



KBS NEWS

The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village News

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Raise the Roof update



It is almost two years since we kicked off our Raise the Roof fundraising campaign and a lot has happened since then. We have raised almost £30,000 towards the repairs to our bell tower and

most of that has come from the village so a big thank you. Raising this money has helped us get through the first round of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant application process and we have been awarded an initial grant of £4,500 to produce detailed drawings and enable us to go out to tender. This, however, still does not guarantee that we will get through to the final stage, but if we do we will get a further grant of around £30,000.

The HLF will also help us to explore the heritage of the church and with the help of the History Society we plan to research it's history, as well as collaborating with the school to produce an educational pack and forge stronger links with Kingston Bagpuize House. In the meantime we have to raise more funds in order to get through the next stage of the grant process, but it's only £5,000 which is not as daunting as the £75,000 we set our sights on at the beginning. We will be holding more events over the next year.

- Oxford Fiddle Group, 7 for 7.30pm on Sunday 3rd November in the Village Hall. Tickets £10 on the door or £8 in advance from Hazel 821358.

- A Christmas Concert 7.15pm December 13th in the church, featuring many of the talented young people from our area.

- Buy a slat for Christmas. For just £25 the inscription of your choice will go on a wooden slat in the refurbished bell tower. Why not dedicate it to a friend or loved one. Forms are available from the church, or by email: chrisacarpenter@gmail.com. Once again a big thank you for all for your continued support. *Chris Carpenter*

KBS REMEMBRANCE.

On Sunday, 10th November, 2013, we will be remembering all who, down the ages have laid down their lives for our freedoms. In particular, we will be honouring -

- our 10 local men who were killed in WWI & II

- the 14 men who died as the crews of 8 aeroplanes that crashed on top of and around our village, in WWII, including 3 Americans and 3 Canadians.

- the American Service Personnel who were based in our village up until the Normandy invasion, in 1944

- those who have served and died for our freedom, since WWII.

Our remembrance will be led by the Reverend David Pickering, starting in St John's church at 10 am. At

around 10.45, the congregation will process across to the Memorial Crescent for the formal Act of Remembrance, reading of the Roll of Honour, and the Last Post & Silence. Wreaths will be placed by

each stone, in turn, by a Deputy Lord Lieutenant on behalf of The Queen, by a Serving Soldier, by the Chairman of the Parish Council, by our Scouts & Guides and by a Senior Citizen. Our Union flag will

fly alongside the Stars and Stripes and Maple Leaf flags. Towards the end of our Act of Remembrance

around the stones, Stan Webb will lead us in singing 'Abide with Me'.

NEED A DOCTOR URGENTLY?

After office hours and at weekends and Bank Holidays please phone 111 if you have a requirement for urgent medical advice and assistance. (NHS Direct is no longer a phone service but offers comprehensive on-line medical advice through its website)

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The practice runs a weekly service to the Post Office delivering each Thursday at 2:30pm

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

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

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Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

Why is life so complicated these days? All we wanted was a new set of bathroom scales as the old ones had given up, probably as a result of me refusing to go on a diet. Trying to be thrifty we purchased a non-digital item that although simple in appearance didn't give an accurate reading unless you had the eyesight of a night fighter pilot. So after a short while we discarded those and bought an all singing all dancing item. Well sing and dance they may have done but tell your weight they didn't unless you entered your height, width, hair colour, inside leg measurement, annual income-you get the idea. Then they would seem to provide not only your weight but your life expectancy, favourite colour and when you should have your car serviced next, plus your BMI, RAF and CDM or something like that with a myriad of other acronyms I really don't want to know.

These were obviously not for me and were returned from whence purchased. The next set we bought were simpler and just the ticket except they didn't work. When we returned them the manager tried them on his counter and of course then they worked. After me pointing out that by his reckoning I would have to come and stand on his counter every time I wanted to weigh myself, he did swap them. Did life used to be simpler, or is it me?



VILLAGE DIARY

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

November	Day	Time	What & Where (SVH = Southmoor Village Hall)	Page
Friday	1st		KB & S Bowls Club Halloween Supper - Oxford Road Clubhouse	12
Saturday	2nd	6.30pm for 8.30pm	Longworth Church Firework Display - Longworth Manor	
Sunday	3rd	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Oxford Fiddle Group 'Raise The Roof' Concert - SVH	1
Monday	4th	7.00pm	KBS Parish Council Meeting – Swallow Room, VH	15
Monday	4th	Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15		
Tuesday	5th	7.30pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club - SVH Monthly Meeting with Gardener's Question Time and AGM	9
Tuesday	5th	Gates open 5.00pm	Friends of John Blandy - Annual Fireworks Display	17
Sunday	10th	10.00am	Remembrance Service - St John the Baptist Ch, Kingston Bagpuize	1
Tuesday	12th	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Womens Institute, - What is Forensic Science - SVH	10
Wednesday	13th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Serendipity Pot Luck Meeting - Swallow Room SVH	9
Friday	15th	10.00am -11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group - Children in Needs fundraiser - SVH	18
Friday	15th		Last day for response to X15 Bus Consultation	6
Saturday	16th	2.00pm - 3.30pm	1st Longworth Scout Group Jumble Sale,- Scout HQ, Faringdon Rd	23
Monday	18th	4.00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for KBS News December / January Edition	2
Monday	18th	Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15		
Wednesday	20th	9.30am	Serendipity Day Trip to Bath - Coach from Southmoor Village Hall	9
Thursday	21st	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Longworth & District History Society - Talk by Richard O Smith, 'The Alternative Tour of Oxford' - SVH	11
Saturday	23rd	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Tubney Church Bazaar and Table Top Sale - Southmoor Village Hall	6
Monday	25th	8.00pm	KBS News AGM - Swallow Room, Southmoor Village Hall	6
Friday	29th	7.30pm	KB & S Bowls Club Quiz Night - Bowls Club, Oxford Road	12
Thursday / Friday & Saturday	28th / 29th 30th	Doors Open 7.00pm / Curtain up 7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group - The O'Conner Girls by Katie Forgette -Southmoor Village Hall	12 / 24
December				
Friday	6th		Longworth & District History Society Christmas Feast	11
Friday	13th	7.15pm	Christmas Concert - St John the Baptist Church, Kingston Bagpuize	1
Saturday	14th	7.00pm for 7.30pm	1st Longworth Scout Gp, Family Christmas Bingo SVH	
Friday	20th	10.00am -11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group Christmas Party - SVH	18
Sunday	22nd	4.00pm	Tubney Church Candlelit Carol Service	6

**** 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
Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday Term Time Only	10am - 11.30am
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	7.30pm
KB & S Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.30pm
KB & S Cafe	Methodist Chapel	Thursday	9am - 12 noon
KB & S Gardening Club	Southmoor Village Hall	1st Tuesday from Feb	7.15pm for 7.30pm
KB & S Health Walk	Leaves Southmoor VH 10.45am	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	John Blandy School	Wednesday	5.30pm - 7.00pm
1st Longworth Beavers		Thursday	6.00pm - 7.15pm
1st Longworth Cubs	The Scout Hut	Tuesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Longworth Explorers	Faringdon Road	Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Scouts		Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
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	John Blandy School	Wednesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Southmoor Karate Club	Southmoor Village Hall	Sunday	10am - 11.30am
Southmoor Rainbows	Methodist Church Hall	Tues Term Time Only	5.45pm - 6.45pm
KB & S Womens Institute	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd Tuesday	7.30pm
Zumba	Southmoor Village Hall	Monday	8.15pm

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Back Page £110 Inside Full page £90 Inside Part Page % of page used Min £10

All occasional adverts can only be included only where space permits

If you would like to place an annual advert in the KBS News please Email: advertsnews@googlemail.com.

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

<http://kingstonbagpuizechurch.wordpress.com>

'A huge thank you to everyone in the village who helped with our Harvest food collection for the Oxford Community Emergency Food Bank and Kingsmoor Day Centre – very many thanks for all your help'

Sunday 3rd November 9.00am Bereavement service Revd David Pickering
 10.30am Morning Worship Speaker: Revd David Pickering
 Sunday 10th November 9.00am Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
 10.00am Remembrance Sunday All-Age Service Revd David Pickering
 Sunday 17th November 9.00am Holy Communion Speaker: Mrs Anne Curtis
 10.30am Questions of Life Service Speaker: Revd Dr Benno van den Toren
 Sunday 24th November 9.00am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
 10.30am Holy Communion Speaker: Mrs Anne Curtis

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

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER – BEREAVEMENT SERVICE: a very special service at 9.00 for those who have been bereaved. We remember and honour those we have loved and lost, and have the chance to light a candle in memory of a loved one. All are very welcome.

SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE: This year we again begin our service earlier, at 10.00, and have the main part of the service in church (hymns, talk, prayers, laying of a wreath before the altar), before going across to the new war memorial for the Act of Remembrance at 11.00. All are very welcome to join us on this extremely important day.

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)

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Priest: Fr Leslie Adams, 1 Coxwell Road, Faringdon, SN7 7EB
 Tel: 01367 243510, email: blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com,

Masses: Sunday One Mass at 9.00am. Weekly Masses: Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.15am. Details of Masses on Holy Days and of Reconciliation - please refer to the Parish Newsletter available at Blessed Hugh Church or from the Parish

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



ED VAIZEY MP Parish Notes

As we are now approaching the first anniversary of the Localism Act, it's worth remembering the range of powers and programmes which communities can use to shape their areas. The Government has published a guide which can be accessed at this website: www.gov.uk/government/publications/youve-got-the-power-a-quick-and-simple-guide-to-community-rights

It's described as quick and simple, and as it runs to just 23 pages it is a model of brevity compared to many documents produced by civil servants. There's concise guidance on the options that might be available in different sets of circumstances and then advice on what each process will involve as well as examples of how each of the powers has been used by a different community. It's well worth a look.

As ever please feel free to contact me at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk. Surgery details can be found at www.vaizey.com.





VILLAGE VOICES

Thank you to all the stall-holders, organisers and the many guests who supported the YoungDementiaUK Coffee Morning in Tubney on 6 September. The generous support of all involved raised over £1600 for this award winning Oxfordshire-based charity. The money will enable the charity to continue to provide and expand its landmark support to younger people with dementia and their families, on behalf of whom we send you a heartfelt THANK YOU. *Sharman Oldham*

I was really saddened to learn of the experience the former tenants of the Waggon & Horses public house (Martin and Julie) endured during their short stay in our village.

Where, I wonder, were the community police when under age drinking and drug taking were allegedly taking place? Thankfully, there is only a small minority of parents who think it's their right to get drunk and leave their children to be controlled by other responsible parents. 'Grown ups' are supposed to set an example to the younger generation. If parents behave badly and the community police appear to do nothing about the illegal activities that the former tenants observed then how can we expect the youth of the village to behave in a civil manner.

It's a fact of life that there will be a certain level of noise emanating from a public house and there has to be a degree of tolerance of that noise when purchasing a house nearby. I have no understanding of those who choose to live so close to a noisy pub then complain about it.

We were very angry and upset when the decision was made to build opposite our house obliterating our 'ridgeway view' but we have accepted that there is nothing we can do but welcome the new homeowners and hope that their new local public house is worth a visit - it has the potential of being 'the heart' of the village.

Anne Marks

CALLING ALL POPPY APPEAL COLLECTORS

Hopefully you will have received your copy of KBS News well before the end of October to remind you that Remembrance Day is not far away. We should receive the poppies, collecting boxes, etc., before the end of the month, giving two clear week ends before Remembrance Sunday. I am hoping that all last year's top team of collectors will still be available – if this is not the case and you are away or otherwise unable to help with door-to-door collections please let me know as soon as possible so I can try and make alternative arrangements for the streets that you previously covered. Ian Charlton 820062

The Waggon & Horses

We, Paul, Kim and our daughter Poppy, would like to take this opportunity to say hello to all the residents of Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor and to thank you for your patience during the closure and partial opening due to our refurbishment. We have enjoyed meeting you all and thank you for the positive feedback we have had so far, you have made us feel very welcome. Our plan is to once again make the Waggon and Horses the heart of the village maintaining the essence of a traditional family local pub, with team games, regular quizzes and live music and combined with good home cooked food and weekend carvery. Dogs on leads are welcome in the bar and garden. The work will hopefully be completed early November and we will be holding a special evening where you will all be welcome. It has been a big project but we hope you will be pleased with the results. We are looking forward to being a part of a thriving village with great community spirit. *Paul Gresty*

HUGE THANKS

We were delighted with the donations received at this year's Harvest Thanksgiving. We would like to thank Thara and all who gave in the box at Southmoor Food and Wine, Fun Factor guests, John Blandy School, Southmoor Pre-School, the WI, Drama Group, the Brownies who had a bake up and everyone who gave so generously. Everything was much appreciated by Kingsmoor Day Centre and the Oxford Community Emergency Food Bank. Many thanks, *St John the Baptist Church.*

PLEASE pick up after your dog and use the bins provided and also keep your hedges and trees cut back from the footpaths and clear the cuttings away. It is becoming increasingly difficult at times, especially now the dark evenings are upon us, to walk along the footpaths without getting poked in the eye with overhanging trees and bushes or stepping in dog faeces. Please remember that if shrubs or bushes are on your property it is your responsibility to keep them trimmed back from public footpaths.

Village Notice Board

Opportunity for work with the Parish Council

Could you provide a timely response to make safe and tidy damage to Parish Council property such as bus shelters and playground equipment before the manufacturer is able to repair? An hourly rate will be agreed to cover the occasional demands on your time. If interested, contact the Clerk on 01865 820867.

Don't miss the bus

The current contract for the X15 expires on Saturday 31 May 2014. A review of the service has begun which includes a public consultation. Comments and ideas generated by the consultation will be considered when preparing the new tenders.

The subsidy cost for many of these contracts has doubled since RH entered administration in October 2012, and this coupled with sparse use in many cases means that some frequency reductions and/or service withdrawals are likely following the review and re-tender of these routes.

Local residents can contribute their own views via the 'Respond to a Consultation' link on the home page of the Oxfordshire website (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk). In view of the likely reduction in the X15 service it would be most helpful to indicate which journeys on the current timetable you value the most. Responses must be received by Friday 15 November 2013.

Superfast Broadband Where and When?

The one thing everyone wants to know is when will I be able to get Superfast broadband? - but it appears that we are NOT on any plan - however if enough people register for broadband then there might be a slight possibility - see info below and log on for further details.....go to the BT website <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/> Type in your postcode and find out what the status is of the exchange nearest to you. There are five levels: Accepting orders, Coming soon, Future exchanges, Under evaluation & Not currently in rollout plans. John Smith

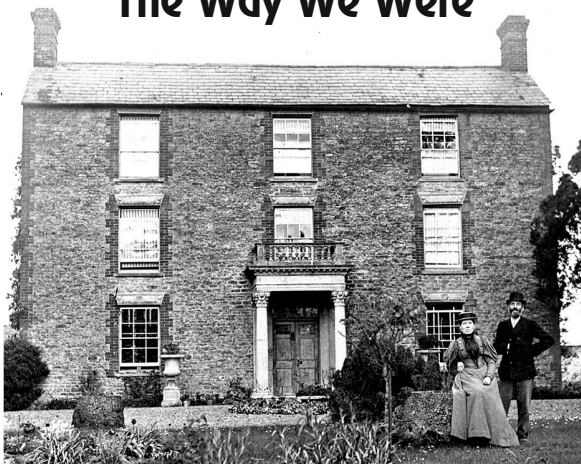
Please note, the AGM of the KBS News will take place on Monday November 25th at 8pm in the Swallow Room. All welcome.

A420 Crossing Gates

A reader has pointed out to the News about the gates accessing the A420 not being closed. He has often found all three gates left open. Surely its only a matter of time before a child or pet wanders through the open gates and on to the dual carriageway. Can users therefore please ensure the gates are closed behind them.

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

The Way We Were



*Heath House in its heyday
With thanks to the History Society*

Bazaar and Table Top Sale

Saturday 23rd November

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Southmoor Village Hall

Books, Bric-a-brac, Cakes, Cards, Crafts, Jewellery, Gifts, Preserves, Raffle, Tombola, Toys. Entrance £1.00 includes a cup of tea or coffee. Table Tops at £5.00 each to be reserved in advance from Rosemary Kitto on 01865 390466 or rosemarykitto@gmail.com

Candlelit Carol Service at Church on Sunday

22nd December at 4.00 pm

followed by mulled wine and mince pies.



FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT? No: 9 The Hind's Head, Kingston Bagpuize

Having been out for the afternoon and going out again that night we slipped down the Hinds Head for a quick meal as we had not been in there for a while.

The place is certainly busier than I remember but a choice of tables was still available and we were well looked after by the very pleasant Tasha, who came all the way from Stanford-in-the-Vale, doubling up as barmaid/waitress.

With after-work drinkers, young fellas around the billiard table and smokers huddled under the outside shelter, it was all

happening in the pub especially as it was only just after 6pm. As a personal aside the music didn't do it for me, but someone must have liked it.

The menu is standard pub fare and not being over hungry the bride and I shared a stuffed mushroom starter and very tasty it was too. The dish was well presented sitting on a bed of fresh lettuce and topped with a creamy cheesy sauce.

My favourite pub food is home-made steak pie and this featured on the menu and therefore in due course on my plate. When it arrived I was amazed at the size of the portion of fries and indeed the size of pie would have done justice to Desperate Dan. The meat in the Steak-in-Guinness pie was extremely tender and melted in the mouth, as did the puff pastry topping. However I could have done with a tad more gravy but this did not detract from the tasty dish. My vegetarian bride had the cod and chips and reported it was fine with no bones and little skin. Praise indeed.

So, with a couple of pints and an orange juice, one starter, two very good main meals and a bill of £25 in a pub within walking distance. What's not to like? *Eton Loveitt*



Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

Looking for that ultimate Christmas present for someone who has everything?

SKB Gardening Club are currently welcoming new members! Annual membership costs just £10 and entitles members to FREE entry to our regular meetings – which include a free cup of tea or coffee and biscuits -

as well as discounts to any ticketed events. Memberships purchased from now will be valid right through until the end of 2014 so it's a great time to join. Or why not buy membership for someone as a Christmas present? Since there's no monthly entrance fee there's nothing to lose. It's a great chance to come along and meet new people and find out more about a whole range of gardening related subjects.

Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday 5th November at Southmoor Village Hall at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm). We will be hosting an informal Gardener's Question Time, which will be a wonderful opportunity to get your questions answered for free! The talk will be preceded by our AGM, which we aim to keep as brief as possible. It's the ideal way to get to know the people who are running the club and find out what we've been up to and have planned for the coming year.

If you have any questions about the club or to join, rejoin or purchase membership for somebody else please either come along to the meeting, email us at skbgardeningclub@gmail.com or call Sharon or Steve on (01865) 820399.

SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

The October meeting was well attended and we all played games/quizzes about recognising logos and remembering personalities and programmes from the past. We enjoyed delicious cakes - compliments of Norma who has just celebrated a birthday!!!! Next month will be a Pot Luck meeting where members bring, read or do whatever they wish - so WATCH THIS SPACE. New members always welcome - just £2. For details contact Pat. There will be a coach outing from the village on Wednesday 20th November to go to Bath for the day. The coach will leave the Village Hall Car Park at 9.30 am and leave Bath to return home at appx. 4.00 pm. The price is £19.50 (this price includes the coach parking fee and driver's tip).

If anyone is interested (Christmas shopping before the shops get too crowded) or just a leisurely look round, then please let me know as soon as possible. *Pat 820775*

The KBS Wine Quartet will be back next month with their Christmas selection

To the KBS News.....

I'm sorry your Editor feels "the ability to write funny situation comedies for the BBC seems to have passed us by". (Editor's Blog Oct Edition KBS News).

As someone who has worked in TV and Radio comedy since 1979 I'd make a few points.

1. Sitcom writing is pretty difficult. You have to do all the things dramas do (create original and fascinating characters, put them in testing situations and, ensure every scene carries the story forward through telling action and dialogue) PLUS generate a laugh roughly every 15 seconds. Sadly for comedy writers "a laugh a minute" isn't good enough.

2. On the main channels (BBC One especially) you try to appeal to as big an audience as possible (60 and 70 somethings as well as 20 and 30 somethings. Even 90 somethings like my KBS resident mother-in-law). The reason is very simple - if you don't get enough viewers your show is axed. When my first sitcom (An Actor's Life for me) transferred from Radio to BBC One I spent sleepless nights worrying about the ratings. They held steady for the first five weeks then dropped for the last episode. As a result, the show was not recommissioned and I was effectively made redundant with no severance pay.

3. Sitcoms don't tend to get everything right in the first episode or even the first series. The writer(s) and cast need time to gel and time to get to know the characters.

4. Viewers also need time to develop a fondness for a show. Ratings for the first series of Fawlty Towers were shockingly low. "Only Fools and Horses" was going to be axed after the first series then a gap appeared elsewhere in the schedules so it was repeated and did much better. In 1968 a producer was told to play a pilot he'd made to focus groups (they had them even then) to see if it should be broadcast. The response from the focus groups was so negative he kept it quiet and persuaded his bosses to commission a series anyway. Lucky he did because otherwise we would never have seen "Dad's Army".

5. Your editor hated the new sitcom "Count Arthur Strong". It made me hoot with laughter. Does that mean I'm an idiot or your editor has no sense of humour? Nope. It just means that sometimes different things make us laugh. The problem is that if we hear an audience laugh at something we don't find funny we take it very personally indeed because having a sense of humour is something we take very seriously. That is why comedy programmes are both loved and loathed more than any other genre. I have had the good fortune to work on a couple of big hits - "The Vicar of Dibley" and "Mrs Brown's Boys" - and although they are much loved I've met people who detest them with such a fervour it is as if I've committed a war crime.

So are there any funny BBC sitcoms around? Well, personally I think "Mrs Brown" is very funny. And "Count Arthur". And "Miranda". And "The Wrong Mans". And "The Thick of It". And "Outnumbered". And "Rev". And "Twenty Twelve" (which is returning even though the Olympics are gone). But others will disagree. Above all, I am genuinely sorry that every sitcom doesn't make everyone laugh because laughter is such a wonderful thing. Finally, I agree with your editor in his love for the American Classics 'Everybody Loves Raymond' and "Frasier". Arguably the finest sitcom in the world at the moment is the one from the Frasier team - "Modern Family". I also read with interest about The John Blandy School's splendid 'Roald Dahl Day'. My Dibley co-writer, Richard Curtis, and I have just adapted Roald Dahl's story 'Esio Trot' for TV. If all goes according to plan we start filming with Dustin Hoffman and Judi Dench next April and it will be on BBC One over Christmas 2014. Something, we hope, for all the family. Fingers crossed it gets decent ratings! Best wishes **Paul Mayhew-Archer**.

Well that tells me, if anybody wants me I'll be in my bunker. Ed.

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.

The October meeting is always a meeting where the Committee all sit back and enjoy a surprise evening organised by other members, and what an enjoyable evening it was too W.I. speed dating!!!! This was where all members moved round (as in musical chairs) and had 3 minutes to talk to a different member each time. There were a lot of laughs and we all learned a lot about each other that we may not have already known. The refreshments, as usual, were excellent, and the usual raffle and birthday posies were given out.

Thank you and well done to all who organised the evening.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 12th November 7.15 (for 7.30) in the village hall and the talk will be "What is forensic science" the speaker will be Amy Kuzemka. New members and visitors always welcome. Pat 820775



WORDS OF WISDOM

The best argument against democracy is a five minute conversation with the average voter. *Winston Churchill*

To whom it may concern....

I received a rather insulting letter from an unnamed source this month berating me for the negative tone in the September issue lamenting the lack of copy and my slight on the youths hanging around Cross Roads Garage at 2am, no doubt in case I upset the little darlings.

Now I don't mind being insulted, mainly because I worked in Sales all my life and have been insulted by experts, but I do object getting such letters from people who do not have the courage to put their name and address on the screed. I would happily have printed the letter but not without a name and address (which need not be printed if requested). So if this brave anonymous pen pusher wants their mutterings printed perhaps they would get in touch. In passing I would also point out that the idea of publishing how the KBS News comes to fruition is to show the amount of work that goes into it and that it doesn't appear as if by magic. I am sorry that the poison pen writer I refer to will find it so boring.
Lance Bassett, Editor.

LONGWORTH AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY



The last summer visit of this year was to Ditchley, an 18th century mansion set in beautiful parkland near Charlbury. We were shown around by Chris Galloway, who told us of the history of the Lee family who had bought the land and an existing building in 1580 to the present house which was built 1722. A visit to Ditchley by Queen Elizabeth 1 is commemorated by a portrait by Marcus Gheeraerts, this painting now hangs in the National Portrait Gallery. It continued to be a family home until the death of the 17th Viscount Dillon in 1932 when death duties forced the family to sell the house and land. It was bought in 1933 by an American Mr Ronald Tree, who was responsible for bringing the house and gardens up to their present high standard. It was during this time that Winston Churchill, and other high profile members of the government visited. In 1958 David Wills set up The Ditchley Foundation, which supports the transatlantic link through holding conferences on any issues of interest to those on both sides of the Ocean. A most interesting place to visit.

Caroline Jackson spoke to us in October about the expansion of the British Empire on the Eastern Cape of South Africa known as 'The Kaffir Wars'. This was after the discovery of the Diaries of General Primrose 1819-1892, in a manor house in Oxfordshire. This is a story of the part of the military career of General Primrose. He is commemorated by a statue of a large lion in a park in Reading.

The next meeting in Southmoor Village Hall is on 21st November. Richard O Smith will give us 'The Alternative Tour of Oxford'. Richard is an author, Oxford Times columnist, and writer for Radio 4 The Now Show.

It is time to buy tickets for our Christmas Meeting on December 6th. We will have a Christmas 'Feast' and entertainment will be provided by Harmony InSpires. Tickets, £10, on sale from Pam Woodward 820500.

Kathy Fletcher

SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL



October was an exciting time for the preschool children as we celebrated harvest festival week. The children had a visit from Revd David Pickering who spoke about harvest time on the farm and how our food is grown. The children enjoyed a biscuit and had fun playing with wheat and toy combine harvesters. This was followed up by a number of activities such as sticking and painting pumpkin pictures for our harvest festival display and croissant and soda bread making. The children also brought in lots of food donations for the Oxford Food Bank as the concepts of sharing with others was an important theme.

A big thank you to everyone that baked and bought at the cake sale in September, this combined with the raffle of the giant turtle made £90. Thank you also, to everyone for having a clear out in support of our Bags2School collection. Where the money raised has put us over half way towards getting the new rug for the story corner! Don't forget if you are interested in a pre-school place we are currently taking children aged from 2 years. Some pre-school sessions are already fully booked and looking increasingly busy from January 2014 and into the summer term. 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*



Classic Murray Walker Motor Racing Gaffes: 3

"...and HERE COMES DAMON HILL IN THE WILLIAMS!!!!.....this car is absolutely unique!....except for the one behind it....which is exactly the same..."

"This will be Williams' first win since the last time a Williams won"



BOWLS CLUB

Our annual presentation dinner was held at Carswell Golf Club where all the winners and runners up received their Club Competition trophies. The toast to the Club was given by a Life Member and one of the Club's founder members, Pauline Archer, with speeches from our Chairman and Club President. Six new members joined us, four from Charney Bassett and two from Southmoor and we hope they enjoy their time with us.

We continue Bowling throughout the winter with regular roll ups every Tuesday and Thursday at 1.30pm but Members can of course bowl 24-7, and our Social Calendar starts with a Halloween supper on the 1st November, tickets for this sold out well in advance, more theme evenings are planned through the winter months and are usually oversubscribed so order tickets early. Club evenings carry on every Friday when the indoor short mat will be available for use and our next Quiz is on November the 29th in the Club House at 7.30pm. Our recent Jumble Sale was once again a huge success thanks to the efforts of Hazel and Yvonne and their team, the Club are extremely grateful for the amount of work they put in which is not only on the day but throughout the year. A number of members have indicated that they would be interested in a Bowls tour in the UK. Enquiries have been made and subject to numbers, a minimum of 25 would be needed to make it viable. A tour to Barnstaple would be arranged, this would be in addition to the Spanish tour. A flyer has been sent to members and a list is on the Club notice board for those interested to sign. The date would be Monday 8th to Friday 12th Sept 2014.
Mick Fuller (Club Captain) 01865 820818

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE DRAMA GROUP



Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group Presents: The O'Conner Girls by Katie Forgette
28-30th November, Curtain Up 7.30pm, The Village Hall, Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor.

Preparations for November's production, are now well under way. Lines have long since been learnt, the set is ready to be built and painted, lighting rigged, sound tested. Props, set dressing and costumes have been gradually acquired over the past few months through a combination of begging, borrowing and making. The final touches to the production are happening as the tickets and posters are being printed and the bar suitably stocked. We look forward to welcoming you to the Village Hall 28-30 November inclusive, with curtain up at 7.30pm and refreshments (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) available. Doors open at 7pm.

The O'Conner story takes place in 1997 over the Christmas holiday. Tom O'Conner has passed away, and his wife (Sarah) and children (Liz, Martha and Matt) have reunited to excavate his mountain of personal effects. As the family sifts through boxes of papers and bags of clothing, clues to the quiet patriarch's life are discovered, prompting the usual heated arguments and some unusual revelations. As the story of Tom and Sarah's marriage unfolds, the children are forced to reconsider their long-held opinions of their parents. In the midst of this emotional afternoon, a long-lost neighbour pays an unexpected visit. Also on the agenda for this day of upheaval is Catholicism, World War II, old films, old love, new love, oversleeping, over drinking, and large purple hats.

Tickets: £8 each. Available from Southmoor Food and Wine, The Post Office and The Log Cabin or on-line from <http://www.wegotickets.com/KingstonBagpuizeDramaGroup> or telephone 01865 821812 Website: www.kbdgshow.biz

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



The October meeting of the KBS Parish Council was held on Monday 7th October in the Village Hall, together with 4 members of the public.

Public Participation. Mrs Grant gave an update on the latest application for a number of dwellings (now 22) and a replacement sports pavilion and pitch facilities. An earlier application for 12 dwellings may be refused given the relatively low density, and absence of affordable housing.

Mr. Belcher explained the background to his recent Planning Application, submitted in response to a visit from a VWHDC planning Enforcement officer.

The Chair recognised that the Parish Council's objection was in error in claiming that there was not a "Portakabin" on site. Mr Belcher accepted that the use of the word "Canteen" in the application, vastly overstated the proposal for a rest room to accommodate a small number of people.

Naming of new road/properties Beggars Lane/Faringdon Rd. The Parish Council's suggestion for the road, Harrowdown Place, and the two houses fronting Faringdon Road, Blackmore and Howe House have been adopted.

Reports from District and County Councillor. Apologies received from Mrs Tilley for her absence!

Planning. A resident had contacted the Chairman to seek support for the designation of a conservation area to include the historic properties in Town Pond Lane. Members supported the proposal in principle and will consider a Parish Council led proposal. The Clerk will seek further advice on the process of establishing these areas.

Several Council members and representatives of the Village Hall Management Committee had met with Mr. Cattermole (Taylor Wimpey) to discuss progress on the Draycott Rd. development. Taylor Wimpey envisages a start date of Jan 2014 with completion expected in 2.5 years. The Parish Council confirmed its decision to acquire the land in the south east corner adjacent to the tennis courts.

The council will accept a diversion to the existing route of the dedicated footpath if part of the open space within the completed development can/could be fenced so that dog walkers could release their dogs from the lead.

Applications Received. Please refer to PC October minutes.

Accounts: The charges for weekly collection will increase substantially from 1st. October. The PC agreed to accept the revised annual charge of £964+vat. Alternatives to the VWHDC contractor will be investigated.

Donations. A donation of £100 to South and Vale Carers Centre approved.

The balance of the Information Technology fund (£250 prize Money from some years ago) was requested to be donated to kbs-on-line to support the group in maintaining the WiFi connection to the Village Hall. Approved.

Payments. A total of £4718.31 was expended in Sept. including £498 in repairs to the bus shelter subsequent to the vandalism suffered to same.

Correspondence. VWHDC Community governance review. Suggested that a proposal to extend the Parish Boundary to include the whole of the area of Frilford Parish south of the A415 be included in the forthcoming consultation.

OCC Review of Witney area bus services, including X15, Public consultation will continue until 15th Nov, tender docs. will then be prepared to provide services from 1st. June 2014. Residents who use the services are urged to respond to the consultation identifying the services they value most, any changes, and or improvements they would wish to see introduced. Also to lobby our District and County Councillor in order to retain the service.

OCC Highways A34 closures. Carriageway closures between A4130 Milton interchange and M4 junction 13 will take place over night and at weekends between Mon 28th Oct. and Monday 25th Nov. (full details from Parish Clerk)

Proposed New speed limit Faringdon Road. A consultation on the Parish Council's proposal to extend the 30mph speed limit throughout the existing 40mph limit will last until the 1st Nov. Those residents who have complained in the past, regarding excessive speed on this stretch of the Faringdon Road, are urged to support the proposal via the website or in writing to O.C.C. Highways.

Village Amenities. Recreation grounds. Repairs to be undertaken to Football pitch.

War Memorial. Wreaths will be supplied by the Parish Council. The flag poles will be erected for a number of days prior to Remembrance Day.

Faults. The gate to the A420 on Draycott road requires repair. Vegetation from residential properties overhanging the pathway creates a hazard pedestrians in some areas, owners are reminded that they could be liable if injuries occur.

Subsequent to recent sewage blockage on the Blandy Estate, Thames Water will be asked what action is proposed to prevent a recurrence of these problems. A number of surface water drains are partially blocked, and need attention before the onset of winter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be on Monday 4th November, in the Village Hall at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Brian Forster. Chair KBS Parish Council.

Betty Parsons

Betty Parsons, a long-term resident of Southmoor, died peacefully on 9th October at the age of 96.

She was a devoted member of the Methodist Church, a founder member of KBS Gardening Club and KBS Good Companions and a member of KBS WI and Longworth and District History Society. She was a much loved and regular attender at all these societies; if it was humanly possible for her to be there, she was there.

Betty was passionate about the outdoor life and created a lovely garden at "Nutcombe", her house in the village, and she truly had a green thumb for making plants grow. She also loved company and was unfailingly cheerful in spite of her physical difficulties, greeting all comers with a beautiful smile (especially if they wanted to play Scrabble!).

She often proudly related tales of her father, Bob Fairman, who was a professional footballer, playing for several prestigious clubs in the early 1900s and captaining West Ham. He played his last professional game on March 14th 1914, before working as a marine engineer for the war effort. There can be few who knew her who haven't been shown her treasured albums of her footballing career!

She loved her large and widely scattered family and was always eager to hear news of them all. Charlie, her Old King Charles spaniel, was a good friend to her in many of her later years, and he gave her a lot of entertainment. She will be greatly missed.



Villagers know their onions

This year the gardening club opened up their annual show for the entire village to enter and it was a fantastic success with over 20 new exhibitors. Clearly demonstrating that our village has a lot of green fingered people working away in their vegetable plots and flower borders. Although the summer had not been kind to gardeners the quality of the exhibits was still of a high standard: notably huge onions,

beautiful dahlias and fantastic trugs of mixed garden produce. The show also gave the opportunity to demonstrate cookery and preserving skills in the household classes as well as photographic and craft skills in the exhibition of villager's work.

The children were well catered for too, and we owe a special thank you to the Children's Centre for kindly providing staff and activities for the younger ones. This year we had many more children entering the children's classes; indeed the many decorated flowerpots were a wonderful sight to behold. It was lovely to see so many people there enjoying what this village does well; meeting up with friends and neighbours and having a chat over a cup of tea and homemade cake! Finally it was time to bring the show to a close and we were delighted to have Andy and Carolyn from the Post Office to present the cups and prizes this year. Thank you, we were truly grateful to you both.

Would we open the show for the whole village to enter again? YES we certainly would. It was a delight to meet you all and share our love of gardening, baking and all things crafty. We hope even more of you will enter again next year and don't forget the Gardening Club meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall. Happy gardening, *Julie Carpenter (Show Chairman)*

Carry on Boling....

As an addendum to Lance's editorial last month – 'Nick Boles out the Vale' – Mr Boles went so far as suggest that the current amount of development in the Vale was in large part down to the failure of the District Council to come up with an approved Forward Plan. The suggestion was rigorously countered by the Chairman of the Council who, for his part, pointed out that the Plan could have been in place some time ago but the government keeps altering the rules. Legal opinion indicates that the financial implications of pressing ahead and submitting a Plan before the government's rules were finalised, could be catastrophic. It was for this very reason, he pointed out, that so few councils throughout the country had actually finalised their Plans, and those that had would eventually have to revise them in accordance with changing government rules ! Game, set and match to Matthew Barber.....

It was also of note that both our MP and the Chairman of the Council upheld the sartorial values of the Vale – As you would have seen in last month's photograph, both gentlemen were wearing ties, whereas the Government Minister sported a white open-necked shirt. Suitable attire perhaps, for a late-night kitchen supper party in Chipping Norton. After all, it was a Friday. *Ian Charlton*



Southmoor Baby and Toddler Group

In October the kids celebrated Halloween with our annual fancy dress party. Along with some amazing costumes the hall was brilliantly decorated with carved pumpkins that the children had helped to make.

On Friday 15th November we are holding a 'Children in Need' fundraising event. Along with the usual array of toys available for the children to play with they can also decorate a fairy cake to eat at the indoor picnic. Don't forget to bring your child's favourite teddy to sit and enjoy it with them. There will also be themed refreshment available for parents and carers to relax over. Please bring a little extra money as all donations go to a very worthwhile charity!

If you haven't been yet your first session is free (excluding Halloween and Christmas Parties) and we have frozen our prices until September 2014. Not bad when you think you get teas/coffees as well as snacks for the kids included for just £2. We are based at the Village Hall which is a lovely big venue for the toddlers to run around in during the colder months. The session runs from 10-11.30 term time only, so just a reminder that we will not be open Friday 1st November.

A date for you diary: Friday 20th December: Christmas Party (themed activities, snack time, song time and visit from Father Christmas) 10-11.30 SVH. Advanced ticket needed to ensure no children miss out on gifts.

Marie Siviter



Kingston Colts F.C.

We are now about 6 weeks into the new season and our teams are performing very well. The great success of last season means many of our teams are playing in a higher grade and against much better opposition, but they are acquitting themselves very well.

This season we have 7 teams playing football through the Witney or Oxford Mail leagues:

U14s – promoted to the A league after winning their league last season, they have started well, winning 2 and losing 2 of their first 4 games. A 5-1 win away to Deddington in the KO Cup means they now have a home game against Bloxham in round 2.

U13s – Tony Thompson's team are playing in the A league again this season and have started fantastically well, winning 4 of their 5 opening games and sitting 2nd in the table. They beat Bicester 11-3 in the KO CUP and face Launton in round 2. **MORE PLAYERS NEEDED**

U12s - Trev Baxter's team are playing 9v9 football again this season after last year's success. So far they have got 4 points from their first 4 games but did beat Launton 5-3 in the KO Cup and play Bloxham in the next round. **MORE PLAYERS NEEDED**

The U10s play in the Blue league, after last season's success under Manager Mark Stuart and Coach Chris Green. They have 8 points from their first 5 games and are currently mid table.

The U9s are embarking on the new FA structure of youth football and are playing development games, development weekends and cup events. Under Manager Carl McKno and Coach Leon Allen, they are playing in the Oxford Mail league this season.

The U8s, managed by Manda Thompson and coached by John Willoughby are also playing the new format of football and will play 7v7 this season.

The U7s will play 5v5 this season under Manager Manda Thomson and Coach Norm Bradbury.

The U6s & Mini Kickers are just starting out with football and will just do training to start with under Manager Dan Burgess, but the U6s may progress to some friendly games as the season progresses.

The Club continues to grow and we now have well over 100 local youngsters regularly participating in football, which must be good for a small community like ours. However, we do need more players, especially in our U13 & U12 teams. If you know of anyone that would like to play for Kingston Colts then please contact us.

Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons now revolve around football again for Kingston Colts families, but it's good to get out in the fresh air and see our teams in action. Hopefully we will have some decent weather before winter sets in, and as always, please feel welcome to come along and support your local youth teams. For more information, fixtures, results, etc, on our Club please go to www.kingstoncolts.co.uk or www.wdyfl.org.

Andy Gardner



Classic Murray Walker Motor Racing Gaffes: 4

"It's lap 26 of 58, which unless I'm very much mistaken is half way"

"You might not think that's cricket, and it's not, it's motor racing"

Three Men and a Boat: Part 4. An epic tale of life on the water for charity

15th June – we had an early start to make our way back to Lower Foxhangers dealing with over 7 locks and 4 swing bridges plus an increase of traffic on the canal. In some cases this helped us in our journey back since one or two locks were opened in our favour. The disadvantage to our boat was that it had a large beam, and therefore it was impossible to share a lock with any other boat. In addition the weather had not always been in our favour. 3 days of very strong winds not only made the boat difficult to steer, but reminded John how similar it was to a sailing boat. We made it to Bridge 149, and moored up. It was pouring with rain. We had lunch at the 3 Magpies Public House, and Richard had contacted Gordon to pick us up. After the meal, paid for by Didcot Rotary Club, we embarked on the last leg of our journey whilst the passengers cleaned the boat, and there on the marina was Gordon to greet us. The boat was moored and secured, and we said farewell to Ann and Janice and their charges. Richard and John were impressed by the dedication, empathy, love and warmth and being firm when necessary shown to their charges by Ann and Janice.

So 3 men and a boat ended up as 2 men and a boat – was it worth it? The hours were long – sleep was short (so were the bunks) – the Style Acres endured wet and windy weather as did Richard John and Alan on the odd occasion! Arms, legs, ankles, knees, aching and swollen, walking zombies comes to mind. YES. The Diana was



the 4th boat to join the fleet in 1988 - has a large foredeck and sliding sun roof. She can accommodate up to ten people: four in wide berths at the front and six in bunks in the rear compartments – the bottom bunks are low-level for easier access. She has a fully equipped galley with cooker and fridge, central heating, an airing cupboard, two flushing, specially-fitted WCs and a



Sailor John

specially-fitted shower. She has wide-access ramps for boarding at the stern deck and a hydraulic lift down into the boat and internal steps or another hydraulic lift to the foredeck. *John Smith*

PART-TIME ADMIN ASSISTANT

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Experience of Microsoft Word, Outlook & Excel would be preferable.

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Springfield, Church Road, Northmoor,
Witney, Oxon. OX29 5SS
T: 01865 300004 M: 07860 590262
Email: john.davis.dairy@mail.com

PART-TIME ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT

Approx. 20 per week – Flexible

Maternity Cover

Working within a family orientated, agriculturally based company, we are looking for a methodical, organised team player to work within our small team, with a flexible approach and a sense of humour!

Experience in Sage and Excel required including: sales, purchase & nominal ledger, stock control, VAT, bank reconciliation, credit control, and production of monthly management figures.

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1st Longworth Scout Group

1st Longworth Scout Group Annual Family Camp Blackwell Adventure, Bromsgrove 6th – 8th September 2013

Early in the morning of Friday 6th Sept we set off carrying everything needed for a weekend's camping plus a service crew of 11 adults to Blackwell Adventure. We hire a marquee already pitched at Blackwell and join the mess tent to it. A quick lunch break then back to getting camp ready. The families start to arrive from 5pm and the campsite slowly fills up with tents being pitched by the parents while the children, this year from 2 years of age, quickly start to play and explore. (All parents have to take a turn at food prep, cooking, serving or washing up in the mess tent once over the weekend). After a supper of hotdogs and soup the children are put to bed and the parents have a quiet(ish) chat and drink before turning in. Saturday has activities for those that want to join in, sort equipment, prep and cook food etc. After tea we have a camp fire with songs and skits involving both children and adults, followed by hot chocolate and cake. Then a repeat of bed for the little ones etc.

Sunday includes taking everything back down and packing away. After lunch, camp closes the families leave and we finish loading the truck, pay the camp fees and say Thank you and goodbye to the Blackwell staff. On arrival back at the Scout Hut we unload the truck then go home and collapse! Monday evening sees us back at the Hut cleaning and starting to put away the kit. This can take a few evenings if the tents are damp/wet and how tired we still are. Group Family Camp is very tiring for the crew but we enjoy it as much, if not more, than the families do. There are always many happy, proud and also funny moments every year to look back on. Both Akela and Mrs Badger—the camp leaders—would like to thank our fantastic service crew again for all of their hard work and help. Badger, Q, Skip, DB, Lawrence, Tim, Sarah, Lorraine and Rob we really couldn't do it without your unfailing help. (Please go to 1stLongworthscoutgroup.co.uk to view pictures of this camp) A few of the Beaver section, aged 6 to 8 years old, have written, in their own words, short reports about Group Family Camp 2013

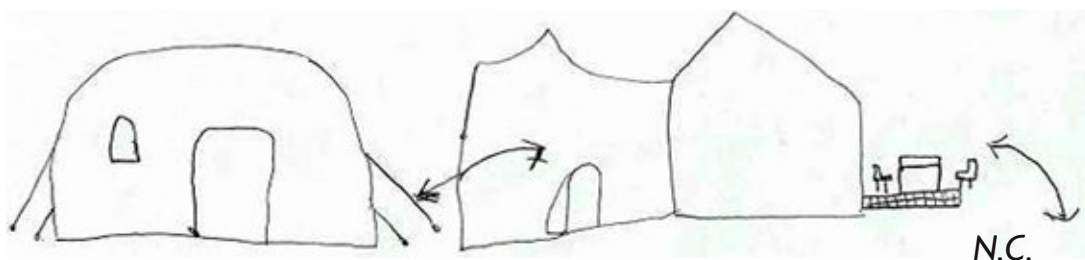
Family Camp 2013. *My favourite activity was the 3G Swing because I like going up and down. I also did the Zipwire and Grass Sledging. I went upside down on the Zipwire. I also enjoyed the camp fire.* By D. G.

My First Beaver Camp. *When we got to the camp I helped put the tent up. On Saturday morning I did Grass Sledging and Climbing. I got to sledge seven times and it was fun. I did not like to bring the sledge back up the hill. When I did Zipwire it was epic when we went down and throw (through) the trees and felt scary when you go up the steps. I liked all of the food but I didn't like the hot chocolate when it was hot.*

I did the mornings with Daddy and the afternoons with Mummy. I didn't like going verre (very) high. On Sunday I did Canoeing and I didn't like getting wet. By K. M.

Family Camp. *I enjoyed family camp. I liked the Zipwire best because it was scary and fast but very fun. I really enjoyed Grass Sledging I did not expect it would go so fast. I liked the Camp Fire because everyone was doing funny things and singing funny songs. Thank you for a great time.* By D. F.

Family Camp. *I had a good time. I did Wall Climbing and Archery. I did an act at Campfire with the BEAVERS and I really enjoyed it. We all ate together in a big tent and that was good fun and I liked sleeping in a tent and being with my brothers. There were lots of balls and hula hoops to use and I went to the shop and bought a badge to go on my blanket. These are some of the good things that I did at Family Camp.* By N. C.



The Last Word: Credit where it's due

We are fortunate in this village to be served by a multitude of small businesses offering great service from hardworking folk who turn up when they say they will and do what they say they will do. We have just had three bedrooms decorated by 'Handyman' Simon from Hanney Road who was prompt extremely hardworking and very pleasant. He did a great job and being so local was there on the dot of 8am brushes in hand. Highly recommended.

Enter the carpet fitters. We have used Manor Flooring before and again they lived up to their reputation with us measuring up, delivering carpet samples good communications and excellent fitting service which included moving the furniture, nice touch. Again pleasant people, Dan and Jim, fitting carpets with the speed of a wheel change at Silverstone, amazing.

Lance Bassett