

KBS NEWS

The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village News

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There are no caves in KBS.

Words of concern from a local resident

There are no caves in KBS. I think I am safe here but no doubt I will be corrected if I am not. Why do I say this? - to point out that at one point in time everyone's house was a "new development".

For many of us, the argument has never been about "no development" but about the manner in which it should occur. I have no issue with owners/developers. Let's face it – if you owned land you would probably do the same if this meant obtaining life-long financial security for you and your family. Likewise developers are obtaining returns for shareholders – possibly your pension fund. No, my major problems are with our elected officers and administrators, and with our village.

Apparently, and I have no evidence to contradict them, the "Vale" is between a rock and a hard place and development is presumed unless grounds can be supplied why it should not occur. Whilst my heart bleeds for them their position should surely then be one of mitigating development and attempting to protect their residents whilst maximising community benefit? Sorry to say I see little evidence of our interests here. Block Wantage road for essential temporary rail work and our MP jumps around, but irreversible change to our village then silence. Sustainability – allow development anywhere, anytime, save nothing for the future. Want a traffic survey – conduct it during quiet holidays. Accommodation



The butchered hedge on the A415 Witney Road

on three floors as per proposed care home – that is not three storeys. The latest – cut down the A415 hedge, containing "to be retained" trees, then this is not enforceable as it happened before planning. There are so many examples I could fill pages here. When did anyone last meet any Vale official here in KBS? Sad to say I have now lost all faith in the Vale having any interest in KBS or their residents. Even our own Councillor applied for planning for more houses so what degree of representation and protection do we have?

The Village? Well I think we have made a rod for own backs. With all infill land taken then what is left for our children? The Vale must love us – major developments without the fury and adverse publicity they have seen in other places. Developers, easy building and major profits for the cost of what – a few thousand bunged to the football club. Simply look at the Planning website to see how few objections are raised by this village (Witney Road is open for comment now). Village land, our crown jewels, has gone for little tangible benefit to the community.

I now fear that we will be the target for more development as we are "low cost" to everyone, and as most infill has gone where will the next target be? Unfortunately, like many, I fear those of us who care will now look to leave ASAP unless the village actively comments on proposals and demonstrates that we do care as a community. If those who care leave then what then? (Name & address supplied)

Winner of our 'Chef for a Day' Competition. Page 18

NEED A DOCTOR URGENTLY?

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Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

We keep being told that money is short and local housekeeping jobs such as hedgecutting, road mending, and judging by the disgusting condition of the road verges, litterpicking, has to be cut back. Well, I for one am sceptical when it comes to local authorities saving money as there always seems to be enough for their trips and bean feasts. However, surely one way many of these jobs could be undertaken is to give it to the community service miscreants. I can see no rational reason why they cannot be seen along the roads of Britain picking up the litter in bright orange overalls with 'Scallywag' written on the back, showing proudly that they are so full of remorse for their misdemeanour here they are helping to right what is wrong in our green and recently not-so-pleasant land. There are all sorts of jobs they could be doing instead of languishing in our overfilled gaols playing snooker all day. Why cannot they be bound over to pick the litter from the A420? I know, I know it's elf'n'safety innit? I am told before clearing litter off the highway toilets have to be provided, though it doesn't bother them on a Saturday night I've noticed in the streets of Oxford, and the nearside lane has to be coned off in case one of them gets run over. You couldn't make it up.



VILLAGE DIARY

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

May	Day	Time	What & Where (SVH = Southmoor Village Hall)	Page
Thursday	1st	8.00pm onwards	Men's Pub Discussion Group, Pints of View - Hinds Head PH	4
Friday	2nd	7.00pm -9.00pm	KBS Broadband Group Drop In Session - Waggon & Horses PH	18
Monday	5th	No Mobile Library - Bank Holiday		
Tuesday	6th	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club - Murray Maclean - Fruit Growing In Kingston Bagpuize - SVH	16
Wednesday	7th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Serendipity Over 60s Club Meeting	9
Thursday	8th	9.00am - Noon	KBS Cafe 9th Birthday Party - Methodist Church, Faringdon Rd	11
Thursday	8th	**** Food Collection & Green Bin Collection ****		
Sunday	11th	8.30am - 12.00 noon	Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club Car Boot Sale - Sports field Abingdon Rd	
Monday	12th	7.00pm	KBS Parish Council Meeting – Swallow Room, VH	15
Tuesday	13th	7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor W I - Simeon Courtie - SVH	10
Wednesday	14th	7.00pm -9.00pm	KBS Broadband Group Drop In Session - Waggon & Horses PH	18
Wednesday	14th	**** Food Collection & Grey Bin Collection ****		
Thursday	15th	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Longworth & District History Soc - Valia Battat - 'It's All Henry's Fault' at Hinton Waldrist Church	16
Friday	17th		Southmoor Pre-School Bags2school collection	
Monday	19th	Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy Close 11.15		
Monday	19th	4.00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for KBS News June 2014 Edition	2
Wednesday	21st	**** Food Collection & Green Bin Collection & Brown Bin Collection ****		
Thursday	29th	**** Food Collection & Grey Bin Collection ****		
June				
Tuesday	3rd	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club - The Earth Trust Project at Wittenham Clumps - SVH	16
Tuesday	17th	9.15am	Village Outing to Hill Close Gardens, Warwick, - Depart from Village Hall	6
September				
Saturday	13th		Gardening Club Annual Village 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
Church Youth Group	1 Oxford Road	Sunday Term Time	6.00pm - 7.30pm
French for Fun	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Wednesday	9.30am - 11.00am
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth VH from Jan 8 2013	Tuesday Term Time Only	11.00am - 12.30pm
KB Drama Group	St John the Baptist Church Hall	Tuesday (except below)	7.30pm
KB Drama Group	Southmoor Village Hall	3rd Tuesday each month	7.30pm
KB & S Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.30pm
KB & S Cafe	Methodist Chapel	Thursday	9.00am - 12 noon
KB & S Gardening Club	Southmoor Village Hall	1st Tuesday from Feb	7.15pm for 7.30pm

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

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KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

<http://kingstonbagpuizechurch.wordpress.com>



Sunday 4th May 9.00am Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill,
Speaker: Dr Eileen Egginton about our Malawi project
 10.30am Morning Worship
Speaker: Dr Eileen Egginton about our Malawi project
 Sunday 11th May 9.00am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
 10.30am *All-Age Service, Speaker: Revd David Pickering*
 Sunday 18th May 9.00am Holy Communion Revd John Wesson
 10.30am *Questions of Life Service Speaker: Revd Will Donaldson*
 Sunday 25th May 9.00am & 10.30am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY 1st: MEN'S PUB DISCUSSION GROUP: "PINTS OF VIEW" – Men of Kingston and Southmoor, you are welcome at our men's pub discussion group, Pints of View. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at the Hind's Head from 8pm onwards, to sort the world's problems out. We discuss everything and nothing, from how to sort out Syria and Ukraine to the selling of lawnmowers across the world, and the number one cause of damage to mobile phones (dropping in the bath/toilet). Every month the world provides more issues for us to discuss ...

SUNDAY 4TH: DR EILEEN EGGINTON SPEAKS ABOUT THE MALAWI PROJECT: For several years, this church has supported a healthcare project in Malawi, helping hospitals, training nurses, and bringing development in a variety of ways. We are fortunate to have Dr Eileen Egginton, who has great experience of the work in Malawi, to speak to us about it at both services on May the 4th (or Star Wars day, as it is known in some quarters – May the Fourth be with you!).

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

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

Fyfield Chapel (Evangelical)

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

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**BUCKLAND AND FARINGDON PARISH CENTRED AT
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Parish Priest: Fr Leslie Adams, 1 Coxwell Road, Faringdon, SN7 7EB
 Tel: 01367 243510, email: blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com,
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 Website: <http://www.blessedhugh.org.uk/>

Contacting you MP

As you local MP, I can be contacted by mail at **vaizey@parliament.uk**
 or, by telephone on
 01491 838816 or, by post to Ed Vaizey MP Wallingford Town Hall
 Wallingford OX10 0EG
 The quickest way to get in touch with me is by email.
 All these details, surgery times and locations, and other information
 can be found at **www.vaizey.com**

Ed Vaizey MP



VILLAGE VOICES

The Way We Were.

In the March KBS News, we published a picture showing a group of people outside a pair of cottages. Valerie Wheeler rang in to say that she thought they may have been the Clarke family, who lived in Town Pond Lane. The cottages, now long gone, were on the right hand side, opposite Town Pond Cottage. The older lady may have been Granny Clarke who also lived in the same lane.

I would like to thank my family and friends for helping me to celebrate my 70th birthday with all cards, presents and donations for cancer, I collected £280. Also thanks to Kim and her team for a lovely meal at the Waggon and Horses. Valerie Wheeler

As a former District Councillor and Parish Chairman I was eager to support the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 8th April, and in particular to hear Cynth Napper from Oxford Nature Conservation Forum talk on wildlife in Oxfordshire. However, the evening started badly because three villagers myself included were curiously waiting at the Village Hall for the meeting to start at 7 pm (as advertised not once but twice in the KBS News) only to discover that the meeting wasn't due to start until 7.30 pm? Despite the misquoted start time only two Parish Councillors, including the Chairman plus the Parish Clerk attended, the excuse given for this abysmal attendance was the school Easter holiday. There was no doubt about the embarrassment expressed by the few who attended to Cynth Napper who gave a splendid illustrated presentation about Oxfordshire's biodiversity.

Ron Green

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 8 APRIL 2014



Over the past year all four major development proposals within the village have received consent. Only one was welcomed by the majority of the village, namely the sports field and new pavilion proposal which will provide up to date facilities for the cricket and football clubs who will benefit from additional £106 monies to provide extra equipment.

Construction of two of the developments – the Pye site to the south of Faringdon Road, and the Taylor Wimpey site off Draycott Road – has started. The Pye development has welcomed its first residents and 25 units have already been sold.

After enforcement notices served for failing to comply with specific planning consents, work on the other site is again underway after Taylor Wimpey had antagonised neighbouring residents. The Witney Road site has yet to obtain consent for Reserved Matters.

The impact of the NPPF continues to cause anger and concern amongst the villages and minor towns in the Vale. The impact on local transport infrastructure is of especial concern to all residents with the likely consequent congestion at the Oxford and Swindon ends of the A420, and on the A415, A417 and A419.

Major changes have taken place at John Blandy Primary School with the school joining the eight-school Faringdon Academy. A new Head Teacher, Deputy Head and other new staff have a new vision for the school which will grow somewhat larger as the planned 250+ new homes are occupied. OCC has resolved to withdraw free school transport to Faringdon College and Matthew Arnold, only providing free transport to the nearest school – Larkmead in Abingdon, notwithstanding the village not being within its catchment. This could prove a major disincentive to prospective residents. Once again the village precept was maintained at last year's figure, although with the growth of the village and the withdrawal of some grants, this is unlikely to continue and will require some increase in the future.

High speed internet access within the village proved a lively issue with Gigaclear, a commercial company, offering to provide fibre-to-the-premises if a sufficient number of subscribers could be recruited. As only subscribers would benefit from superfast broadband, the Parish Council has encouraged the installation of fibre-to-the-cabinet to allow all residents the opportunity to receive an improved service. OCC has contracted BT to roll-out fibre-to-the-cabinet across the County with connection to the village from Spring 2015.

I repeat my comments of last year that many village activities and clubs continue to thrive and create a vibrant community. The Parish Council is pleased to extend its thanks, once again, to those who continue to give of their time and dedication to make their organisations such a success.

Again, I extend my thanks to our Parish Clerk for his unstinting efforts to make our views known together with Councillors who give of their time and experience to make our village a pleasant place to live. Brian Forster

Village Notice Board

I have been asked to point out to residents on the new developments in the village that delivery of the KBS News will commence to these houses when the estates are complete. Until then copies of the News can be picked up from the Post Office or Southmoor Food & Wine. *Ed.*

VILLAGE OUTING TO HILL CLOSE GARDENS, WARWICK. TUESDAY 17th JUNE. 9.15 am FROM THE VILLAGE HALL. SOUTHMOOR

Hill Close Gardens are rare survivals of Victorian gardens in Warwick. Some of you may remember we visited these gardens the first year that they were opened, but they are fully established now and I have been asked if I could get a coach outing to go again.

The cost is £24 (this includes the £8 entrance to the gardens with a guided tour followed by refreshments). There is a short walk from the gardens into Warwick where you will have a couple of hours to have lunch or browse round the shops before getting on the coach to come home.

If you are interested please give me a ring asap on 820775 (Pat).



Don't forget to Vote...

These two pictures taken during past elections show Melinda Tilley, accompanied by her loyal German Shepherd Tess, and John Bown late of Laurel Drive, on duty outside the Village Hall. This is a reminder that the European Elections will be taking place on THURSDAY 22nd MAY. Voting from 7am until 10pm (Photos taken by Ron Green)



NON-DWELLING DOMESTIC BURGLARIES

Outbuildings, sheds and garages are a current target. There have been recent incidents in Charney Bassett, Denchworth, Lyford, Buckland, Hinton Waldrist, East Hanney and Southmoor. If you require crime prevention advice ring 101 and ask to speak to one of the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

	<p align="center">The Waggon and Horses tel: 01865 821676</p> <p>Paul and Kim invite you to the newly refurbished Waggon and Horses and are proud to announce that they have been awarded 5 stars from Environmental Health for kitchen standards.</p>	
<p align="center">We serve good quality food</p> <p>From baguettes and jackets, to high quality Steaks from Hedges the Butchers of Abingdon, A selection of home made specials are available to complement our traditional menu, Hand Battered Cod or Haddock being a speciality is also available as a take away on Friday evenings. It is advisable to book for our highly popular Carvery on a Sunday with our vegetables from W G Gibbens and Sons of Hinton Waldrist</p> <p align="center">Senior Citizens menu available Monday- Friday lunchtimes</p> <p>Our kitchen is open from 12.00 - 2.30pm and 6.00pm-9.00pm Monday - Saturday On Sunday 12.00 - 3.00pm for Carvery and 3.00pm - 7.00pm for normal menu</p> <p align="center">The Stable dining room is available for functions please contact us to book your party</p> <p>Find us on Facebook to see our weekly activities including quizzes, karaoke and the very popular disco bingo!</p> <p>Opening times are 12 noon - 3.00pm Monday - Thursday and all day from 12 noon Friday, Saturday and Sunday</p> <p>Good food, real ales, sky sports, large garden, function room, regular entertainment and traditional pub sports</p> <p align="center">Dogs are welcome in the bar and garden if on a lead</p>		



It's tough to stay married. My wife kisses the dog on the lips, yet she won't drink from my glass!
Rodney Dangerfield



FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT? No: 14 Ye Olde Red Lion Chieveley

Sometimes it's pleasant to drive a few miles to a venue for a meal with friends, and so it was one fine evening when we drove over the Berkshire Downs to Ye Olde Red Lion at Chieveley.

The first time we ventured to eat here, we called in a few days beforehand to see what it was like.

"Friday night eh? You had better book now". Oh yes, thinks me, Friday night in a pub in Chieveley-busy-right.

Well we did book and rightly too, the place was rammed, much to my chagrin. Anyway this time it was a Saturday night and

respectfully busy again I may add.

The menus are blackboards on the walls and they are comprehensive without being confusing. After being shown to our table we had to retrace our steps back to the bar to read the menu. Fair enough but the problem with that at my age is to remember what you are going to eat by the time you get back to the table and the waitress arrives (Ha!). However I did remember and kicked off the proceedings with the Chicken Terrine which arrived in short order, a moist and tasty dish accompanied by a rather nice chutney dip.

Our bottle of Australian Shiraz (a wine I have recently taken to) now decorated the table and we were ready for the main event, in my case the Lamb with sun dried tomatoes accompanied by new potatoes and rocket salad. First class, the edges of the succulent and tasty lamb were crisp and the meat tender and full of flavour. The pudding board was produced and I chose the apple and raspberry crumble with lashings of custard. Heaven. The meal for four with two bottles of wine and pre-dinner drinks came to under £130, about right I thought. This is the third time I have eaten at the Ye Olde Red Lion and I have yet to be disappointed. The card for the hostelry reads 'A proper pub where you will find log fires, great food, fine wines, superb beers, lively conversation, knowledgeable locals, smiley staff and a grumpy landlord'. I can't argue with any of that. *Eton Lovett.*



THE KBS NEWS WINE LIST

For your enjoyment this month we have chosen as our tasting location Chile, as the other half of the quartet are sunning themselves in the Canary Islands, we decided to follow the programme of the village wine circle.

The White Wine from the heart of Chile's Chardonnay region is the Vina

Maipo 2013 from Sainsbury's priced at £7.49.

This Chardonnay has an intense varietal aroma, get the best of its apple, pineapple and banana flavours with a light supper, or better still try a chilled bottle on a summer's afternoon with friends. A refreshing and balanced wine with a smooth finish and ideal for those who particularly enjoy a nice glass of white.

The Red Wine we chose came from The Oxford Wine Company and is the Rio Alto 2013 priced at £7.35. This classic Syrah is from the vineyards situated along the Aconcagua River and over the foot hills of the Andes Mountains where the very favourable weather creates the temperature variability needed to reach the optimal ripeness of colour and character to the grapes giving the wine its rich texture and a pleasant finish marked by red fruits. This is a truly enjoyable wine to accompany a roast meal or why not drink a bottle with guests who prefer a good red. Don't forget to unscrew the top in good time before drinking. Cheers, *The Wine Quartet.*

SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

We welcomed a new member this week, and had a fun afternoon playing games and enjoying our usual coffee and cake. Our little group is not a serious group, we just enjoy each others company, occasionally have a speaker or go out for a meal but most of all it is a friendly group that just get together once a month and have a laugh. It only costs £2 a month with a raffle (we each take a wrapped present), a sales table where we sell books, non perishable foods, or any good quality items for a small price, and this goes towards our funds which help to pay for the occasional meal or outing. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th May (not the usual second Wednesday). New members always welcome. Details from Pat 820775.

Do you have something to say? Why not get it off your chest and put it in the KBS News? Send your thoughts to editorkbsnews@gmail.com



SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL

Spring is here and the pre-school garden is looking transformed thanks to the hard work of the staff and committee members. The children are particularly enjoying their lovely new Wendy house and accessories. During March the children have been really busy making soda bread to celebrate St Patricks Day and making lovely cards and presents for Mother's day. They also enjoyed a visit from one of the parents, who brought in some amazing creatures e.g. scorpions, snakes and lizards which the children were fascinated by. During April the children have been hard at work making Easter bunnies and chick nests in preparation for the Easter holidays. We would like to thank the John Blandy Trust for their very generous donation to preschool funds. Don't forget if you are interested in a pre-school place we are currently taking children aged from 2 years and 4 months. Some pre-school sessions are already fully booked and looking increasingly busy from September 2014. So, if you are thinking of registering your child or increasing your child's sessions, please contact Jackie (Manager) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. All children who are 3 in the term following their 3rd birthday are entitled to 15 hours free early years education! Email southmoorpre-school@live.co.uk Tel: 01865 821505. Marie Siviter



A bewitching entrance in the Brownie play and a budding model struts her stuff at the Newspaper Fashion evening.



1st Kingston Bagpuize Brownies

We're looking forward to the summer term, when we'll be celebrating the Centenary of Brownies with a Big Brownie Birthday Party. The girls will continue working on their Seasons Badge. We'll also have a visit from Emilie of Amate Animalia, an exotic animal rescue centre near Witney. She'll be showing the Brownies some of the beautiful creatures that have been saved from unsatisfactory living conditions. We have a few spaces for girls from 7-10. We are looking for a new Leader, too. If interested please contact Sam Bawden, Tel: 07779 640465, Email: bagpuizebrownies@hotmail.co.uk Carole Watts

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.

Our new committee were duly elected at the AGM in March as previously reported. Jean Warr was re-elected as President along with Margaret Hockedy, Helen Disley, Karen King, Sylvia Downs, Iris Hinder, Joan Graham and Gail Fletcher. The March meeting also featured a talk by Sue Melling entitled "Did you get that, Bill?" We did not have a meeting in April as the Annual Dinner is being held at Sudbury House Hotel Faringdon on Friday 25th April. Our meeting in May is on the 13th and our speaker is Simeon Courtie BBC presenter and author. The members competition is "A holiday Picture postcard." Finally all our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in Southmoor Village Hall at 7-30pm. Our own website (www.bagpuizewi.co.uk) gives details of all our future meetings and the WI own Denman College in Marcham as well as links to the NFWI website. You can also follow what we get up to on Facebook. Karen King 803169

Keith's Kartoon Komment

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Town March 2014



Olympic Park—London
Opened to public—London's
Biggest New Park for a
Century to REVITALISE
The Area !!

Country March 2014



KBS Building sites
3 Fields taken for housing
to increase the number of
HOUSES in
The Area !!

Sports field project gets green light

In May 2013, Oxford Playing Fields Association was approached by Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor parish council about a unique opportunity for their parish. The parish was subject to the possibility of several new housing developments which would bring an additional 200+ households to the village. One of these was a small development around the sportsfield, where the landowners had made a joint planning application with the cricket and football clubs. Part of this development was to give extra land for an additional pitch and a new pavilion.

Existing pavilion: past its serviceable life

Furthermore, the parish council would be able to have a long term lease on the sports field site, enabling the sports clubs to have the security of tenure needed to apply for future grant funding. The planning authority was concerned about the proposal, despite the fact that it had very strong backing from the local community. The parish council commissioned OPFA to write an objective report on the project and the benefits to the local community and sports clubs should it go ahead. OPFA spent time meeting with the various parties involved and visiting the site, and then produced a report on our findings, which we submitted to the planning authority.

We were very clear that this project represented a unique opportunity to provide excellent sporting facilities for an ever growing community. In the current climate it can be very hard to find the funds to improve a pavilion or build a new one. It would be very difficult to find an alternative site with pitches of such good quality, in particular the cricket wicket which has a reputation throughout Oxfordshire for being high quality.

OPFA was very pleased to hear that the project has recently been given planning approval. This development enables the sports clubs to expand. They will be able to field more teams and therefore get more of the local community out on their playing field. In addition, the new facilities will enable them to provide disability sessions, Alex Chartres, Vice Chair of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor parish council said: 'Our village, faced with an influx of speculative developments, had been campaigning for the approval of a small development around our sportsfield which would offer significant improvements to current facilities and secure the future of two very successful sports clubs. The planning authority had reservations

over the application and had already recommended the application be rejected. The Parish Council took the decision to engage Nicole O'Donnell at the OPFA to produce a report highlighting the plight of the clubs using the sportsfield along with an objective review of what the proposed application would deliver for these valuable community organisations.

I believe that this report, along with strong support from the community opened the planner's minds to this application. The planners worked with the applicants to come to an agreed design that has allowed the proposal to be approved without needing to proceed to a full planning committee. This represents a huge success for our village and we are all very grateful for the input from the OPFA.'

(Reprinted from OPFA Spring Newsletter)

KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR



A snowstorm in April? Well, it certainly looked like one, when one of the toddlers managed to unzip the only beanbag that was not double-closed. We discovered a group of children sitting in a pile of polystyrene beads and throwing them up in the air. Thanks go to Suzanne for taking charge and shepherding the children into the church while we cleared up. Thanks also go to Brenda, who had the brilliant idea of wafting the beads into a neat pile using magazines. The Café celebrates its 9th birthday this month. On Thursday May 8th we'll be having a party. As well as our usual fare there will be a special birthday cake and a free raffle. The KBS Café is open every Thursday morning from 9am until noon, in the Methodist church on the corner of Faringdon Road and Hanney Road, opposite the Crossroads Garage. Everyone is welcome, from 0 – 100+. The KBS Café is the perfect place to meet old friends and make new ones. We look forward to seeing you. If anyone needs a lift please contact one of us on the numbers below.

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Ron's Green Gardening Tips for May

May is the month to look forward to if you enjoy gardening, the soil should have warmed enough for planting out tender seedlings which have germinated either in the greenhouse or on a sunny windowsill, but be warned a sudden drop in night temperature even in late May can occur so some tender plants may still need protection under a cloche or fleece.

If you have not already done-so, early this month you should consider preparing the borders for summer colour, dead head daffodils and hyacinth gently hoe around bulbs removing weeds as you hoe, give your borders a light dressing of fertiliser and add a layer of compost before planting your chosen flowers, the garden centres will be bursting with many varieties.

Runner Beans; these are among the top favourite vegetable easy to grow either directly in the garden or in a container on a paved patio. One of the favourite varieties for growing in a container would be 'Painted Lady' because this variety has been around since the mid nineteenth century the flowers are well known as being attractive and make a decorative feature and display. For best results start by sowing the seeds into John Innes number 2 potting compost in a 6cm (2 inch) pot one per pot, water well and stand on a windowsill, after germination transplant into a 20-litre plastic pot or container filled with John Innes No 2 or a mix of home prepared compost 3 plants per container. Add a handful of fish, blood and bone fertilizer, put the containers onto a gravel base if possible as this will help humidity, place outside but remember to protect if the temperature is likely to drop below 12 c (53F). Provide plants with secure supports if on the patio this could be a trellis or fence even a downpipe, bamboo canes are the more traditional method to allow the plants entwine around naturally as they grow. Once flowers are set apply a liquid tomato feed at each watering at a rate of 10 ml of feed to 4.5 litres of clean water. You can expect to pick about 6kg (13lb) from

each 20-litre pot or container and enjoy fresh full of flavour home grown runner beans, Remember you can also grow runner beans directly into a prepared bed in the garden for the best results fill a trench with well-rotted manure rake the soil level top dress the prepared planting area with calcified seaweed, use bamboo canes or similar to support the beans before planting one or two beans per cane. As the plants are growing add a dressing about a half a teaspoon of blood, fish and bone to give them a nitrogen boost. Good luck you could have some bumper long runner beans to enter into the Gardening Club 'Annual Village Show' on 13th September. There is still time to sow courgettes, sweetcorn, spinach, cucumbers, lettuces, peas, broccoli, cabbages, and French beans to enjoy later.

Beware of garden thieves; by keeping your garden and the contents safe; frequently we received messages from the Neighbourhood Policing Team over a recent thefts occurring locally involving items of value from private gardens. In the UK there are over half-a-million thefts from gardens each year and most are from unsecured garden sheds. Thieves target sheds because they offer easy pickings, unlikely to be alarmed and may only be protected by a flimsy padlock at best, although they may contain hundreds of pounds worth of gardening and other useful equipment which is so easy to sell at a car boot sale. If your shed is next to a your boundary fence consider planting a thorny hedge or prickly rambling roses, these will give protection and colour, alternatively add 'Prickka' spikes to the top of the fence for instant results. Add a hasp and staple to the shed door with a good quality padlock; consider a lock that incorporates an alarm. Ensure that all the tools and any valuables are easily identified with your postcode or a personal ID marking, including garden furniture, pot plants and ornaments'. Finally keep all receipts with the details of your purchase and price paid, this will help later if you have to make a claim on your insurance. Ron Green



The Way We Were



Anglo/American Barbecue in Bellamy/Norwood Ave., July 4th 1984

Our thanks to the History Society

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



The April meeting of the KBS Parish Council took place on Monday 7th April in the Village Hall together with 3 members of the public.

Public Participation:

A resident enquired about the provision of extra post boxes in the village to serve the new dwellings. It appears that initial requests should be to the Post Office Manager in Abingdon. The Parish Council will undertake this.

At the Annual Parish Meeting on the following evening, Cynth Napper, Wildlife Oxfordshire, pointed out the Parish Council's responsibility under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act, 2006 to 'have regard to the purpose of conserving biodiversity'.

A resident raised the question, once again, of the lack of a doctors surgery within the Village, especially with the eventual construction of some 300 extra houses, together with the projected Care Home.

It was also pointed out that St John the Baptist Church is planning a welcome pack for new residents.

PLANNING: The meeting of the Western Vale Villages Consortium had emphasized the impact of vehicle movements to both OCC Highways / Wiltshire Highways and Swindon Borough Council of the proposed 7000+ houses to the east of Swindon, in the South Marston area, together with developments in Faringdon, Great Coxwell, Shrivenham, and our own Village.

The Vale has received much criticism at various public meetings over its methodology of compiling the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) which is contained in the leaflet issued as Housing Delivery update, Local plan 2031, Pt I Strategic sites and policies. under Govt Policy contained in the NPPF. The Vale considers that it has lost control of house building to "Developers", who having acquired land, submit planning applications, knowing full well that The Vale is unlikely to refuse, fearing appeal and the subsequent costs. This is also the case throughout England, its' Counties, and Districts and is often highlighted in the national press, via readers letters. Taylor Wimpey now has its own site manager on site, contactable during office hours. The future route of the dedicated footpath from Draycott Road is yet to be confirmed.

For Applications/Decisions & Accounts: Please refer to P.C. Minutes for details

LAND TO BE LEASED OR PURCHASED UNDER S106 AGREEMENTS.

Sportsfield and Pavilion: It is understood that an amendment to the planning application to route the footpath inside the boundary wall of Kingston Park is in preparation.

Land to South of Pye development: Some residents are concerned that public access to the area may conflict with their equestrian operation. Three sides of the field are hedged, the south boundary is marked only by a ditch.

Land adjacent to Village Hall: Negotiations to acquire the land adjacent to the tennis courts are expected when landscaping is near completion.

Land off Witney Road: Many complaints have been lodged against David Wilson Homes to the Vale subsequent to the felling of the hedgerow, contrary to the outline planning consent, which clearly stated that it should be retained. There are also regulations in force that prohibit the destruction of hedgerows during the nesting season which have obviously been contravened!

The response to date, from the Vale Planning Dept has been POOR to say the least. Residents may wish to voice their complaints to our District Councillor.

VILLAGE AMENITIES Recreation Grounds: Some of the goal nets need replacing. **Burial Ground:** In good order **War Memorial:** The flagpole mount covers have been installed **Remembrance Day.** Application for Road closure is meeting with some difficulties with Thames Valley Police. It is hoped that Volunteers can be recruited in order to control traffic for a short period, as in the two previous years, when we had a public ceremony.

Faults: The Grass verges, on various parts of the Draycott Wood Estate, have been severely eroded by off road parking, together with the fact that such parking is a hindrance to our grass cutting contractors. Residents are requested to refrain from so doing, and restore the damage caused.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the AGM of the Parish Council and will be held on Monday 12 May at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. *Brian Forster*

As a Parish Council we wish to offer our heartfelt condolences to the parents of young Mateusz Kucinski, of Cherry Tree Close, who was killed on the A420 in a road traffic accident on Saturday 12th. April. B. Forster



Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

On Tuesday May 6th our speaker will be well-known local farmer Murray Maclean, with a talk about his fruit growing in Kingston Bagpuize where his family fruit farm started in the early 1960, and his father's innovative method of growing in a pillar system, which was later adopted widely by other growers in sustaining a reliable crop of

apples and pears for the supermarket trade. We meet at 7.15 pm for 7.30 start at the Village Hall in Draycott Road, Southmoor OX13 5BY. Our annual membership is £10 and includes FREE admission to our regular monthly meetings plus a cup of tea or coffee with biscuit. Visitors are very welcome at £3 per meeting. We hold a grand raffle, and a members' table with a selection of plants and gardening goodies for sale with donations going to our adopted charity. Footnote about our 3rd June meeting when a speaker from The Earth Trust project at Wittenham Clumps will introduce their ground-breaking work. For more details about the S&KB Gardening Club, please call Steve or Sharon on 820399 or email skbgardeningclub@gmail.com *Ron Green*



LONGWORTH AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Our last talk was entitled 'Sex and the Victorian Novel' given by David Grylls a lecturer in literature at Oxford. He started with the information that there was none! He continued using examples from Thomas Hardy, Charles Dickens, Wilkie Collins how the meaning of certain words have subtly changed over a period of time. For example 'pregnant' means swelling, or full of promise. This was used as an adjective describing women who were with child, and has now become common usage today. Victorian novels were first published as a serial in monthly journals and would eventually come out in book form. Often the serialised version and the published novel would differ. For example in the journal was written 'she left after an embrace', in the first edition of the book it became 'she left after a long embrace', eventually in the last edition it had become 'she left after a long passionate embrace and kiss'. It was an interesting exploration of word usage. We are looking for articles of local interest for the next issue of The Rose. If you have any piece of local history, or old family photos please get in touch. We have a writer in residence who will help you if necessary. The next meeting is on May 15th in Hinton Waldrist Church. The talk is entitled "It's All Henry's Fault" - The history of bell ringing with reference to Hinton Waldrist church bells. It will be introduced by Valia Battat who is a local bell ringer.

We will meet at the church 7.15 for a 7.30 start. If you would like a lift please get in touch with me and I can arrange it for you. There will be some refreshments there for us. There will be a small charge to be given to the Hinton Waldrist Church funds. Members £2. Guests £4. *Kathy Fletcher 820193*

Out and About with the KBS News

Our fun competition to see how far the KBS News travels, continues with Pat and John Smith holding their copy by the controversial sculpture 'The Scallop' dedicated to Benjamin Britten, on Aldeburgh beach in Suffolk.

Pic 2: Joe and Joyce Cotterill show off their KBS News with a backdrop formed by the Grand Canyon no less. Impressive. (More photographs page 23)



WORDS OF WISDOM

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even when there's no river.
Nikita Krushchev

John Blandy school

What a busy Academic year we have had so far-with just one third of the year remaining! We started the year with a change to class names- all classes are now named after British Trees, and the re-introduction of House teams. The children were taught about John Blandy, and researched famous explorers to become the House names. We took a vote and decided on Drake, Hillary, Earle and Armstrong- giving us an explorer of the world, the mountains, the ocean and space. The children work hard to earn Housepoints, which are counted at the end of each week and celebrated in our Friday assemblies in the presentation of the House Cup. This has really brought the children together, and children from all classes are working alongside each other in new and exciting ways.

In October, after just six weeks of Headship, we were inspected by Ofsted. On the 1st November we joined the Faringdon Academy of schools and formed an eight school Multi-Academy Trust. As a result, by the time the Ofsted report was published, the school that was inspected no longer 'existed' and a new school has been created. This offers us the rare and fantastic opportunity to build on the action points from the inspection, yet have the freedom to take the school in a new, exciting direction.

This direction has led me to look creatively at class organisation for September 2014, in light of the housing developments in our area. We will be expanding by a class, creating a single-form entry (one class per year-group) school. Our classes will be small (all under 25) and our admission number will remain at 30 per year for the year. We are anticipating that within three academic years we will be running at 40 per year group, to accommodate the new families moving into the area. This is very exciting and creates an opportunity to look at how we can develop our school building and grounds to utilise the space and create a dynamic, modern school for our children. We were visited by an architect earlier this week to discuss my plans and draw up some options for expansion and enhancement- watch this space!

The children are having a fantastic year and are making good progress. They have had additional experiences such as visits to Cadbury's World, Crocodile World, the Roald Dahl Museum, and Woodlands residential in Wales, as well as visitors such as The Shakespeare Company, The Pantomime and The Puppet Show. The children have performed class assemblies to their parents this term, and have enjoyed Disco's and Film Nights planned and run by the Friends. We launched our new website in January, and have received many

positive comments about the information made available to the wider community. Please do have a look and see what we have been up to! Copies of my weekly newsletter are also uploaded to the site each week to give existing, as well as prospective, families an insight into our lovely village school.
Clare Silvester, Headteacher.



There have been a number of positive results for South Oxfordshire and the Vale of

White Horse.

Within the last financial year we were the second best performing Local Police Area in Thames Valley delivering:

5.6% reduction in Dwelling Burglary.

37.4% detection rate in Dwelling Burglary.

37.0% detection rate in Rape.

61.3% detection rate in Violence against the Person with Injury.

6% reduction in Violence against the Person with Injury.

LPA Area Commander Supt Andy Boyd said:

"Once again I am really pleased to inform you that during the last twelve months we have been able to reduce crime whilst increasing the number of offenders we have brought to justice. During the last year we have reduced crime by 0.2%. Whilst this is a modest decrease, it should be viewed in the context of our success in reducing crime by over 38% in the last ten years. There were, last year, over a 1000 less victims of crime than there were two years ago."

Thank you all

Dear Mrs Smith

Thank you so much for your very kind donation of £535.10 raised at the coffee morning and bazaar at Southmoor Village Hall.

Donations like yours make all the difference in what we can continue to offer our visitors when they need us most. Thank you again, Best wishes, Anne Mason, Maggie's Oxford.

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Best wishes
Thank you again

Robins fly ahead to win Blandy Boffins Quiz



John Blandy School hosted the 2014 Boffins Quiz in March, an annual village event not to be missed. The packed school hall played host to 18 teams under the watchful eye of seasoned quizmaster Matt Johnson. The fast paced evening of nine rounds flew by and the tension rose as the teams jostled for the coveted number one position. However it was a foregone conclusion as the Robins Team, who would have graced any Mensa meeting, romped home to victory and lifted the trophy, congratulations to all concerned. A great evening.

The victorious Robins' Team Captain Jerry May receives the Blandy Boffins' Trophy from the chairman of the Friends of John Blandy, Delius Norbert. Quizmaster Matt Johnson (second from right) looks on.



Winner of our 'Chef for a Day' Competition

Congratulations to the winner of our 'Chef for a Day' Competition, Teresa Money from Blandy Avenue. Teresa says she can't wait to take up the generous offer from Fallowfields Hotel to work along with top chef Matt Weedon seeing how a busy kitchen works and pick up some useful tips and recipes.

KBS Broadband Group update

KBS Broadband group will be holding drop in sessions in the Waggon and Horses on Friday 2nd May 7pm-9pm and Wednesday the 14th of May 7pm-9pm.

These are a good place to raise your questions and concerns with regard to broadband in general and Gigaclear in particular or as a way to get more information on comparative costs, technical differences and potential. So please come to one or other of these sessions and ask anything you want.

In the meantime a few questions have been raised on the composition and aims of the KBS Broadband Group, the disruption implications for the village of Gigaclear installing a network and the selectivity or otherwise of the installation.

Currently there are nine KBS Broadband group members, all residents of Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor. We are a mixture of mothers of teenagers who want better broadband, pensioners, and business people who live and work in the village. We are acting completely independently and have no financial interests in the broadband outcomes for the village. We just want the best and widest choices we can get and anybody who shares those aims is welcome to join the group and help with our campaign. You can see most of us and what we look like on www.facebook.com/KBSBroadband.

As far as disruption goes there would be a few weeks of digging and cable laying but Gigaclear have a good record of being neat and use grass verges, that are quick to reform, wherever possible. We have put some pictures of the Stanton Harcourt installation on the KBSBroadband Facebook page so, again, have a look at it. The installation would be a one off and all houses would have a nearby connection point whether they have ordered the service or not. So if you do want it later it is a simple cable connection job, which may go across your garden, but you can choose where and how. As with other broadband providers there is a choice of free self-installation or a paid for installation. This costs from £95 with Boxcom the specialist company that Gigaclear use for their installations. Details can be found at www.boxcom.co.uk/gigaclear.

Also, as ever, you can see what we have been up to, more in-depth answers to questions raised and more general broadband information at www.kbsbroadband.org.uk

Right now, for us as residents, this is truly a once in a generation opportunity to have the widest choice of broadband provision available for all and, at the same time, enhance the reputation of Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor as a desirable place to live. We can have the BT Openreach broadband network and the services they provide AND Gigaclear pure fibre, but only if enough of us sign up now at www.gigaclear.com/communities/kingston-bagpuize-southmoor. *Bill Naylor*

ED VAIZEY MP Parish Notes



The subject of new housing has been top of my list of correspondence in recent weeks.

People are understandably concerned about the large numbers of houses that the authorities say need to be built in our area

over the next fifteen years or so – something like 100,000. This is an increase of almost 40 per cent in the numbers of houses in Oxfordshire – twice the rate of increase there has been in the last fifteen years. So it is clear to me that the housing predictions may be too high. I am therefore going to lobby at a national level for a change in the way housing need is predicted so that it reflects actual, current housing need and a well-grounded view of new jobs. The number of homes planned should also be based on what can, realistically, be delivered by developers in the local area, bearing in mind what can be planned and constructed within available resources. I will also ask that the constraints imposed by the Oxford Green Belt, floodplains and the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty locally are taken into account, as there are large areas that can only be developed exceptionally if at all, which increases the burden of housing imposed elsewhere.

I have no doubt that this debate will continue for many months: I will continue to do all that I can to represent the views of my constituents to ensure that we get genuinely sustainable new housing to meet real need, but that we don't damage our local area in the process. As ever please feel free to contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@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. Surgery details can be found at www.vaizey.com. Ed Vaizey MP

Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club

Oxfordshire Indoor Champions

For the second year running, Kingston won the Oxfordshire Indoor Cricket Competition. For a club of our size this is a tremendous feat as we were competing, amongst others, against teams from Oxford CC, Aston Rowant CC, Gt Tew CC and Horspath CC who all play in higher leagues and means that we will be representing Oxfordshire in the National Indoor Competition against other county winners.

Kingston's team of six contained three players who came up through our junior sides which shows that our system produces good players who are given the opportunity to progress.

We are a small club whose future is bright, not just because of the quality of our junior players, but also because of the proposed new pavilion which will be built as part of the new housing development.

We are a club that relies on word of mouth recommendations to get new players and hope that the quality of our coaching and the family friendly atmosphere continues to help us expand. If you are interested in playing for our club or want to get involved in a non playing capacity please contact David Warner Club Captain email

david.warner@cobaltlight.com If you have a son or daughter who wants to play or try it out please contact Mandy Rodway

mandyrodway@btinternet.com Alternatively visit our website

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/kingstonbagpuizecricketclub/> Senior training takes place on Tuesday evenings from 6pm and junior training on Fridays from 5.45.

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KB & S BOWLS CLUB

Our tour to Benalmadena in Spain was enjoyed by everyone although some went down with a bug which cleared up after twenty four hours. We did manage to beat one club this year in the overall score. Free time was spent in the very large and interesting local Marina some one hundred yards from our Hotel with shops, bars and restaurants in abundance, a good place to spend a day. We took a ride in the Cable Car up the Calamorro Mountain rising 5565m and taking fifteen minutes to reach the top where there was a brilliant bird display. One, who will remain nameless, was none too happy with the height



as the car climbed quite steeply and wanted to get off. We got her up and down OK. Coffee and brandy was flowing quite freely by some in the local bars but most managed to see a single jack at the matches. Another trip taken by a few was to the Fuengirola open air market and from there to the white village of Mijas situated four hundred metres above sea level, with Donkey Taxis available to get around the Village. In total twenty five went on the Tour
Mick Fuller (Club Captain)

Cyril introduces his idea for economy air travel at the bird display on Calamorro Mountain.

Drama Group Murder Mystery evening. Village Hall 26th April

It was a full house, the buzz of expectation silenced as the lights were extinguished. Director Rob Bateman explained how the evening would run. We choose the ending of the play by means of ballot tickets. Ending 2 was chosen.

The format: Act one, first course of meal, act two, second course, eye witness statements, a question from each of the 17 table to the suspects. Handing in answer papers where there were many questions about 'murders' from real life crime, big screen crime, musical mystery, and mysteries in print.

This was followed by coffee followed and the denouement. The play was set in the village of Middle Marchfield where the amateur drama society are rehearsing for their next production, a murder mystery. There are 4 actors, Shelagh, Derek, Jenny, Fiona, and the director Cathy. Rehearsals may not have been going as well as the director would have liked. She criticises them for too much social life and not enough learning their lines. There are relationships between the actors too complicated to discuss here.

The murder comes between act one and act two and is reported in act 2. We did not see any weapon or blood or even the body. Would it be the only murder or would the murderer strike twice? As there were 5 in the cast another murder was unlikely.

The bread, 2 quiches, cheese and pickle and salad came as the first course and very nice it was too. The audience was buzzing who would be murdered and why.

Act 2 started with a meeting of the cast called by the director. Why had she asked them to meet, one of the cast was missing and the director, who had injured her leg, came hobbling in to announce the death/murder of Fiona. How did she know there had been a murder? - she saw the police at Fiona's house investigating.

Next came the dessert, a selection of gâteau and cream. Then eye witness statements, questions to the suspects. The murderess was The grey curly haired old lady with the walking stick. We were well entertained, and fed. A good evening was had by all. *Beenan Seenit.*

The Drama Group has been deeply saddened and shocked by the tragic death of Matty Kucinski. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. S. Curran

Out and About with the KBS News

We thought the Grand Canyon was going some (Page 16) but straight into the lead for our 'How far does the KBS News travel?' competition goes Chris Coles with his album of photographs around Sydney all clutching his copy of the magazine. These will take some beating but we'll also offer a bottle of something for the most interesting photos too regardless of how far away the location is, so keep them coming. Mind you the shot at the zoo could take this prize as well, as Chris brings a whole new meaning to the phrase 'wearing crocs!' Chris said taking the KBS News with him added to the holiday - Thanks!!



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

1. Sydney Harbour Bridge & the Opera House, from Manly ferry.

2. Bondi Beach.

3. Australia Zoo - Greg's caption: - "Nothing stops the read of a good newsletter!"



The Last Laugh

They were 85 years old, and had been married for sixty years. They were both in very good health, largely due to the wife's insistence on healthy foods and exercise for the last two decades. One day, their good health didn't help when they went on a rare vacation and their plane unfortunately crashed, sending them off to Heaven.

They reached the pearly gates, and St. Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion, furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master bath. A maid could be seen hanging their favorite clothes in the closet.

They gasped in astonishment when he said, "Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now." The old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. "Why, nothing," Peter replied; "remember, this is your reward in Heaven." The old man looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever-built on Earth. "What are the greens fees?" grumbled the old man.

"This is heaven," St. Peter replied. "You can play for free, every day, any time of day that you want."

Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch, with every imaginable cuisine laid out before them, from seafood to steaks to exotic desserts, free flowing beverages. "Don't even ask," said St. Peter to the man. "This is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy." The old man looked around and glanced nervously at his wife. "Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods, and the decaffeinated tea?" he asked.

"That's the best part," St. Peter replied. "You can eat and drink as much as you like of whatever you like, and you will never get fat or sick. This is Heaven!"

The old man inquired, "No gym to work out at?" "Not unless you want to," was the answer. "No testing my sugar or blood pressure or..." "Never again. All you do here is enjoy yourself." The old man glared at his wife and said, "You and your blasted bran muffins. We could have been here twenty years ago!"



Broadband - A neutral perspective

The KBS Broadband Group and the Parish Council have done some great work in pushing for future-proofed broadband availability. This work has allowed us as a village to have two upgrade options for connectivity, BT (FTTC) which will roughly quadruple current internet speeds (and is currently due Q4 2014), and hopefully the Gigaclear fibre solution (FTTH) which will be at least 6x current speeds. If you're happy on your current service

of course, there's no need to do anything at all. There is however still some confusion – what does this mean, who's the 'better' supplier, how much will it cost, will I really see any benefit, what's the impact to the village? To help enlighten, and assist in you deciding whether to go along with waiting for the BT FTTC option, sign up for Gigaclear, or indeed do nothing at all, here's a few points worth considering:

1) Consider your usage – If your main internet use is for browsing, online shopping, sending emails, you may see better value for money from FTTC as it's generally a cheaper offering. However, heavy-use (iplayer, Netflix, working from home, etc) may alter this stance, and Gigaclear and FTTH could be a better and more feasible option for you. Assess your usage here: <http://www.cable.co.uk/guides/what-broadband-speed-do-i-need/>

2) "Triple play" – consider who you use for your internet as well as why. Some suppliers bundle "TV/Phone/Broadband" packages together – this could work out more effective as a solution depending on your use. For example, currently TalkTalk offer unlimited 'Simply Broadband' up to 24Mbps for £19.45/month inc line rental, or just £14/month equivalent if line rental (£126) is paid in advance, or even fibre (once FTTC is in place) from £18.50/month for upto 72Mbps. Gigaclears cheapest package is £37/month by comparison, but offers speeds from 50Mbps, and no line rental required. TV and phone call packages are also available with many suppliers too. Finally, consider if you use wireless hot-spots, the likes provided by Sky (The Cloud) or BT (BT Wifi), do you subscribe to BT Sports? These are often free 'perks' to consider that may provide good value.

3) Contract status – are you still in contract with an existing supplier? BT, Sky, etc will charge a cancellation fee if you terminate early – check your status, it could be that by the time your contract expires, there will be a wider choice of suppliers and services (FTTH and FTTC) to select from.

4) TalkTalk presence – cant wait for the BT upgrades? It's not well-known, but TalkTalk already have presence in the Longworth Exchange, and can offer speeds up to 24Mbps (line quality dependant) already – better than BT wholesale can offer. Check your telephone line on their website (<https://sales.talktalk.co.uk/product/broadband/simplybb>), you may be able to get up to a 30% increase in speeds almost immediately – but remember signing up now will mean a new minimum term contract if you're keen on utilising the BT or Gigaclear upgrades in the next few months!

5) The technical argument – there's no doubt that Gigaclear is technically more advanced, future-proof, faster, competitive, and a leading solution for the village, should it roll out. What you may not know though, is that if you live within 250m of your local cabinet (check here for a rough guide to the 5 coloured cabinet locations served by Longworth Exchange: <http://kbsbroadband.org.uk/kbs-broadband-future/> and which cabinet you're connected to <https://www.btwholesale.com/includes/adsl/main.html>), the chances are you'll get 50Mbps+ when BT complete their upgrade (depending which service you buy), meaning it may be just as fast as Gigaclears baseline offering without any major install to your home. For more information about what speed you may be able to achieve when BT's FTTC upgrade goes live: <http://www.thinkbroadband.com/guide/fibre-broadband.html#what-speed>

6) Fibre for all - Gigaclear have confirmed that they will make fibre available to every house in the village if they manage to raise the 283 committed orders required to proceed, roughly 30% of the village households. If this target is not reached then GC won't be coming. Gigaclear are working on agreements to open their network to other service providers (exact providers and dates are still TBC). So for example, by signing up to Gigaclear now and having the network installed in our village, may mean in the future you can pay another service provider for your broadband, but delivered by the super-fast Gigaclear fibre network rather than your phone line!

More information can be found at <http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk/>, <http://kbsbroadband.org.uk>, and <https://facebook.com/KBSBroadband>. Chris Painter



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