATE Faringdon East – April 2013



Faringdon – April 2013

Welcome to April's monthly neighbourhood update for NAG 1, Faringdon and Shrivenham, from Sgt Tim Pavey, PC Chris Linzey, PCSO Kerry Davis, PCSO Maralyn Pack and PCSO Emma Eyley.

The clocks have 'sprung forward' an hour and whilst we may have lost an hours sleep, we have gained lighter evenings. Unfortunately this can sometimes lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour. The team will soon be reinitiating last year's successful ASB operation, OP Mojito. The aim of the operation is to target known ASB hotspots at key times, particularly during the school holidays.

On the 4th March a male from Marlborough Street, Faringdon was arrested and charged with assaulting a police officer. On the 17th March the same male was arrested and charged for being drunk and disorderly. He will appear at magistrates within the next few weeks.

Rural crime remains a major priority for the Vale's police teams. The cross border operation, OP Festive, that we run alongside West Berkshire police, is still continuing. This operation recruits local land owners, gamekeepers and farmers who are issued a police radio and bring a wealth of local knowledge to the operation.

OP Marauder has also recently been introduced with the priority of high visibility patrols in rural areas. A police officer from the Wantage response team has now been permanently assigned to the Operation. PC Bob Searle is a familiar face to many in the rural community and has the passion and knowledge to help co-ordinate our efforts to tackle offenders committing crimes in the rural areas.

If you have any information that you feel may assist PC Searle and the local police with this goal, please call **101** or crime stoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

There are still a small number of reports being received in the Faringdon area of shed and garage breaks. As many people do not use the equipment stored in their sheds and garages over the winter period, some of the offences being reported are potentially several months old. Please check your outbuildings at your earliest convenience and report any suspected offences to us on **101**.

Overall, March has seen a very low number of reported crimes, a trend we sincerely hope continues in to the summer!

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### The Last Word

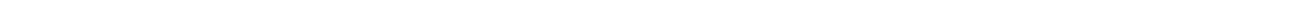
*Do you remember the times when you said that you was so very hungry that you could eat a horse?'*

*Well these days you don't have to be hungry!!*

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