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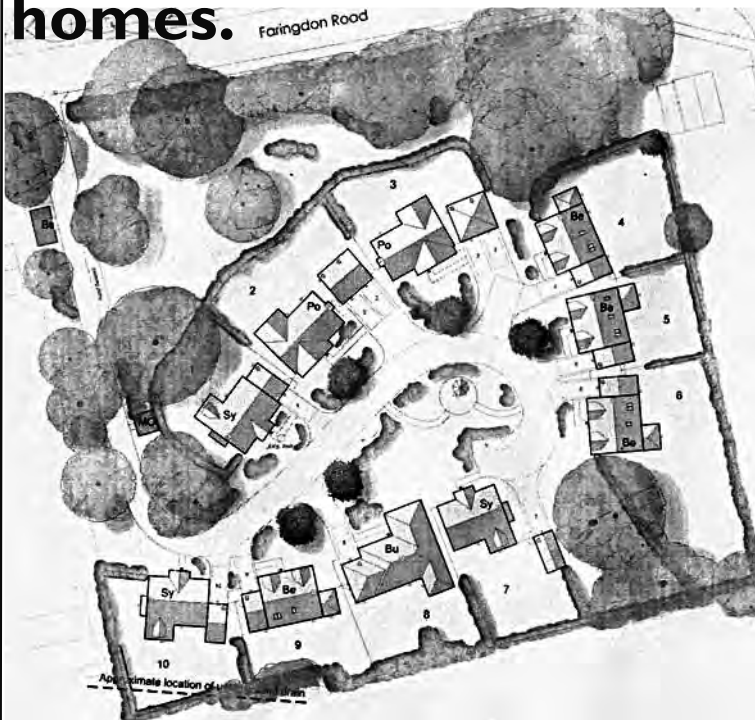
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Bye bye Southmoor House, hello ten new homes.



Planning permission for the old Southmoor House site is being sought by Blue Cedar Homes for the demolition of the old care home and the erection of ten 'age restricted' dwellings to include one bungalow, with access, car parking and other facilities

The application is in the Consultation Stage at present and anyone with something to say has until 6th May to submit their thoughts. The reference to quote is PI5/V0712/FUL. A final decision will be made by the Vale on 1st July 2015.

The dwellings are set towards the central area of the scheme and there are four different house designs from a bungalow to larger 2 storey dwellings.

The access road into the central area of the site road wraps around a centrally located communal garden with a summer house to encourage interaction and a community spirit for the residents within the scheme.

St John the Baptist Church Fete Kingston Bagpuize House Saturday 27th June 1pm – 4pm

Hopefully you have now all put this date in your diary, as it is always a special village event. If you are new to the village, why not come and make new friends? The fete is a great opportunity to come and join in village life. What's more this year we are running a new competition.

Calling All Collectors! If you love collecting things, this is your opportunity! How many DIFFERENT items can you fit into a small standard size matchbox, 47mm x 35mm x 14mm? The competition will be judged in three sections: 8 years and under, 9 – 16 years and over 16 years old. There will be a prize for the winner of each age group. Get your thinking caps on now. What is small enough to fit into a matchbox? Bring your entries to the Church Stall at the Fete by 2.30pm accompanied by a piece of paper with your name, address and phone number. You will also need to include which age group you are entering and how many items you think you have in the box. Also please put your name on the box. Winners will be announced around 3.45pm.

Table at the Fete? Would you like to have a table at the fete where you can sell your own goods? If so, that can be arranged by ringing Margo Evans on 01865 820900, or e-mailing: margoevans@mac.com Tables cost £10 for charities, £12 for village organisations and £15 for anyone else. All village organisations should have had a letter about this several weeks ago. If you didn't receive yours, please let me know. Many thanks. *Margo Evans*

The great Flagpole debate goes on. Page 21



NEED A DOCTOR URGENTLY?

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Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

In my experience with the NHS, two things are constant, the treatment is excellent but the magazines in the waiting rooms are dire. Who supplies them? Presumably well meaning staff or patients. Surely a system can be organised with wholesalers to supply the NHS with just slightly-out-of-date issues of general interest magazines. Entrhralling as it is to sit in a dentist's waiting room and discover Edward VIII has abdicated, something a little more up to date would be welcome. Then the choice of magazines is so grim. Usually piles of dog-eared Good Housekeeping, People's Friend and ghastly gossip rags or if you are lucky a Country Life litter the area. Very little for the male half of the population. Occasionally a grubby motoring magazine announcing the launch of the Austin Allegro but little else. As waiting times are likely to get longer with the increase in the population especially the elderly, perhaps a magazine tsar could be appointed for the NHS, on a voluntary basis of course. It seems odd that as you wait for treatment, the material you are reading is losing you the will to live. Or perhaps that's the idea.

True story. Some years ago I sat in the dentist's reading about the new Rover 200 model, thinking how similar it was to the old one. I then looked at the date of the issue and I twigged I was reading about the launch of the previous model some five years before!



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
Monday	4th		No Mobile Library - Bank Holiday	
Tuesday	5th	7:15pm for 7:30pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club - 'Using Plants to Solve Crimes' Dr Michael Keith-Lucas - SVH	26
Wednesday	6th	12.15pm	Serendipity Over 55s Club Pensioners Meal at the Waggon & Horses	12
Thursday	7th		**** Food Collection & Green Bin Collection & Single Brown Bin Collection ****	
Thursday	7th	7.00am - 10.00pm	Parliamentary and District Council elections - Southmoor Village Hall	12
Thursday	7th	8.00pm >>	Pints of View, Hinds Head PH	4
Saturday	9th	10.00am - 1.00pm	Riding for the Disabled Plant Sale - Riding Centre, Charney Road	12
Sunday	10th	2.00pm - 5.00pm	Kingston Bagpuize House & Gardens Open Day Plus	18
Monday	11th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meet to appoint Co-opted members No other business	16
Tuesday	12th	7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor WI - SVH	16
Wednesday	13th		**** Food Collection & Grey Bin Collection ****	
Thursday	14th	9.00am - Noon	KBS Cafe @ Southmoor 10th Birthday Celebration - SVH	25
Saturday	16th		Longworth and District History - David Ashby - Guided Walk in Historic Stanford in the Vale	15
Saturday	16th	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Wantage Male Voice Choir Concert, Southmoor Village Hall	4/22
Monday	18th	4:00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for KBS News May 2015 Edition	2
Monday	18th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Southmoor Village Hall	16
Monday	18th		Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy Close 11.15	
Wednesday	20th		**** Food Collection & Green Bin Collection Brown Bins Collection ****	
Saturday	23rd	From 7.30pm	Celebrity Booking - Eric Bristow Crafty Cockney - Waggon & Horses PH	9
Sunday	24th	11.00am - 4.00pm	Kingston Bagpuize House & Gardens Charity Rare Plant Fair	18
Thursday	28th		**** Food Collection & Grey Bin Collection ****	
Friday	29th	8.00pm	Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club - Quiz Night - Club House	18
June				
Tuesday	2nd	11.00am - 1.00pm	Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club - Bring & Buy Coffee Morning	18
Thursday	13th	11.00am	Longworth and District History visit to Nuffield Place	15
Saturday	27th	1.00pm - 4.00pm	St John the Baptist Church - Summer Fete at Kingston House	1
September				
Saturday	26th		Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club - Grand Jumble Sale	

Regular Events each Month

What	Where	Day	Time
Apple Quilters	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd & 4th Monday	9.30am - 12am
Anchor Church Youth Group (14-18 yrs)	1 Oxford Road	1st & 3rd Sundays	Term 6.00pm - 7.45pm
Friends Church Youth Group (10-14 yrs)	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Sundays	Time only 6.00pm - 7.30pm
French for Fun	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Wednesday	9.30am - 11.00am
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth Village Hall	Monday	Term Time Only 7.30pm - 9.00pm
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth Village Hall	Tuesday	Term Time Only 11.00am - 12.30pm
KB Drama Group	St John the Baptist Church Hall	Tuesday (except below)	7.30pm
KB Drama Group	Southmoor Village Hall	3rd Tuesday each month	7.30pm
KB & S Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.30pm
KB & S Cafe	Southmoor Village Hall	Thursday	9.00am - 12 noon
KB & S Gardening Club	Southmoor Village Hall	1st Tuesday every month	7.15pm for 7.30pm
KB & S Health Walk	Leaves Southmoor VH 10.45am	Tuesday	10.30am - 11.30am
KB & S 14+ Drop In Centre	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday	Term Time Only 7.30pm - 9.30pm
KB & S Women's Institute	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd Tuesday	7.30pm
Kingsmoor Community Club	Hinton Waldrist Village Hall	Tues, Wed, Fri	10.00am - 3.00pm
1st Longworth Beavers	The Scout Hut	Thursday	Term 6.00pm - 7.15pm
1st Longworth Cubs	Contact Mike Furse 01865 820162	Tuesday	Time Only 7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Longworth Explorers	Faringdon Road	Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Scouts	Southmoor Village Hall	Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Southmoor Guides	Southmoor Village Hall	Wednesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Nordic Walking Classes	Call Lisa 07885 635367 for details	See Advertisers Corner (page 20) for days / times	
Serendipity Over 55s Club Meeting	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	2nd Wednesday	2pm - 4pm
Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday	Term Time Only 10.00am - 11.30am
Southmoor Exercise & Dance	Southmoor Village Hall	Wednesday Evenings	7.45 Exercise 8.45 Dance
Southmoor Rainbows	The Scout Hut, Faringdon Road	Monday	Term Time Only 5.45pm - 6.45pm
Zumba	Southmoor Village Hall	Monday	8.15pm

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KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

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

Sunday 3rd May	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Joe Cotterill; Speaker: Christian Aid
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Speaker: Christian Aid
Sunday 10th May	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	All-Age Service	Speaker: Revd David Pickering
Sunday 17th May	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Joe Cotterill
	10.30am	Questions of Life Service	Speaker: Mr Mohammed Eghetedaran
Sunday 24th May	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Andrew Symes
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Andrew Symes
Sunday 31st May	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Café Church	Speaker: TBC



MAY HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY 7th: 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 sharing choice thoughts on planners and developers, to politicians, general elections, comedy moments, you name it. Every month the world provides more issues for us to discuss ...

SATURDAY 16th: WANTAGE MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT: The noble gentlemen of Wantage Male Voice Choir are coming to Southmoor Village Hall on the evening of Saturday May 16th, for a concert in aid of our Kingston, Fyfield and Tubney churches. Tickets cost £7.50, from Stan Webb (820592) or Rosemary Kitto (390466).

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 Friday).

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VILLAGE VOICES



New to the Village?

We wouldn't be surprised if the Estate Agent told you that you had chosen to live in one of the liveliest communities around. It's true, and one of the friendliest. We warmly welcome you, and hope that however long you stay, you enjoy the village and what it has to offer.

The best way to enjoy it is to get involved. So how do you know what is going on? Well, there is this monthly Village News for a start. Also there is another source of local information, the Village website.

www.KBSonline.org.uk. The News and the website are run by different groups of volunteers, but there is close liaison between us. The website gives details of the clubs in the village and from time to time we publish a list of organisations and the contact details. Each month we also print the Village Diary giving full details of what's going on locally.

If you enjoy communicating you might enjoy joining us helping to produce or deliver the KBS News. If you would like more details on what the Village has to offer call me, Pat Smith on 820775

ALAN MADGWICK

I have been overwhelmed by the enormous number of cards, letters, phone calls and visits I have received following the recent sudden death of my dear husband, Alan. They have all been heart-warming and uplifting in their expressions of sympathy and I am most deeply grateful. Thank you so very much.

Betty Madgwick

I would just like to give a hearty vote of thanks to KBS community for the wonderful welcome we have had to the village. I moved in to a new house in March; though for some months previously have been attending clubs and societies and the church, with my parents, and found people wonderfully friendly. Thank you everyone. See you around. Kind regards. Felicity Gunn [alias Fizz]

(Great to hear from one of the new residents. If any other newcomer would like a regular spot in the News to air their thoughts on our village, contact me, editorkbsnews@gmail.com)

Whilst I totally support the sentiments of the editor's blog in the April edition of KBS News, it goes nowhere near describing the upheaval and damage caused. And all for what? So a very small minority of residents can enjoy forking out an extortionate £45+ a month for a fixed line service which is likely to be totally obsolete in 10 years time (or less) as mobile broadband becomes the norm, except where huge amounts of data transfers are involved. Not only have Gigaclear ruined well tended verges and banks, with no consultation with individual property owners, but the standard of re-surfacing is very poor in places and in others is positively slipshod and unsightly. Progress indeed, if this is progress, leave me out. Alan Buckley

I want to thank everyone that replied to my letter in the KBS News reference the flagpoles. There is one gentleman that states I won't lay the wreath because the flagpoles have been taken down, but it is not just that, it's the fact that the Parish Council do have planning permission to leave the poles up all the year round.

I was at the meeting when the Council agreed to take the poles down after pressure from the people against keeping them in position. This is what I am against, the fact the Council has permission to keep the poles up but in effect have turned it down.

So I will not be laying a wreath due to the Parish Council's actions. We need the poles up all year round.
John Weston (More opinions on the flagpoles Page 21)

Thank you to everyone who came along to support this year's Blandy Boffins. 14 teams of parents, village clubs and societies, the Church and friends battled it out to be the 2015 champions. Teams pitched their general knowledge against each other with 'The Robins' (Matt and Catherine Johnson, Jerry and Liz May and Andy and Mandy Gardner) being the victors, and the Guide leaders 'The Dyb Dyb Dybbers' coming a very close second.

*A huge thank you to Matt and Lucie Belcher for being fantastic quiz hosts, and all the parents who advertised, shopped, cooked and served up delicious fish and chips, etc. The Friends of John Blandy are grateful as ever for all the support from the village and local community at The Blandy Boffins, in making it a lovely evening of fun and fundraising.
Catherine Christensen*

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The members meet, sample and discuss wines on a particular subject, taking it in turn to host the evening, currently there are nine couples who meet on the first Tuesday of each month. We try in a light hearted way to both enjoy the various wines presented and to discuss and compare the differing bottles on the same subject before a light supper. Because we meet in each others homes there clearly has to be a finite number of members but if you have an interest in wines and feel you would like to know more about the Wine Circle, just ring 820830 or 820351

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FOUND

Mobile Smart Phone in Village Hall Car Park on the evening of April 20th. Contact 820731



Out and About with the KBS News



Richard and Valeries Frost waving the flag recently for the KBS News in St. Barthelemy in the West Indies.

Village Notice Board

Stagecoach Bus Travel

I have recently received this confirmation from the Stagecoach Bus Company with reference to the use of concessionary Bus Passes before 9.30am :

"Within Oxfordshire concessionary pass holders are allowed free travel between 0900 and 2300 hours on weekdays, plus all day on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays." Alan Buckley.

OOPS!

The contact number in the April KBS for Iyengar Yoga was incorrect. Please note it should be 01865 820339



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David Butler

5th November 1948 - 1st April 2015



Many of you will have known David as the Service Manager at Crossroads Garage for 30 years. David was born and grew up in Longworth. We married in 1970 moving into a brand

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David amazed me with his dignity to cope during this time.

To me, our children and grandchildren, David was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Always, a smile, a joke, very caring and loving.

We have been overwhelmed by the cards, flowers and attendance at David's funeral. It is so comforting to know how well thought of David was. For the support we have been given during recent months, we thank you all.
Sue Butler

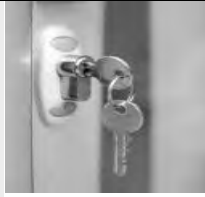
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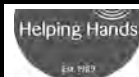
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The décor again is designed as a dining room in a private house. So the stage is set. Guests' coats are stored for you so the effect isn't spoiled by the garments strewn over the back of chairs.

The welcome was warm, a plethora of young waiters and waitresses ushered the diners to their tables and the pre-dinner drinks ordered, in our case four large gin & tonics sheltering under mass foliage, and the menu and wine list left with us.

The menu choice isn't large for reasons that will become obvious. Four courses, a choice of three starters, five mains and six puddings, set meal, set price. No prices on the menu. Get the picture.

After perusing the menu and before you order, the selections are paraded before the diners so they can make an informed choice. Nice idea and therefore each course is ordered separately.

I began with Gin & Lime cured salmon slices with black olive and potato croquettes with red onion salsa. It tasted as good as it sounds and an adequate portion for this part of the meal. The soup course was a triumph of culinary art, a mushroom and butter roasted onion dish with Parmesan and chives. It arrived on the table in a tureen so each guest ladled out their own serving.

For the main attraction I went for the Sliced salty skinned roast chicken with herb gnocchi, poached langoustine and shellfish broth. The chicken was tender, tasty and very good, the langoustine lacked anything that resembled meat but hey ho, you can't have everything.

Other members of our party went for the Pink cooked bavette steak and the vegetarian bride chose Sautéed potatoes with garlic & sage, crisp fried French cheese with hazelnut and lamb's lettuce. Wow. Her comment was a little more sauce wouldn't have gone amiss. So there you have it.

Another thing that makes Colleys unique is that you can have a second pudding if you wish. I naturally chose Colleys bread and butter pudding when they brought the dish round for all to see. There it was in all its glory, creamy, golden and with my name written all over it. (Not literally you'll understand). It also tasted absolutely delicious, food that would bring tears of happiness to the eyes of Mary Berry I assure you.

The bride had the Passion fruit tart with soft centred meringue & raspberry sauce. One of our group (not me I have to say) did go for seconds on the pud front and followed their tart with the Peach & toffee cheesecake. Mmmm, tasty.

The cost of this feast? (Again Colleys add to the illusion, no money transaction takes place in the dining room but at the till on the way out) was £217 for the four of us including the aperitifs and two bottles of wine. Not cheap, but for the standard of the fare you wouldn't expect it to be. The service was relaxed and friendly to go with this style of dining. The dining experience works, and if you haven't already dined at Colleys and want somewhere a little different, I would be surprised if you were disappointed. I can still see that bread and butter pudding. *Eton Lovett*

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The real Fallowfields Story



I was interested to read last month in this very paper, a “village voice”, entitled “Fallowfields”. Naturally, seeing the name of my house in print, I was intrigued. Sadly however,

interesting though the content was, much was either inaccurate or misrepresented.

For some obscure reason, the writer was “surprised” that my house had not been “listed” back in the fifties. There is no mystery, so no surprise should have been engendered. When the “listing” officers came round in the fifties, they needed to get the job done quickly, so were armed with very simple tick box forms. If a building could not be described by one of their tick boxes...they passed on by. The listing officer passed us by because a fire over 100 years ago had required the front of the building to be rebuilt in the then current Edwardian style - The neo Georgian style of the rear being too expensive to replicate. Pretty simple really, no surprise or mystery here surely?

We then received an eulogy of the previous owner, who apparently employed many teenagers, training them in the rudiments of silver service. The facts are simple, Alison was only open for business for 6 months of the year, whereas for the 21 years of our (unmentioned) ownership, we have opened all year round; have grown turnover by a multiplier of 555; probably employing in any one year as many youngsters as did Alison in her entire 17 year tenure. Oh, and “silver service” – what a really useless skill that is today! Oh and did the writer deliberately forget to mention the £millions my business has been able to put into the local economy as a result of that growth? Also talking of omissions, was the really interesting ownership pre-war by part of the Boothby family. Robert Boothby, appointed to Churchill’s first cabinet of WWII, and purportedly sacked as a result of his affair with a very senior politician’s wife. Lord Robert Boothby subsequently was styled as “the Best Prime Minister this Country never had”, was a visitor to this house, purportedly with his paramour.

What the writer does give us is an egregious paragraph about my house’s most glamorous resident – a French lady who in 1944 married Agha Khan III. Not so, it was a very English lady, one Sally Croker Poole who became the wife of Akha Khan IV, post Second World War. Apparently the ghost of this French lady is to be imagined looking out of our drawing room window, being blocked by over 40 densely packed houses. – Equally apparently this doesn’t bear thinking about. So rest assured Mr Charlton, the ghost of that lady will certainly not be looking out of our window

as, she has never set foot here. Oh and if you want to see densely packed developments, far greater than ours, then do go visit most of the other sites in the village where you will see a packing density significantly greater than ours.

If, as a hotelier, appealing to our market place, isn’t in any way concerned about the view from my drawing room window, I wonder just what concern it could be of any one else apart from my two or three immediate neighbours. Were our permission to be approved, it will not be seen from the Faringdon Road, and should therefore cause none of the disruption to the village that other developments have created, as expressed elsewhere in this edition. And rest assured, were it to be approved, it will carry plenty of Section 106s which I hope the Parish Council will be able to use to benefit the village in far more important areas. *Anthony Lloyd*

THE KBS NEWSWINE LIST: WINES OF THE MONTH



The daffodils are past their best and the evenings are getting longer, it all points towards BBQs and entertaining.

The warmer evenings encourage perhaps a lighter wine and for that reason this month we have chosen to pick a couple of bottles with grapes grown on the flinty soil of the Loire. The Loire Valley includes the wine regions situated along the Loire River from Muscadet to just south of the city of Orleans. The white wine we have chosen is the Champteloup Sauvignon Blanc Touraine 2013 from Waitrose priced at £7.99.

The grapes for this vibrant Loire Sauvignon are drawn from some of the best Touraine vineyards situated on the hallowed soils that contribute the dry, mineral character of good Loire Sauvignon, the wine has an intensity of flavour and length, serve it cool and enjoy with a nice plate of smoked salmon.

For the Red wine we went to the Oxford Wine Company and chose a bottle of Les Quatre Pierres Cabernet Franc 2011 priced at £10, perhaps it sounds a little on the expensive side but it was worth it, the wine comes from a vineyard of 23 hectares on the slopes of the Cher’s right bank in the Loire Touraine Appellation. This crisp red has typical Cabernet Franc notes of fresh aromatic herbal greenleaf, cedar and lead pencil minerality.

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THANKS JOHN

Standing down this month, our Parish Clerk, John Melling. He will be, and is proving to be, a hard act to follow as John is knowledgeable and extremely experienced in this role after fifteen years of sterling service. We wish him well in his retirement.

How did you come to be living in KBS?

We have had several requests to bring back the feature on how people came to be living in Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor. So if you have a story of how you came to be amongst us, send it, together with a photograph, to editorkbsnews@gmail.com.

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Members enjoyed games, fun and laughter after arriving wearing their Easter bonnets. We had a surprise visit from one of our members and her daughter Fi and grandson Ollie. Fi took some photographs and judged the Easter bonnet competition, but everyone was a winner as she couldn't choose between them.

We finished with our usual raffle and sales table. Why not come along and join us for a fun afternoon and enjoy a cuppa and piece of cake for just £2. New members always welcome!!

Our next meeting will be a week earlier than usual, on Wednesday 6th of May, where we will be meeting at 12.15 at the WAGGON AND HORSES for a pensioners meal. *Details from Pat 820775*



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall took place on 15th April. In usual tradition the meeting was sadly attended with only one member of the public present. The annual accounts were presented by the Treasurer along with the Chairman's report for the past year. Regrettably Joan Weaving stepped down as a Trustee. Joan had represented the W.I. on

the Management Committee for many years and the members were sorry that she was unable to continue and thanked her for her work. She will be replaced by Victoria Paleit who is also the Village Hall secretary. It was reported that Taylor Wimpey's promise to build the 'Unilog' round timber log retaining wall along the copses and the Draycott Road pavement has not been started. Neither has the building of a new drystone wall or art feature leading to the hall entrance. They are to be chased. We are also still waiting for news from the VVHDC in support of our submission for funds from the section 106 agreement following the Southmoor Grange development. The funds expected are for upgrading the windows and doors, plus improved disabled access and hall security. Gigaclear recently installed a fibre cable for connection to their super fast broadband network, but

regrettably failed to lay the cable as agreed and we are still awaiting their comments.

On Thursday 7th May the Village Hall will be the venue for residents to make their vote in the General and District elections. The hall will be open for voting from 7am until 10 pm. *Ron Green*

DON'T FORGET TO USE YOUR VOTE!



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Longworth & District History Society



The next meeting, on Saturday 16th May is a Guided Walk in Historic Stanford in the Vale. David Ashby, our local archaeologist, has been researching the earlier history of the settlement and will tell us all about it. Tickets are available from Pam Woodward 820500.

There was nearly a full house to hear Graham Wren speaking about Gordon Maclean 'The Apple Man of Kingston Bagpuize'. Graham had worked with Gordon for many years at the Apple Centre, not only with the orchards but also studying the local wild life. It was during the time when Dutch Elm Disease was rife, and these diseased trees were where kestrels chose to nest. Gordon and Graham started putting up nesting boxes, which were used by kestrels and rooks. The Apple Centre had a wide variety of apples including Discovery, Cox's Orange Pippin, and Spartan, Conference and Comice pears, and Victoria plums. Gordon used some of his apples to make juice and he had a vineyard and won prizes for making wine.

Dr Eric Sidebottom spoke in April about Lord Nuffield and The Nuffield Legacy. Dr Sidebottom started by saying that 'Lord Nuffield was Oxford's most important citizen ever, both for the City and the University'. He started, age 15 as an apprentice to a bicycle shop in St.Giles. Aged 16 he asked for a pay rise which was refused. He promptly left and with his mother's permission started a bicycle repair business in the front room of his home. Business went well and he had to move to 48, High Street, and in 1902 moved again to Longwall Street. In 1912 he started to build cars from components he bought in. As business continued to grow in 1913 he moved to Hollow Way. He ran a bus service from the station to Cowley to enable his workforce to get to work. By 1920 he was Britain's largest car producer and just before the 2nd World War he was the biggest producer in Europe.

1924 he was vice-president of The Radcliffe Infirmary, and by 1927 he was its president. 1927 he gave £100,000 to St.Thomas's Hospital. 1936 he gave £1,250,000 to Oxford University to start a Medical School. Apparently it was suggested that he made it up to 2 million to start a better Medical School. These are only a few of his numerous benefactions.

Before the 2nd World War when polio was common an iron lung was the only way to help with breathing. Lord Nuffield offered to provide each hospital in the Commonwealth that needed one. He provided about 700. During the 2nd World War his factories repaired Spitfires and Tiger Moths.

1929 he was made a Baronet and became Sir William Morris. 1934 he was made Lord Nuffield, taking the name from the village in which he lived. We are going to visit his home on 13th June. His name is found in many worthy institutions concerning, medicine, education, and philanthropic projects.

Tickets needed for outings are available from Pam Woodward. Tel 820500 *Kathy Fletcher 820193*.

ED VAIZEY Parish Newsletter



ED VAIZEY WELCOMES NEW AGREEMENT TO BRING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RAILWAYS

Ed has welcomed the new franchise agreement with First Great Western – bringing the most significant upgrade of infrastructure and rolling stock to the Great Western line for a generation, benefitting hardworking commuters in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency who rely on our railways to get around.

As part of the agreement there will be a major increase in capacity, with about 3 million extra seats a year by 2018, and 4,000 more seats a day into London during the morning peak. New trains on the line will also help to deliver more frequent services, and faster journeys.

Commuters in the Wantage and Didcot constituency will particularly benefit from a significant rise in capacity for the busy commuting routes into London with seats for over 29,500 passengers arriving into Paddington across the morning peak in December 2018, operated by a fleet of modern Class 387 electric trains, supplemented by a fleet of Class 365 trains.

Ed commented:

“This is excellent news for many of many constituents who rely on our railways to get to work and get around day-to-day. Investing in our infrastructure and railways is a key part of this Government's long term plan and as this agreement shows, it is bringing real improvements to our railways”.





NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The April meeting of the KBS Parish Council took place on Monday 13th April, in the Village Hall, together with 22 members of the public. These included Mr. Eric Batts

prospective District Councillor (Conservative) for the Kingston Bagpuize Ward, replacing Mrs. Melinda Tilley, who is standing down.

Public Participation. Mr. Wolfe, on behalf of the existing Village sports clubs, stated that it was considered unreasonable that the distribution of S106 monies from the Taylor Wimpey site in Draycott Road is apparently on hold until a site to provide a "Parkour" scheme has been agreed. The payment to VWHDC is due "on or before the occupation of any general market housing" and each of the clubs has projects already planned and costed. The Council advised that it fully supported early and prompt payments to the clubs, and the Clerk would write requesting such.

Several members of the public complained that the footpath from Draycott Rd to the Waggon Path remains closed, despite having apparently completed the work requiring temporary closure. At a meeting in early March, between Parish Council representatives, Taylor Wimpey and OCC footpaths officer, it was agreed that the footpath would be re-aligned and reopened soon. Regrettably, this has so far, failed to occur and Mr. A Cattermole, (TW) will be pursued in order to expedite the agreement.

Members of the Public and the Council expressed their dissatisfaction, in that "Gigaclear" (High-Speed Broadband suppliers) had consistently failed to show any consideration during their works to install cables, to both the public and the village environment. The company had failed to provide any advance notification of works; also, so far, had failed to restore damaged grassed verges, especially those which had been used as unauthorized spoil dumps. OCC Highways, as a result of complaints, had consistently attempted to monitor their actions, and to enforce spoil removal from the village environment. OCC Highways had advised that an inspection tour of the area would take place, in order to monitor and enforce proper restoration.

Reports from District and County Councillor. Apologies for absence, none received.

The report of the Council meeting is contained within the minutes, available on line, or from the Clerk.

I will now refer to the Parish Council, which, on May 7th will come to the end of its current four year term. At the time of writing, those nominated and accepted as candidates, number only four, who have been elected unopposed. This means, that in order to achieve our full number (9), 5 people will require to be Co-opted.

Therefore any volunteers, who might be interested in becoming Parish Councillors, are requested to contact the Parish Clerk (01865 820867) in the interim. Alternatively, they should present themselves at the first meeting of the New Parish Council on Monday 11th May, at 7.00pm subsequent to the Election.

This meeting will consist only of the election of Officers and the Appointment of Co-optees. The next meeting, for the purposes of general business will be conducted on the following Monday 18th May at 7.00pm.

Brian Forster, Chairman.



The meeting in April was our yearly auction which was very well attended and we raised £175-20 for WI funds. Many thanks to Simon Dando for being our auctioneer and making the proceedings light hearted and fun. The hostesses provided a wonderful array of refreshments. Mays meeting will be held on 12th May and we will be discussing the NFWI proposal and voting on this. Entertainment will be provided but this is not confirmed at present.

Thursday 16th April saw 4 of our members take part in a WI centenary pageant at Henry Box school which was enjoyed by WI members from the area. On Friday 17th the WI baton for the centenary which is travelling countrywide arrived at Kingston Bagpuize and one of our members Maggie Blackwell went in a vintage car to Standlake to pass it on. Members enjoyed prosecco on the lawn at Kingston Bagpuize House to celebrate this. Details of all our activities can be found on our website and we also have our own Facebook page. All our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7-30pm in Southmoor Village Hall and new members are always welcome. Karen King 803169

STOP PRESS: OCC have confirmed that as from 31st May the morning and evening peak journeys on the 66 service via Fyfield, Netherton, Appleton and Cumnor will be WITHDRAWN. The rest of the timetable is still under review. It is possible that these peak diversions may continue as part of the 63 timetable - but as this timetable is also still under review nothing can be confirmed at the present. *Ian Charlton, Parish Transport Representative*

Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club



The new season is due to start shortly and hopefully the sun will shine. Junior training starts on Friday 24th April, so if your child would like to come and join in the fun, the times are: Ages 7 to 10 - 5.45pm – 6.45pm Ages 11 & over (exc. U17s) - 7pm – 8pm. Contact Hannah Woodley Junior Co-ordinator 07904 386663 The first senior sides league matches are on Saturday 9th May against Stokenchurch starting at 1.00pm. Please come along and enjoy the sound of Leather on Willow.

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Thomas Scrase - Club Chairman email : tjscrase@hotmail.com mob: 0788 4002357



THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Rural crime is at an all time low - we have been very proactive on this issue. There are now regular rural patrols and a rural crime team that ensure that convictions are made. This has resulted in more arrests being made, dogs seized and kennelled, vehicles checked and seized which has resulted in less people travelling into our area to commit rural crime.

We recently charged five men in connection with Hunting Act offences in Southmoor, near Abingdon. They were charged on Wednesday 25 March with daytime trespass on land in pursuit of game. The offence occurred on Friday 9 January near West Hanney, Oxfordshire and the five men were arrested on the same day in Southmoor, on suspicion of Hunting Act offences. The men have been released on bail to appear at Oxford Magistrates Court on the 5th May 2015.

Speed Indicator Device (SID)

The team are working with the local neighbourhood action group and parish councils to train volunteers on the use of the speed indicator device which would then allow the volunteers to deploy themselves to key speeding hotspots. Their presence will then educate drivers and provide valuable data so that police officers can target the roads that need it most, and issue tickets where appropriate. Two training sessions have been now completed with around 15 volunteers taking part.

The Way We Were



Longworth Cycle Club outside the Lamb & Flag in the early 1900's

(Our thanks to the History Society)





Poets' Corner

Continuing the theme of the state of the village, our resident bard, Don Viney picks up his pen again: -

*Try as I might, to be bright
As I walk through this village
What a sight.*

*Everywhere there's rubble and digging
No spring greenery or birds a singing.*

*Trenches, barriers everywhere,
Piles of debris without a care,
Once green footpaths closed and barred,
To find a byway is really hard.*

*Our tidy village now no more,
Little did we know, what was in store.
Far from a few new building sites,
Our village resembles a war torn fight.*

*Try and be cheerful, spring is here,
But more upheaval, is planned I fear
'Cos soon I believe there's more to come
When sewerage works are to be re-run.*

*The village life that we once knew
Gone forever, we know that's true.
So, just be glad, there will be an end
I hope, before I go round the bend.*

Annual Village Meeting

The annual Village Meeting took place on April 20th in the Village Hall. In conjunction with the Parish Council, 12 members of the public met to hear the annual reports from local clubs and institutions, including the Church, Millennium Green, Apple Quilters, Drama Group, KBS News and KB On-Line, plus the History Society, JB After -School Gardening, Wine Circle, Village Hall, Serendipity, Guides and the Pre-School and Toddler Groups.



KINGSTON BAGPUIZE & SOUTHMOOR BOWLS CLUB

The short mat season is now over. No league games played but with a new Captain in place it is hoped to re-join the Vale League next season, providing adequate support is available.

The Meg Plass competition ran its course with Fred Monk once again taking the honours. During May we have twenty one fixtures to complete. Mixed friendly matches include those against Oxford University Press (H) 2nd May, Harwell (H) 10th, Porter (H) 17th, West Witney (H) 24th and Florence

Park (A) 31st. All games start at 2.30pm so why not pop down to see a game in progress. The remaining May matches are mid-week league games with one in progress most days.

Our next Quiz is on May 29th at the Club House 8.00pm start, and our bring and buy Coffee Morning, again at the Club House, Oxford Road, is on Tuesday 2nd June between 11.00am-1.00pm. Stalls will include home produce, plants, books, clothing plus much more and a super raffle. Open to all and you can be assured of a warm welcome. Plenty of parking available.

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Mick Fuller (01865 820818)



Kingston Bagpuize House Events for May 2015

May 10th 2 – 5pm House & Garden open with a display by "The Dandy Chargers" with their pedestrian hobby-horse, the archetypal bicycle originally made in 1819.

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The Great Flagpole debate continues: Here are the latest opinions on the burning question of the Flagpoles. If you want to have your say, send it to editorknsnews@gmail.com

I have become aware of the Great Poles Debate. Alan Knight's letter well captures 'the reason why' and Pete Hogan perceives the elegant way the flag poles enhance the Memorial. This is no accident.

The following is from my letter to the residents of the houses around the Memorial Green, dated 9 August, 2013, explaining how I had designed the positioning of the flag poles - "They are positioned 1.5m behind the stones with the flank poles 40cm to the left and right of their corresponding stones. The intention is that the flags of the Nations 'enfold and embrace' the Memorial Crescent. They also make the Crescent more pronounced. The 1.5m gap distances the individual flag from their nearest stones - making each flag for all the stones". *Rob Belk*

I notice from the comments about the flagpoles that 30 year old Mr Mills thinks it looks rubbish without them. I think empty flag poles with no flag flying look tacky and prefer the quiet graciousness of simple stones. It is always going to be a matter of personal taste and I am happy to agree to differ. However, I can't help but note the one thing we all seem to agree on, is the importance of remembering and feeling grateful for everything those brave men achieved for us. I like that we have particular days in the year when the flags are flown and we especially focus on the sacrifices made and the blessings we have because of those sacrifices. I also quite like that on those special days we have to put in some additional work and effort in putting up the flag poles. It enhances the quality of our gratitude somehow. So for me, I vote beautiful, simple stones and some effort in expressing true gratitude.

For all those who happily encourage the Oxford Road residents to stop whining, please consider that in insisting the flag poles should be there (because you like it that way), you are no different to the people who insist all the additional houses should be built in our village. It's not you who has your view ruined, in exactly the same way the happy man ticking his boxes for housing numbers is not living in our mess. You don't even have to walk a mile in our shoes before you make your judgements, you just have to look out of our windows. You might just change your minds. *M. Boardman*

You invited opinions: As someone who lives at the other end of the village but who passes the memorial 5-10 times per week: I think that the poles are unnecessary and unsightly and should certainly be removed when not in use. Shirley Northover

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting in February when the Memorial flag pole issue was debated. Although I am aware of the outcome of this matter, it is by no means clear to me upon what grounds the objections were framed. Surely the presence of 3 flag poles could not be perceived as being either an eyesore or obstruction.

I was supportive of the Memorial initiative from the outset and am somewhat disappointed with the decision to remove the poles after each flying day. Would it not be a more acceptable compromise for the poles to remain in position from April 21st until November 11th, thereby covering all flying days, after which time they could be removed until the following year. This would considerably lessen the burden on those who perform the time consuming exercise of dismantling and re-erecting.

I certainly share the sentiments expressed by both Alan Knight and Pete Hogan in the April issue. I am fortunate inasmuch that my house overlooks the Memorial Crescent and for me the sight of the flags seldom fails to evoke a mixed emotion of pride and extreme gratitude.

Finally, a reference to Jonathan Hunt's concluding comment. Given the imminent expansion of the village in an easterly direction, the Memorial will in due course be nearer to its geographical centre.

Furthermore, with the distinct prospect of a diversion of the A415 the Crescent should ultimately become a safer and more peaceful location. Could this be an example of carefully researched planning! *John Lay*

In response to the KBSNews for views on the flagpoles I am writing to express mine. I drive past the memorial ground twice a day and I have to say that I think the area looks so much better without the flagpoles, the green and the stones look so nice, the flagpoles look out of place.

I read Mr Hills review in the last issue of KBS News and was shocked at his comment 'if local residents don't like them they can always move away from the village'. I thought this an ill mannered and narrow minded comment.

I see this situation as one that is very sensitive and personal to many people for varying reasons. Respect is being shown to the dead by having the memorial in place and also by celebrating the commemorative days. Lets not make this a battle now. *Anne Syms*



Youth Matters

Scott Thomson writes:

The day of writing this is Wednesday the 15th predicted to be the hottest day of the year and here I am, sitting indoors in front of a computer screen typing up this article while the sun is outside. I know I should make the most of the weather while it lasts, but for some reason, the summer seems unappealing to me, either that or I'm just too lazy to walk out the door. However, I'm sure this doesn't apply to all people, so in this article, I will explain.

I understand to some people, the main motivation for going outdoors is to make the most of the weather, but however, I often find that the weather is too hot or cold for my taste. Call me Goldilocks, but to me, the weather is about 70% nuisance, while the other percentage is about right to be outdoors in. The outdoors also presents a whole manner of annoying and uncomfortable hazards, such as the menace that plagues our gardens every year – wasps. I have no understanding of any role that these things play in the universe, except to annoy and sting us poor humans. While some may argue that if you don't go outdoors, then you turn into some kind of chattering, pale-eyed goblin, but I would argue that all that needs to be done is open a window and draw back the curtains. And that the person in question has been reading too much Lord of the Rings. Also, people argue that if I don't do exercise, I will become unhealthy and fat, but to be honest, I am forced to do enough exercise at school. I probably do my daily exercise just by dragging my sports kit around school campus.

To conclude, I have now spent an hour of my free time on the hottest day of the year stuck indoors writing about why I shouldn't have to go outdoors. Anyway, with the recent building work in the village, maybe the vale will build something to motivate me to spend more time in the great outdoors.



Mark Potts' Kitchen Talk

Myself and some of the other guys at Fallowfields have worked in one and two star Michelin restaurants in our careers. Many people often ask me what is a Michelin star and how does it get awarded. The honest answer is I don't know. There is no checklist; no criteria to follow and you get no progress report on if you're coming close to achieving it. It is just defined as a restaurant worthy of a detour – as it is historically related to car tyre sales.

Inspector visits anonymously and you find out when the book is published if you have been awarded the star. It is a mark of excellence and means a great deal to chefs who achieve it.

There is a famous story of Bernard Loisean a French chef, who had three Michelin stars; There were strong rumours that he was about to downgrade from three to two stars, he found this unbearable and committed suicide. His Wife was distraught but kept the restaurant going as a mark of respect to him. They won their third star back and retain it do this day. There was a recent programme on BBC titled 'The Madness of Michelin' I thought that it was a good title as if you think about it too much it could drive you mad!

I did a work placement at Le Manoir many years ago and was lucky enough to speak to Raymond Blanc. I asked about the stars and he said 'just make sure the restaurant is full with happy customers and you constantly progress, the rest will follow'. I've always remembered that and thought it was great advice.



*Mark is Head Chef at Fallowfields
Hotel & Restaurant*

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Easter Tennis Camp

The junior Easter tennis camp this year was a huge success despite some inclement weather. We were very pleased to welcome nearly 40 players across the four days, with a good number of new players as well as some familiar faces.

Monday and Tuesday were really popular and the coaching team particularly enjoyed working with groups of 5 to 10 year olds, as well as our older juniors aged 12 to 14. The players worked hard all week with our coaches to improve their technique and during games and exercises. We are particularly proud of everyone that participated in the round robin tournament at the end of the week. Matt and the club would like to thank the coaches that helped once again; Jake Moon, Martin Brabin and Rachael Moon.

We will be running two summer camps this year: one toward the end of July and another toward the end of August, more details to follow. If you have any questions about holiday camps and tennis lessons at the club please contact head coach Matt Williams on 07749249555, or email mattw88@hotmail.com. *Paul Gill - info@kbstennis.org Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Tennis Club.*

SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL

Southmoor Preschool Welcomes new committee



Congratulations to Michelle Dyson on winning this huge tub of Easter Eggs in our spring raffle. The raffle raised a fantastic £73 for preschool equipment so thanks to everyone who took part.

Preschools AGM was held in April and we said a sad good bye to Chair Jane Tidy, Treasurer Geoff Clough and committee member Gemma Wheeler. This past 3 years has seen them all make a huge contribution to the running of the Preschool from practical jobs such as food shops and gardening, to supporting staff development and liaising with the school to help secure the future of this outstanding child care setting. These are to name but a few jobs they have done giving up many hours of their time as volunteers. So on behalf of all the committee, staff and parents a big "THANK YOU". We would also like to thank Kate Ricks for all her hard work. Kate has stepped down as Secretary but I'm happy to report she is staying with us on committee.

Preschool would like to say a very warm welcome to Sonia Robinson as Chair, James Boon as Treasurer, Julia Harvey-Rice as Secretary and Michelle Dyson and Kate Weaving as new members of the committee. Whilst the committee has seen some changes our manager and all staff remain the same.

The children have been gearing up for summer with some of the fantastic resources given to us by the Taylor Wimpey construction company. The resource has been creatively put to good use by the staff in transforming our outside space. We now have a pretend toad stall picnic area for tea parties and campfire area for pretend cooking. Don't forget if you are interested in an "Outstanding" preschool place or increasing your child's sessions, we currently still have a few places left for this year so please contact manager Jackie Taylor 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*



You couldn't make it up - Church Notices

* For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

* The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy for Part-time Parish Clerk

The parish council is inviting applications for the post of parish clerk from suitably qualified candidates. The council hopes to make an appointment no later than the end of June 2015. The hours are 28 a month (SCP21 - £10.26 per hour). The majority of your time will be spent working at home but attendance at monthly Parish Council meetings and some other meetings is required. You will manage the Parish Council's burial ground and recreation areas

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Another cracking Easter Egg Hunt on the Millenium Green



The weather was grey but stayed dry for the annual Millennium Green Easter Egg Hunt. It was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves exploring the furthest corners of The Green searching for the hidden 300 or so tags. We raised nearly £70 on the day, from donations for the refreshments, which will go towards paying to replace the broken paving slabs on the maze. A very big thank you to all those who came and supported the event. As the weather is getting warmer we will soon be oiling the benches and tables and will be repainting the sundial. Further information about the Millennium Green can be found on our website .kbsonline.org.uk/Millennium Green. *Karen Murray*



WORDS OF WISDOM

Strange to see how a good dinner and feasting reconciles everybody. *Samuel Pepys*

KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR


The café is open on Thursdays from 9am until noon, in the main hall at Southmoor Village Hall, Draycott Road. We serve Fair Trade tea, coffee and hot chocolate, orange and blackcurrant squash, bacon sandwiches and a selection of (mostly) home-made cakes and scones, including some dairy- and gluten-free options. We have toys for the children and newspapers and magazines for the grown-ups. The café will be closed on Thursday 7th May due to the Village Hall being used as the polling station for the elections. We will be celebrating our 10th Birthday on Thursday 14th May. There will be birthday cake!

New volunteers to help us serve refreshments are always welcome. It only means helping for one morning about every two months. If you would like to join our rota of helpers please contact Jenny Bone on 01865 820368. We look forward to meeting you. If anyone needs a lift please contact one of us



"We are friends you haven't met yet"

Jenny Bone (820368) Carole Watts (821710)

COMMEMORATION OF THE BICENTENARY OF THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO 18TH JUNE 2015

Following the compromise decision reached at February's meeting of the Parish Council with regard to the erection of flag poles and the flying of flags, an aside was made to the effect that it would, perhaps, be appropriate to fly a flag on the 18th of June to mark the centenary of the Battle of Waterloo. This suggestion met with a few sighs and raised eyebrows but otherwise a stony silence. Given the state of history teaching in our schools most of those present born after 1970 could be forgiven if they had never heard of the Battle of Waterloo. It did of course take place BEFORE the First World War, where Modern History is now deemed to begin.....

Nevertheless, it was one of the British Army's greatest feats of arms, deciding the fate of Europe for many decades. Whether any Southmoor or Kingston Bagpuize residents were killed or even took part in the Battle is a moot point – none would appear to be recorded. Kingston Bagpuize was of course then in Berkshire and the nearest local regiment to be engaged on the day was the 52nd Regiment of Foot – The Oxfordshire Battalion, which no doubt would have included men from Berkshire and adjacent counties as well as those from Oxfordshire. The Regiment added to its already distinguished reputation - as 'A regiment never surpassed in arms since arms were first borne by men' - during the course of the Battle. In the early evening of the 18th as the Imperial Guard was making its final advance on the British lines, Sir John Colbourne brought the Regiment into line, wheeled to the left and charged the Guard's left flank. The Guard broke and retreated down the escarpment. The rout of the French was completed when the Regiment then attacked the 'Old Guard' - Napoleon's personal body guard – further down the slope and forced it too into retreat.

So much for the 18th of June and the Battle of Waterloo. A much more significant date in the history of this village and one which does deserve to be remembered by the flying of flags or at least one flag is 14th October 2016 – the 950th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings which, as every school boy knows, was fought in 1066. Men from this village did die in that battle, although only the name of Turkil, the Saxon Thane, is known, but at least, anonymous as they must remain, they are remembered on the Memorial Stones.

Their fate and the outcome of the battle changed the history of the village for ever.

The Norman Bagpuize was added to the Saxon Chingestune or Kingston and the rest, as they say, is history....

Ian Charlton



Three AA Rosettes for Fallowfields Chef Mark Potts.

Fallowfields Head Chef Mark Potts has been awarded three AA rosettes for culinary excellence. Fallowfields is one of only two establishments in Oxfordshire that can boast three AA Rosettes. The award is given for cooking technique, flair and imagination that must come through in every dish, and the all-important balance and depth of flavour.

Mark worked as Sous Chef at Fallowfields for many years and was promoted to Head Chef in October last year.

His previous roles have included The Lords of the Manor, a Michelin star restaurant near Stow-on-the-Wold, the world-renowned Norma Restaurant in Copenhagen, Midsummer House and also at Royal Hospital Road, working alongside Gordon Ramsay.

Accepting the award, Mark commented: "This award means a great deal to the team and I'm so proud of everyone as this has been a massive team effort. To be in such a select band of restaurants and hotels and alongside chefs I have such respect for is fantastic. My previous roles working alongside Phil Howard and Daniel Clifford amongst others have inspired me and showed me the dedication needed to stand out and be different



JOHN BLANDY AFTER SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB

The children have been enthusiastically working in their raised beds. Before Easter they planted Lettuce, Spring Onions, Carrots and Radish seeds in the vegetable bed, and after the holidays they could see the results with the young seedlings peeping through the soil. They could also see Broad Beans planted in Autumn covered in flowers ready to be pollinated by the bees. The warm weather recently has brought many of the flowers into bud including the apple and pear trees in the WI sponsored raised bed. There was even rhubarb ready to pull. Inevitably some weeding and tidying of the raised beds has kept the children busy. Recently they planted Pumpkin and Butternut Squash seeds into pots. These they took home to look after by placing them on a warm windowsill and watering a little each day. All this will help the children understand the cycle from the seeds germinating and the appearance of growth into leaf. When the plants have gained growth, and are about 8 centimetres tall, they will be returned to school and planted into the prepared raised bed to grow and produce fruit in the Autumn for the children to take home. Over the next few weeks, after the May Day bank holiday, there will be planting in the flower borders and herb and sensory garden. Many parents visiting school have commented on the raised beds and recently the display of daffodils which were planted by the children at the onset of last autumn term. *Ron Green.*



Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

May is a great month to be out in the garden. Days are warmer, and insect life is starting to proliferate.

If you've been lucky enough to enjoy the yellows of Forsythia and Mahonia or the pinks of Viburnum and Prunus (cherry), now is the time to prune. This encourages more flowering shoots, keeps the plant in check, and improves the long-term flowering of the plant. The

general advice is to prune stems by about a third (or to your preferred size/shape) and remove about a third older stems entirely.

May is the time to plan for planting annuals. Bedding plants are available in abundance so why not treat yourself to a new pot or container and plant it up for summer colour. Window boxes, hanging baskets and any spare spaces in your garden can be filled too.

Seasoned vegetable growers will know that it's almost time to plant out vegetables - although being wary of frosts and protecting any young plants with cloche/fleece. If you want to try vegetable growing, you can purchase some and try planting them out now too; alternatively several plants can still be grown from seed - for example beetroot, salad, peas, runner beans.

This month's talk is on "Using Plants to Solve Crimes" by Dr Michael Keith-Lucas of University of Reading. It promises to be fascinating! Pollen and plant fragments such as hairs, fibres, splinters of wood or cuticles may be used to place suspects at a scene of crime or ascertain when an event, such as a murder, took place. Details: Tuesday May 5th, 7.15 for 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. Non-members £3 (under 18s £1.50); members free. Tea, coffee and biscuits served after the talk. For more information about the club, call Rebecca on 01865 820793 or email skbgardeningclub@gmail.com. *Paul Gill, Secretary.*

KINGSTON BAGUIZE DRAMA GROUP

Murder Mystery Evening and Supper. Village Hall April 25th.

Bad Fortune by Fiona J Phillips and Janet Kilgallon-Brook.



Spring is here and with it came a further Murder Mystery evening performed by the talents of the Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group. This time it was Bad Fortune by Fiona J Phillips and Janet Kilgallon-Brook.

The action is set in the plush abode of Richard Myers, who is not a very nice chap it would appear. Combining being nasty to his wife Helen with dallying with her sister Angela, it was obvious Richard didn't want the dinner party Helen had organised.

Ironically nasty Richard was played by the nice Mike Lacey, a dab hand at this type of role, Mike easily convinced us all he would prefer to have been alone and secluded with the luscious Angela ably played by Paula Eastwood.

The part of Helen was performed by newcomer to the Group Sandra Sabathy who though showing some nerves, played her part well as the cuckolded wife trying to pretend everything is fine as she organises her party. She has arranged a Fortune Teller, Madame Rosa, to entertain her guests. Having been briefed beforehand, Madame Rosa gave a reading for most of the cast one by one, slipping in the several titbits of information she knew about them. This led to her demise, which she obviously didn't see coming, so there you have it, whodunnit?

Mary-Elizabeth Shewry was Madame Rosa, and indeed did look the part with great props. Again nerves caused a few line problems but this is to be expected on a first night, albeit the only night.

The set for single evening's performance was impressive and gave the flavour of an upmarket dwelling inhabited by an aspiring executive, complete with him reading The Times. Nice touch.

Also attending the dinner party was Gabby Lightfoot, Helen's friend. The role was performed by Andrea Spencer, a legend in the KBDG and as per never put a foot wrong. Sally Lacey played Betty Sparrow a neighbour who is married to Stan. Stan it appears has more sex appeal than Poldark. We never meet him but it seems he has dabbled with Gabby and sired a baby with her, he then married Betty when he was already married to somebody else, you get the picture. The plot got very complicated, no doubt to throw you off the scent, and it worked.

Directed by Rob Bateman, who also hosted the evening, Bad Fortune was a typical Murder Mystery and it was our good fortune to see this production. True the summing up took longer than the Chilcot enquiry but it didn't help having a dicky microphone.

Who did the deed? Well it was nasty Richard wasn't it. He didn't want Madame Rosa spoiling his lifestyle so she had to go. We'd got Betty down for the job, sorry about that Sally.

During the course of the evening a tasty Quiche salad supper was served followed by chocolate cake with cream and coffee. This together with a well stocked bar staffed by a jovial crew made for an excellent evening.

The Group had obviously worked hard to make this production a success and happily the hall was full. It is good to see a village entertain itself so hopefully there were new residents to our community in the audience and appreciated the endeavours of the Drama Group members. *Phil Leseats*

THE LAST WORD: Credit where it's due

"He's a handy man to know". So said an acquaintance of mine when seeing Simon at work in our house recently. Little did he know that Simons trading name is HANDYMAN (see his advert in KBSN) but his description was spot-on, a very handy man indeed.

The work he did for us recently (a whole house refurb) covered everything from wallpaper preparation through painting, plumbing, worktop and sink removal and replacement, fitting new basin taps, door handles and all sorts of odds and ends. The result of which was a first rate professional job, at very reasonable hourly rates, done with expertise and pride in what he was doing. Customer satisfaction is his goal and he certainly achieved that with this job. He's also a dab hand at full kitchen and bathroom refits, roofing and anything else you throw at him and we would recommend him without hesitation. If you need anything done, give him a call, I doubt you'll be disappointed. *Alan Buckley, Hanney Road*

VILLAGE CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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