

# KBS NEWS

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**A year on - we say.....**

### **John Blandy is a Good School!**



It has been a busy first term for all at John Blandy with four new teachers to get to know and lots of new children to settle in! We have had our exam results through and we have made excellent progress over the last academic year. Most significantly is the percentage of children leaving Reception with a Good Level of Development which in 2014 was 75%, up from 19% in 2013! At the other end of the school, in Year Six, the children did brilliantly in their SATs. We were above the national average of attaining level 5 (above age related expectations) in Reading, Maths and Spelling Punctuation and Grammar. Well done to all the children and the staff!

We started this year with the grand unveiling of our new classroom (the old ICT room!). It is wonderful to have single year groups in each class, and to have such small classes in the older years. We have also been busy fundraising this term, with events raising funds for type one diabetes, Dahl's Children's charity and Macmillan, as well as events to raise funds for the school such as the film night and the Halloween disco which will be held later this week.

We celebrated 'Dahlicious Day' on the 26th September in style; coming to school dressed as our

favourite Roald Dahl characters in aid of the Dahl Children's Charity. Not only did we have

a good day, but we raised £152.00 for poorly children too!

Also on the 26th September, we held a Macmillan coffee morning. Mums and Dads stayed for tea and cake after the morning drop off, and the Year Six children set up and ran a cake shop at break time. The combined efforts resulted in £241.07 being raised for Macmillan- thank you to all that supported this event. Just last week we all came to school in our onesies and pyjamas to raise awareness and funds for type one diabetes. One of the children has type one diabetes and she wrote me a letter requesting we hold a 'type onesie day' to help her friends understand her condition and raise funds to help find a cure. How could I refuse! This was a very successful event (amount raised TBC) and a lot of fun to come to school in our onesies!

As we draw a close to the first term, we are also reflecting on our one year anniversary since our inspection. We welcomed an Ofsted team into school on the 22nd and 23rd October 2013, and they found the school to be 'Requiring Improvement'. We have all worked incredibly hard over the last twelve months, and I am thrilled to announce that we now judge ourselves to be Good in all areas against the new Ofsted framework. This is a significant achievement and one which we are all extremely proud of. I would like to say thank you to the staff, parents, governors and most importantly our children for their enthusiasm, hard work and commitment to the school and the high quality education it provides.

*Mrs Clare Silvester, Headteacher*

*Photo shows our Harvest Celebration at the church. We donated non-perishable goods to the Oxford Food Bank.*



**Have your say on Public Art in the Village. See page 18**

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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*

There is what would appear to be a secret device on the steering column of most vehicles. It is easy to locate and easy to use, but seldom put into play by drivers. "What is it?" I hear you cry. Well, it's called an indicator switch. The idea is simple, if you intend to turn left or right in the near future, you exercise the item to give drivers behind or ahead a chance to guess your movements. Now, based on the premise use it or lose it, I imagine in the near future vehicle manufacturers will be leaving off this useful appliance.

It is so easy to use that it is a wonder more people don't get involved in this aspect of driving. And here's the thing, it's self-cancelling so you don't even have to exert yourself to turn the switch off.

Buses of course gave up using this gadget years ago and the less said about commercial vehicles the better, but trust me car drivers of all political parties can make a difference. The slogan could be 'Switch on to the Indicator'. Or not.

If anyone doubts my misgivings, visit the roundabout by the Hinds Head for a few minutes and play the lottery of guessing which way the traffic is going. So let's all try and keep the indicator alive by using it as intended and giving the poor wretch driving behind a fighting chance of calculating your intentions.



## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

NB NEW WEBSITE: <http://stjb.churchinsight.com/>

\*\*\* A huge thank you to everyone in the village who helped with our Harvest food collection – very many thanks for all your help \*\*\*

- Sunday 2nd November 9.00am Bereavement service Revd David Pickering  
 10.30am Morning Worship Speaker: Mr Stephen Haywood
- Sunday 9th November 10.00am Remembrance Sunday All-Age Service Speaker: Revd Andrew Symes  
 (NB 10.00 am on 9th Nov only)
- Sunday 16th November 9.00am Holy Communion Speaker: Mr Stephen Haywood  
 10.30am Questions of Life Service Speaker: Revd Margaret Whipp
- Sunday 23rd November 9.00am & 10.30am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
- Sunday 30th November 9.00am Holy Communion Speaker: Mr Ian Blelloch  
 10.00am Eight Villages Cluster Service (at Marcham) Speaker: TBC  
 10.30am Café Church Speaker: Mr Ian Blelloch



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

**NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS: SUNDAY 2nd 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.

**SATURDAY 8th NOVEMBER – THE FUN FACTOR:** Our brilliant annual family event, 11.00am-1.30pm in the Village Hall. Creative fun for all the family, arts and crafts, activities and a storyteller. A light lunch will be provided. KBS Café will be open during the event.

**SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE:** We again begin our service at 10.00, and have the main part of the service in church (hymns, talk, prayers), 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. This year I am happy to say that we will have a detachment of soldiers from Shippon with us, thanks to Brian Forster. (There will be no 9.00 service on Remembrance Sunday.)

**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 Fridays).

### Fyfield Baptist Chapel

#### Morning Service & Sunday School Sunday 11.00 am

Communion monthly 2nd Sundays  
 location: (south side of main village)  
 Digging Lane, Fyfield OX13 5LY

more information:  
[www.fyfieldchapel.org.uk](http://www.fyfieldchapel.org.uk)  
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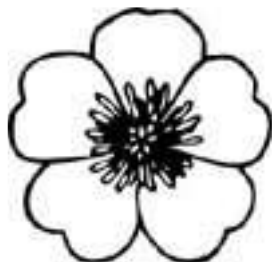
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#### BUCKLAND AND FARINGDON PARISH CENTRED AT BLESSED HUGH CHURCH FARINGDON

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

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

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



*KBS Remembrance Day Service  
 will be held 10.00am on November 9th  
 in St John the Baptist Church followed  
 by laying of the wreaths at the  
 Memorial Crescent*

## KBS NEWS

Please note the AGM of the KBS News  
 will take place in Monday November 24th  
 at 8pm in the Swallow Room, all welcome.



## VILLAGE VOICES



*After reading an article in the KBS News recently, I thought that the enclosed photo of a tree in our village just about sums up the the way in which the Vale planners treat the views of both the Parish Council and the*

*residents. Village resident, name and address supplied.  
(Just about says it all - Ed.)*

*Sorry to hear the Log Cabin has closed down. Another village facility bites the dust. Best wishes for the future to Neil and his family, let's hope he can find a buyer for his business.*

Dear Editor, I was unable to go to the meeting last night about S106 proposals, but I urged one or two of the male attendees to bring up the suggestion of making a Skate Park in the village for the younger members of our community and I hope they did so. It's about time we stopped simply being dismayed at acts of vandalism around the village and worrying about the amount of time they spend in front of a screen etc and provided them with an attractive outdoor alternative - and a really good Skate Park would go a long way towards making many of them happy.

The church has been successful in raising the cash to fix the bell tower so it should not be beyond us, with developers on every side to put cash in the pot, to find enough funds to do this properly.

Yours sincerely, Alwyn Woolley

David & Sue would like to thank all of you who came on the day, bought raffle tickets or made a contribution to the bucket in the post office. We would also like to give a heartfelt thanks to all our family and friends and colleagues who helped on the day or between them sold an amazing 2500 raffle tickets. We feel overwhelmed and comforted by the support which is helping us cope with this evil disease which David has. We have made an incredible £6000.57! £2000 has gone to the MND research at the John Radcliffe and £4000.57 has gone to the MND association through whom we have been given David's wheelchair which keeps him a little independence and continue to support us. Thank you once again David and Sue Butler .

*The 'On the Buses' debate continues from last month.....*

I think they are missing the point. The signs in bus shelters must be the expensive part - i.e. to make them link to the internet and give them power to work. But for people in a village like yours they are not really needed. I can see the point in a town where if a bus is running 15 minutes late you can maybe do some extra shopping, have a cup of coffee, decide to take another bus or take a taxi. In KB what benefit is it to come to a bus stop and find the bus is late and all you can do is wait. There are not many alternatives you can take.

When I used the 66 bus it had wifi access and so the buses are connected to the internet. So the bus can already pass real time details to Oxon times or stagecoach web sites. On my phone or on the sat nav in my car I know exactly where I am and so to put that on a bus could only cost a very small £100. So link that to the internet and they know where the 66 buses are.

The real benefit I saw when I was in the village was that with the buses linked to oxon times for very low cost then you could check your phone or computer and then leave the house at the right time. i.e. in winter when it is cold you could see that the bus was 10 minutes late and so leave the house later and only have a couple of minutes in the cold or rain before the bus arrived. It would make the bus more like a taxi and encourage more use ! Considering the cheap cost (i.e. without putting the signs in the shelters) it seems crazy that the bus company does not do it !

*Name & address supplied.*

*Our Parish Transport Representative, Ian Charlton, replies...All I can say in answer is that in October of last year the County Council's Public Transport Officer stated that 'Real time information on rural routes (which included the A420) ' would be too costly to install'. This has since been reiterated as has the fact that the Stagecoach buses on the 66 route are NOT equipped for RTI and will not be until well into 2015.*

*Can anyone say what will happen to our existing Scout HQ, if a new one is built? I do hope it's not going to be demolished! It would be such a shame if it is, as it's part of our village history! Also, what's happened to our Log Cabin? Am I the only one who would much prefer a decent newsagents, rather than a smelly fast food place! Which I'm sure is only adding to the traffic chaos by the shops! Name & Address supplied*

## Village Notice Board

### Congratulations go to...

Mandy Rodway (Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club) & Andy Gardner (Kingston Colts Football Club) who attended a lunch at The Beacon in Wantage, hosted by Mike Badcock, Chairman of the Vale of White Horse District Council.

At the event, the pair, along with 62 other volunteers from within the district, were presented with a Community Award, recognising their hard work, dedication and commitment to their respective sports clubs. They had been nominated for this award by Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council.



### ROAD CLOSURE

Due to drainage soakaway works, part of Blandy Avenue will be closed from November 3rd for three weeks.

The effect of the order, when appropriate traffic signs are displayed, is to prohibit any vehicle from using that part of Blandy Avenue from outside No.10 Blandy Avenue to its junction with Larch Close.

Exemptions are included for emergency services and for the works. The alternative route is via the crescent of Blandy Avenue. This order will remain in force for a maximum period of eighteen months or until the works have been completed whichever is the sooner.

### Entry to primary or infant school - September 2015

*For children born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011*

Families who have a child starting primary or infant school for the first time in the 2015/16 academic year should note the closing dates for applications on paper or on line is 15th January 2015. Parents/Carers must apply by this date, on line at

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or on paper (forms available from the County Council website or a local school).

A reference booklet called 'Starting School' is published on the County Council website and printed copies are available in all infant & primary schools, Children's Centres and libraries.

### For Sale



*Girls Raleigh Krush bike v. good condition £25*



*Children's wooden table (60x60cm) and three Animal wooden chairs £25*



*Andrew James juicer hardly used. Very good condition £30  
Contact Disleys on tel: 820577*



*Out now, Rob Belk's story of a local family hero 'Robert Acton Blandy, Miner, Leader, Legend - a Boer War Epic', an interesting piece of history. Well worth the price of £2 from the usual sources (KB Post Office and the Hist Soc.)*



## FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT? No: 20 Star Inn, Sparsholt, Nr Wantage.

Oh dear, oh dear, where to start. The evening began well with four of us taking an evening drive to the village of Sparsholt, somewhere I had never visited before.

On entering the Star Inn, everything looked right. Beautifully decorated, tables nicely laid out, all looked like efficiency itself. Our pre-meal drinks were served and the menu perused. So far so good.

The first thing to notice? The practice of cranking up the prices by having usual dishes that accompany a meal as extras. An idea that is becoming more and more popular it seems, though not with the customers I fancy.

We skipped the starters, as there was little choice for the vegetarian bride and went straight for the main course. I chose the dressed cod, £18.95 for the fish and an extra £3 for half a dozen chips. See where this is going?

We sat down at 8pm and the food duly arrived just before 9 o'clock! In fairness everyone enjoyed their food and my cod was delicious, but having said that I was still very hungry. The bride had the risotto which portion wise resembled a starter, then my plate was removed before the rest of the party had finished, Tut Tut.

Filling up on bread rolls wasn't the way I planned to spend a gourmet Saturday night but hey perhaps the puddings would make up for it. The White Crème Brulee beckoned all four of us from the menu. What's this only one portion left? OK these things happen, so being the gentleman I had the cheese. Four portions of cheese, a few biscuits and chutneys - excellent.

Another of our party had to ask for a knife for her cheesecake, and by now our napkins had been removed so they had to be replaced, golly this is fun.

Enough, The bill was requested and came to over £174. This is for four main courses and puddings and two bottles of wine at £18 each. Wow! It was then noticed they had charged for a third bottle of wine we never had, that reduced the damage to £156.

Calling a senior member of staff, very pleasant chap, the failings of the evening were discussed and he did reduce the bill by £30. Quite right. This outcome wasn't the intention of the complaint but he handled it skilfully and it went some way to repairing the damaged evening.

The Star Inn was a disappointment and on the value-for-money scale I thought expensive with the starters kicking off at £8-£9 (although the soup was £5.95). True the staff were friendly and courteous but the wait for the meal was totally unacceptable. *Eton Lovett.*

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*'Good News Mom....I've been accepted  
to the University of your choice'*

**Note: The Wine Quartet seem to have gone AWOL, but I am reliably assured they will be back next month with their Christmas selection**



## THAMES WATER FACE A BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS

At the Parish Council meeting on 6th October, representatives from Thames Water faced an onslaught of questions from members of the public over the seemingly lack of progress on the sewage problems affecting the village. Russell Harvey, Contract Manager, from Thames Water did his best to assure residents from the Blandy estate, who have had horrific problems with foul water, that they had fixed the flooding temporarily and a man was stationed on site for 24 hours a day until the new sewerage system can be put in place. With September this year having been the driest on record, it remains to be seen if the plan has worked. In response to the question of how long the encampment on the corner of Bellamy Close will be in place, the answer was hopefully up until April next year or even 12 months from now.

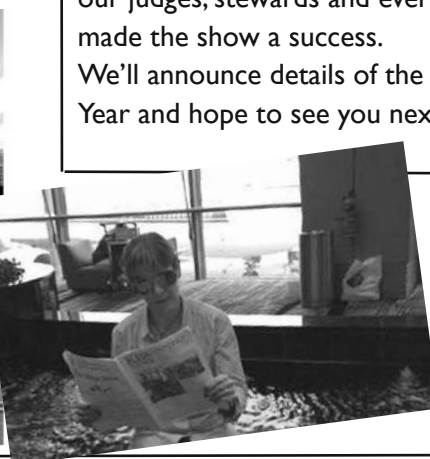
## SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

*In our October meeting a demonstration by Heather Holland showed us all how to make silk beads. This was very interesting and fairly easy and we all learned that we can make necklaces quite cheaply with old beads and scarves, the colour of our choice, from Charity shops. The scarves preferably silk ones or lightweight ones make very pretty beads.*

*We had our usual sales table and raffle and enjoyed coffee and cakes/biscuits all for just £2.*

*Why not come along and join us. We are a small friendly group and we meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 2 pm - 4 pm in the Swallow Room. One of our members, Billie Chandler, is recovering from a hip replacement and we all send Billie our best wishes and hope she will be able to join us again in the near future. Details from Pat 820775*

## Out and About with the KBS News



*Southmoor's Alison Ritchie has a quick read of her KBS News during recent travels to Singapore and Brisbane, Australia.*



## WORDS OF WISDOM

Political ability is the ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month and next year. And to have the ability afterward to explain why it didn't happen. *Winston Churchill*

## Village Show 2014



The Village Show took place on Saturday 13 September. This year the Village Hall was filled with over 360 entries, ranging from flowers and vegetables, to crafts, to household items like cakes and chutneys. The number of entries is the best in three years - with a significant number coming from 22 non-members. Thank you to all of you for taking part - it helps to make a great display and a fun show. On show day, the hall is a busy hubbub. Exhibitors bring in their entries before the 10am curfew, many in a last minute rush. Then the judges arrive and begin their work. Judging takes almost two hours, after which the judges and their stewards have a well earned lunch.

At 2pm the doors open for public viewing - and for people to see how their entries have been judged. It was a busy afternoon; thank you to everyone who visited. At the end of the afternoon the prizes were awarded: Rebecca Gill won the Lady Tweedsmuir Trophy for most points in the show, Simon Dando overall in the vegetable classes, Janet Smith overall in the household classes and Rebecca Pickering won the prize for the non-member with the most points. I'm sure everyone who enjoyed the day would like me to pass on their thanks to Julie Carpenter and the show committee for organising, and Sylvia, Sue W, Mary Elizabeth, Sue M, and Pam for doing the teas, all our judges, stewards and everyone else who helped made the show a success.

We'll announce details of the 2015 show in the New Year and hope to see you next Autumn. *Paul Gill.*

## KBS News abroad:

I read with interest the article last month from Ian and Jenny Charlton following their picture and visit to Colditz Castle. By coincidence my wife and I were visiting Slovakia about the same time and visited the Novohrad Museum in Lucenec a town in central Slovakia. The museum has a section dedicated to the atrocities inflicted on the town's Jewish population during WW2 when the entire Jewish community were sent off to Auschwitz by the occupying Germans. Pictured are myself and Elsa with the September KBS News at the Russian Memorial erected in the town centre of Lucenec during the communist occupation of Slovakia after the war in 1945. Ron Green



## 1st Southmoor Guides

We started our term with an evening at Millets Maze and were lucky with lovely weather for the evening, we also had great weather for our cookout where the girls made pizzas and smores – both with great success. We have also had a photographer visit us to teach us how to take a good photo and of course a great selfie! Older Guides can participate in the Baden Powell scheme – similar to the Duke of Edinburgh and we have several Guides working through this at

the moment. Emma Shorter organised a fashion night using bags and the Guides were incredibly creative and came up with some great designs. We are going to the New Forest for a long weekend during October half term and hope our luck with the weather continues. Our trip will include a visit to a Country Park, kite flying, den building, archery, giant zip wire and of course a Hollywood party!

Girlguiding need a District Commissioner to lead the villages around Abingdon, you do not have to be a member of Girlguiding to carry out this role. You would visit units, cascade emails down to units and help with some administration and computer work. If you are interested in contributing towards this great organisation but do not want a weekly role, this could be for you. Details can be found on [Girlguiding.org.uk](http://Girlguiding.org.uk) – <https://enquiryv.girlguiding.org.uk/>. Someone from Girlguiding will then be in touch. We meet on Wednesdays at 7pm to 8.30pm in the Swallow Room at the Village Hall and can be contacted at [southmoorguides@gmail.com](mailto:southmoorguides@gmail.com). Our leaders are Sarah Harris, Sally Dance and Carole Armstrong.



## Keith's Kartoon Komment



I'm sending a Tornado to KBS.  
The KBS News Editor says  
"the whole place is like a  
battlefield!!"

Er—Yes—But.



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## Ron's Green Gardening Tips for November

If you have grown pumpkins, winter squashes and marrows this year leave the plant for as long as possible this will ensure the best flavour, but cut and remove before any frost occurs. These should then be 'cured' in a warm place for about two weeks to allow the outer skin to harden. Afterwards they can be stored in a dry frost-free place until they are needed for cooking, delicious roasted or boiled with a knob of butter. Remember when storing vegetables do check them regularly, especially onions for softness and neck rot. This month you can sow broad beans outdoors for an early crop in May or June next year when these plants are less likely to attract black fly in the spring. Also, prepare the beds for growing onion sets.

November is usually the best month for planting most varieties of fruit whilst the soil is still warm to enable the roots to establish themselves before winter. Select the position for planting and prepare the hole immediately before planting ensuring plenty of room for the roots. Work-in a generous helping of well-rotted compost (homemade if you have it) add a sprinkling of root fertilizer and water well, heel in with top soil then add a top layer of compost to retain the moisture and suppress weeds. Stake the plant if necessary, prune to shape, and remove any damaged branches.

Garden ponds; these are not only an attractive feature but also attract birds and wild creatures to the garden. To keep your pond in good condition thin out some of the underwater oxygenating plants and any underwater decayed vegetation. Remove old water lily leaves and protect the surface from falling leaves by covering the complete surface area with small-mesh netting. This is best stretched over a frame, which can be easily lifted to remove the gathered leaves. Whilst removing debris this also gives an opportunity to remove the submersible pump to clean and store away safely ready for next spring. There is no need to feed fish in the pond when the days become colder.

My favourite vegetable of the month is Beetroot delicious roasted, boiled or even pickled. Easy to grow from seed in March and ready to harvest late summer or autumn.



### Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4th November at 7.15 for 7.30 pm at the Village Hall in Draycott Road, Southmoor. OX13 5BY. This will be the important Annual General Meeting. Yes, there will be the usual official business but also this year we are offering something different. There will a glass of wine and some nibbles

but there will be another surprise waiting! We will hold our usual raffle and our members' table where you may pick up a plant or garden goody with all donations going to our chosen charity.

Annual membership to the club is £10, which includes admission to all the regular monthly meetings. Visitors are always welcome at £3 per regular meeting, including tea or coffee and biscuits. Tickets will also be on sale for the Gardening Clubs Christmas party on December 2nd with entertainment.

For more information about Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club, call Steve or Sharon on 01865 820399 or email [skbgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:skbgardeningclub@gmail.com) *Ron Green*



### KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR

The café is held every Thursday (except Christmas - New Year) from 9am – noon at Southmoor Village Hall, Draycott Road. We serve Fair Trade tea, coffee and hot chocolate, and squash, together with 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.

Now the weather is cooler we are once again serving our delicious bacon sandwiches, with bacon from local farm shops.

Advance notice: Our annual Christmas party will be on Thursday 18th December. There will be festive foods, Christmas crackers, a free raffle, and a visit from Father Christmas.

We do need new volunteers to join our team. It would only mean helping for one morning approximately every two months. If anyone is interested, please contact Jenny Bone on 01865 820368.

The KBS Café is the perfect place to meet old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome, from 0 – 100+. We look forward to seeing you. If anyone needs a lift please contact one of us on the numbers below.

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

Jenny Bone (820368) Carole Watts (821710)

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## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.

Our October meeting was what is generally known as the Members' meeting because it is usually run by a small group of ladies who volunteer to organise the evening in order to give the committee the month off. I volunteered and was ably assisted by Sue Weaving, Joan Weaving, Hilary Clements, and Victoria Paleit. Our guest speaker was Bess Harris from Botley who gave us a fascinating talk about the history of teddy bears. She brought along a wonderful selection of teddies from her huge collection and her talk was enjoyed by the well attended meeting with over forty members present. Six visitors came and two new members joined, so our numbers are growing. The competition, which was to bring along a child's old story book, was won by Ruth Reynolds. Next month's meeting will be held on 11th November. The competition is a nail varnish. Our meetings always take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Southmoor Village Hall at 7.30pm. New members are always very welcome. We have our own website and Facebook page where more information is always available. *Pat Dando*



## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE DRAMA GROUP

After lots of hard work the drama group is really looking forward to presenting 'Kindertransport' at the end of this month. Rehearsals have gone well, the set has been built, and our technical team led by Ian Ashby, has risen to the lighting and sound challenges this production presents.

The play alternates swiftly between the late 1930s and 1980s with varying locations. These include two completely different domestic settings and additionally a train station, train carriage and on board a boat. This means that lighting and sound are critical to evoking a sense of time and place and we couldn't have contemplated this production without such a committed technical crew.

Period props and costumes have also had to be sourced, so for the past few months we have been scouring attics, charity shops and e-bay to find the right items for as little money as possible. We are lucky to have access to The Oxfordshire Drama Wardrobe, an amazing resource that has been supplying costumes for amateur productions since before World War II. Anything we have been unable to find from their collection of 6000 items has been made by members of the group.

'Kindertransport', examines the life, during World War II and afterwards, of a Kindertransport child. The central character 'Eva' is played by Ruby Belcher, a Year 9 student who is acting with KBDG for the first time. The role of Eva presents several challenges, as the actress playing her needs to be able to portray the character between the ages of 12 and 17, speak English with a German accent and then later with a northern accent, occasionally speak in German as well as sing and play the harmonica. All this on top of the 'run of the mill' remembering of lines and moves. The picture shows Ruby in rehearsal.

'Kindertransport' is currently a GCSE Drama text so our production may also be of interest to anybody currently studying drama at school, and is suitable for Y6 upwards.

Performance dates are 27-29th November at the village hall. Tickets will be available to purchase in the village, via [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com) or by calling 01865 736913 or by turning up on the night. We would advise pre-booking by phone as we have already sold a number of seats for each night. We will have a fully licensed bar and will also be serving teas and coffees. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. *Sarah Curran*

## The Way We Were



*This photo was taken by Chris Love on 18th May 1988 following an incident at the Draycott, Faringdon and Hanney Road junction, involving a car and a van. Luckily with no serious injuries. A word of caution with the increasing vehicle movements using this busy junction at peak times from Draycott Wood plus school runs, and the shortly to be occupied new homes off Draycott Road are such scenes likely to be a more common occurrence?*



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The October meeting of the KBS Parish Council took place on Monday 6th October in the Village Hall, together with Melinda Tilley (District & County Clr.) Mr. R. Harvey (Thames Water) plus other engineers and 15 members of the Public.

Mr. Harvey explained that plans have yet to be finalised to resolve the current foul water blockages, and at the same time provide for the Witney Road 'development'. A replacement sewer through Bellamy Close/Norwood Avenue is currently proposed, with a larger bore in certain sections. The likely completion date is currently forecast for April 2015, some 12 months from the start of the additional pumping! Surveys have shown that at least two sections of sewer have either collapsed or disintegrated, particularly down the School path, which will require full excavation and possible closure for a period, together with re-connection to the main sewer in the Faringdon Road. Members of the public who have experienced overflows and contamination of their property, demanded the installation of a high level float alarm; notwithstanding the provision of a watchman who is positioned at the pump in the Faringdon Road 24/7, who had failed to spot pump failure; which resulted in flooding on the previous occasion. Information will be obtained on the capacity of the existing Sewage Works, and whether an increase in capacity will be required to meet the additional demand once the current developments are occupied, let alone the further proposals that are coming forward! It was also agreed to report on the apparent change of route of the sewer connection from the Draycott Road site towards Beggars Lane and any potential environmental impact of the current pumping of surface water from this site. Members of the public raised their concerns regarding the impact of current and future developments on local infrastructure. The proposal for a Strategic Site for 280 dwellings, north of the Oxford Road, is of special concern.

The recent consultation by David Wilson Homes, who plan 80 dwellings, north of Field Close, was criticised for its failure to address issues, including John Blandy Primary School being full by Sept 2015, or earlier. **Report from District & County Councillor:** Mrs Tilley agreed to investigate the apparent disproportionate demands by the VWHDC for S106 funding on the sports field development to the detriment of the football and cricket clubs; and to identify a Road Safety Officer within OCC to attend a future meeting in order to address local concerns. **Planning:** Two received, both for extensions. For full details, please refer to October minutes. **Decisions:** One Received. Granted. Land to rear of Eden Cottage. One dwelling. **Accounts:** For full details of payments, please refer to October minutes. **Internal Auditor:** The appointment of Arrow Consulting for 2014/15 was approved. **Annual Return:** The external audit has been completed, approved and accepted by the Council. The return is available for scrutiny, apply to Parish Clerk. **Donations:** £300 to KBS14+ £100 to Oxfordshire Assoc. For the Blind were Approved. **Road Safety:** A public consultation document on a Zebra Crossing on the Abingdon Rd. in the Hinds Head area will be advertised, with a view to determining the best location. Costs to be born by S106 payments from David Wilson Homes, Witney Road site. The need for a crossing on the Faringdon Road close to the School will be brought to the attention of the VWHDC Planning Dept and OCC Highways, in order that costs can be met by S106 payments from one or all of forthcoming developments.

Land to be leased or purchased under S106 Agreements: **Sports field and Pavilion:** A copy of the licence agreement for signature is awaited. This will allow the S106 agreement to be finalised with the developer and the Vale. Some minor issues remain before a lease document to the Parish Council can be signed. **Land to South of Pye development:-** No further progress. **Land adjacent to Village Hall:** A further meeting to be arranged with Taylor Wimpey to discuss this and other issues. **Land off the Witney Road:**

**Correspondence:** OCC Review of bus services. The 63 is most unlikely to continue after May 2015, links to route 66, e.g. Community bus, will be investigated. The 66 will no longer receive a subsidy, resulting in no journeys diverting from the A420 through the smaller Villages. Council will respond regretting and objecting to loss of 66 journeys through the villages, especially the late night return from Oxford OCC Consultation on Mobile **Library Service.** The budget will remain unchanged but some changes are planned, users are advised to watch carefully for any degradation of the service, and voice their objections, as necessary. **Village Amenities:** Recreation Grounds: The memorial seat to Matt Kucinski has been installed in the large recreation ground, following a public donation. The clerk will follow up the order for the replacement See-Saw, and determine if installation can take place whilst the access gate is obstructed by the sewage pump and pipelines.

**Burial Ground.** The boundary wall has developed further large cracks. Mr Dando, P.C.C. will monitor condition. **War Memorial:** A Honour guard of 18 soldiers from Dalton Barracks, Abingdon will attend the Remembrance Day service and wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial Green. **Faults:** The surface of the A415/A420 roundabout continues to deteriorate, as does the Faringdon Road/A415 Mini roundabout. Referred to OCC Highways, YET AGAIN! The lighting on the footpath from Fir Tree Close/School path is obscured by the tall Leylandii hedge. (It was a condition of planning consent that this hedge was to be maintained by the residents of the houses erected and bounded by this hedge)

Next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 3rd November in the Village Hall at 7p.m. *Brian Forster, Chairman*



## SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL



It has been a pleasure to welcome all of our new families to Pre-School. The children have had lots of fun exploring and making new friends... This term we have been learning about our families. The children have shared photos of their families and produced some fantastic artwork. We have also celebrated harvest time by looking at the story of The Little Red Hen, baking (and tasting) different types of bread, learning where food comes from and playing in the greengrocers.

We are running a Bags 2 School collection in November. So if you have any clothes, shoes, bags or soft toys that you no longer need please give them to us! If you can bring the items along to



preschool on the Thursday 20th November by 9am we

would be very grateful for your donation. All money raised will go to providing equipment and resources for the preschool.

If you are interested in a pre-school place we are currently taking children aged from 2 years and 4 months. There are several places still left for 2015. 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](mailto:southmoorpre-school@live.co.uk). Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 17th December 11:00am 1:00pm – Christmas Party including special guest Father Christmas  
Friday 19th December 11:45am – End of term. *Marie Siviter, Committee Member*



## Longworth & District History Society



The next meeting is on 20th November, 7.15 for 7.30pm and will be held in Southmoor Village Hall, for a talk entitled 'Steam and Steel in the Vale of the White Horse', given by Tony Hadland. Tony is a local historian and chairman of Oxfordshire Local History Association.

For our October meeting we had a lively, amusing and very informative talk by Colin Oakes on the life and times of Samuel Pepys. Pepys was a gifted diarist who left a vivid record (1¼ million words, much of it in shorthand) about his life in 17th Century London. He efficiently reorganised the administration of the Navy, worked as an MP and survived living in London during periodic episodes of the plague. They had no idea of what caused the plague. London life of this era included butchering animals in the streets, multitude of rats feeding on the left overs and fleas feeding on the rats. The decaying debris was gradually washed down the centre of the road until eventually flowing into the Thames. When the rats died the fleas left in search of a new host, often a human, who could then be infected by bubonic plague. He also described the horrific fire of 1666 when so much of London was destroyed when a negligent baker didn't cover his fire one night when he went to bed. The fire spread quickly through the tightly-packed houses and also destroyed 87 churches including St Paul's Cathedral. Janet Keene

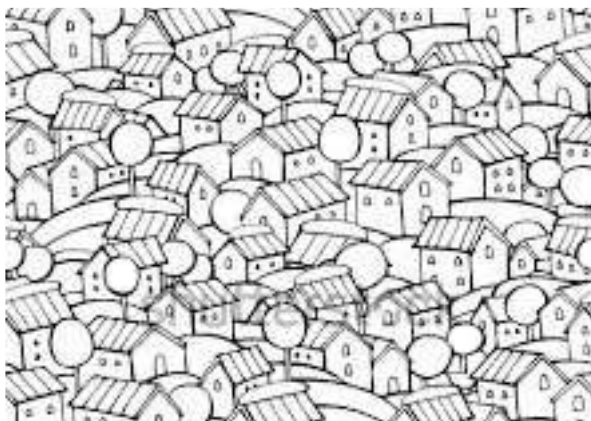
We are very pleased that Colin Oakes will return to our Christmas Feast to tell us about "Dickens and Christmas". This will be held in Southmoor Village Hall on 4th December at 6.45 for a 7.00 start. Tickets are available for the Christmas feast from Pam Woodward 820500. £10 per person.

On 4th October nine members visited the Canal Museum in Wantage, which is housed in the tiny historic Sack House at Wantage Wharf. The Museum is designed to provide information on the history and working of the Canal in Wantage and to put the building in context within the industrial archaeology of the town e.g. the proximity to the Town Mill, and how the coming of the Canal changed the lives of the townsfolk. We hope to take a guided walk along the route of The Wantage Canal next Summer. Kathy Fletcher 820193

***Waggon and Horses: Paul and Kim celebrated their first year at The Waggon and Horses on October 11th, they would like to thank everyone for their support during this time and look forward to many more. You raised £200 for Macmillan at the coffee morning and £350 was raised for the Kingston Colts at the recent Race Night. The next race night will be on Saturday 29th November and money raised will go towards a party for our senior citizens in January, they look forward to seeing you all.***



## Youth Matters



Hello, it's me again. I bet you all thought you'd got rid of me, well bad luck. I'll be ~~spanning~~ writing a short column every month. This time, I'll be talking about the ominous shapes that seem to be rising out of the mud along Faringdon Road, like that annoying level on Call of Duty Zombie Whatever. Sorry, back to the point. Yes, I'm talking about the looming presence of three mass house-building sites in our midst. It's as if the faceless boss of Pye homes has simply waved his hand and a huddle of pleasant sandstone houses has popped into existence.

While these houses may be a local pain, traffic problems, etc..., it is true that they need to be built. Our national population growth is going off the charts, and we need more houses to accommodate. Plus, more people means more tax, all the better to pay of our deficit. I think the real problem is why here. I think a better plan of action is developing more brown-field sites. The main problem the Government has with this is that these sites are generally abandoned for a reason, so it is expensive to get rid of this reason in question, but the beauty of places like this is priceless. Greenfield should be a last resort.

For now though, we need to just get used to it. They don't look all too bad, even the ironically named 'Ridgeway View' (there won't be much of a view of the Ridgeway after they're all built), and there are always going to be traffic problems. Besides, who knows, some of our readers might live in one of them, one day. And maybe, with the village's growing population, the Vale might actually build that much needed ice cream parlour that I've sent them a million letters about. *Scott Thomson*

*All seems quiet at the Cherry Pie Diner on the A420. Don't tell me it's closed already? Was Eton Lovett*



*right after all? Anybody know what's happening? Ed.*

## Mark Potts' Kitchen Talk



*There's a brand new head chef at Fallowfields Hotel, Mark Potts.*

*Mark has reinstated the culinary column in the KBS News and kicks off with this great seasonal recipe:*

As the nights are beginning to draw in and it gets colder I want to give a 'winter warmer' recipe. This one is using partridge. It's all cooked in one pot and is really simple to prepare. In a casserole dish put a layer of chopped root veg at the bottom (I use carrots turnips and potatoes). Season the partridge with salt and place on the vegetables. One partridge should serve two people. Pour on half a pint of dry cider and a pint of meat stock, (cube or fresh) and a bay leaf. Place in the oven at 170c for 45 minutes. Take out of the oven and remove the bird and put it onto a board. The stock and vegetables will have cooked and thickened. To finish, put it onto the stove and stir in a teaspoon of tomato puree and a teaspoon of marmite and salt and pepper. It adds flavour and helps to thicken it. It's a bit of a tip to allow the meat to rest for a few minutes. It lets the heat go through evenly and the muscles relax so it's more tender. Carve the breast and leg. Spoon over the vegetables and sauce. It's good served with crusty bread and braised cabbage. Enjoy!!

It's a great time of year for produce, seasonality is very important to the kitchen team here at Fallowfields. I'm very passionate about cooking. My happiest memory is working at Noma in Copenhagen a few years ago, fantastic chefs and amazing food!



*Follow Mark's easy recipe for this fabulous winter warmer*



**FALLOWFIELDS**



## John Blandy School Gardening Club:

The afterschool gardening club started the new Autumn term with twelve pupils from classes 1 to 3. Although younger than previous pupils they appear keen to learn about gardening, and at their first session each were shown how to plant daffodils and how to take care when gardening. In recent sessions the children have planted out strawberry runners, planted broad beans, baby onion sets and gathered the final crop of runner beans, beetroot and tomatoes which were planted last spring. Also one of the highlights recently was to harvest the butternut squashes. There were two fine large samples so the children's names went into a flower pot to see who would take one home.

The after school gardening club is supported by the RHS with funds provided by the Parish Council and the S&KB Gardening Club. Its purpose is to encourage younger children to be involved and understand the cycle of growing from seed to maturity, plant and soil care and the benefits to nature, followed by the resulting pleasure from flowers and herbs to the fruit and vegetables for eating. *Ron Green.*

## Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club – junior presentation night

Nearly 100 junior cricketers, parents & coaches gathered at the club on Friday 5 September for the end of season Junior Presentation evening. Junior cricketers aged from 7 to 16 took part in parents v juniors matches, followed by the presentation of awards for the 2014 season. Later everyone enjoyed a



wonderful curry buffet meal provided by one of the club's sponsors, Tiffins Tandoori, Abingdon.

The award winners were:

- U10 manager's award - Louis Himpson
- U11 most improved player - Zach Morey
- U11 manager's award - Joe Garside
- U13 player of the year - Tom Murray
- U13 most improved player - Luke Jones
- U15 player of the year - Dan Jacob
- U15 most improved player – Mike Billing



## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE & SOUTHMOOR BOWLS CLUB

*At the AGM changes were made to the Committee.*

*Frank Davidson is now President; Mick Fuller has stepped down as Club Captain but remains on the Committee. The new Captain is Frank Abraham. Jaq Ash takes over as Ladies Vice-Captain and Gordon Rothwell is the new short mat Captain. Our Jumble Sale was a great success, thanks to Yvonne and her team of helpers. Our annual presentation dinner was held this year at The Lake View Restaurant at Millets and 57 members attended. It was an enjoyable evening with only a couple of minor complaints, you can never please everyone. The club trophies were presented by Frank Davidson and the Archer Mixed Singles by Life Member Pauline Archer. Our thanks to Bobbie & Jaq for organising the event. The Autumn Triples Club Competition is under way and runs until Mid-December. Six teams are involved playing on a Sunday morning on a round Robin format. Our next tour is scheduled for September 2015 and is now over subscribed, following the success of the one to Bournemouth this year, we are moving along the coast to Weymouth. Our monthly quizzes continue, the next one is on 28th November in the Club House. 8pm start. Mick Fuller (01865 820818)*

John Blandy School

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

Santa, Crafts, Raffle, Refreshments  
Friday 5th December, 3-6pm  
All welcome

Merry Christmas!

Admission 50p



