



# KBS NEWS

## The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village News

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### Nick Boles out the Vale



Ed Vaizey

Matthew Barber

Nick Boles

In a packed Wantage Civic Hall on Sept 20th, Planning Minister, Nick Boles, along with local MP Ed Vaizey and Matthew Barber, leader of the Vale of White Horse District Council, faced an audience from right across the Vale. All were there to question why so much new development was destined for their area.

The usual reasons were wheeled out, lack of building by previous government, need for starter homes, a whole list of guidelines with acronyms that hadn't been followed but little hope of any relief from the onslaught of the bulldozers.

Nothing new was learnt and waiting to put my question asking, "did he think a 27% rise in the housing stock of this village was acceptable" then paled to insignificance when we heard that Shrivenham for instance has 850 houses and is likely to have 500 more thrust upon them and Wantage & Grove have 7500 houses with another 5000 scheduled.

"Development used to be uncontrolled but now is controlled" trilled Mr Boles, "60% of new development is on brown field sites" a number hard to believe especially in rural areas.

The Minister said that building lots of houses brings prices down, that of course only works if the number of buyers is static and isn't growing faster than the number of houses being built, a fact ignored by the Minister. With a barrage of questions from residents of the Vale communities such as Sutton Courtenay, Shrivenham, Faringdon, Great Coxwell, Marcham and Southmoor, the debate was wide ranging, asking why roads and schools weren't built before the houses and why isn't the A34 and A420 being uprated to accommodate the increase in traffic.

With a passing swipe of how easy the older generation had it, Mr Boles offered nothing to appease the strength of feeling from the audience who made it clear the number of houses planned for the Vale is just not acceptable. Lance Bassett

### JOHN BLANDY VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*The new school year has started with many changes for the children of John*



*Blandy. We have two new teachers; Mrs Phipps and Mrs Kittle, as well as a new Headteacher! The classroom names have changed too, and now each class is named after a tree. We have Oak class (Reception), Elm class (Year 1), Horse Chestnut class (Year 2), Walnut class (Years 3 and 4), Sycamore class (Years 4 and 5) and Willow class (Year 6). The children have come back to school with plenty of enthusiasm and have been working very hard already. On Friday 13th we celebrated Roald Dahl's birthday by dressing as our favourite characters from his books. We all settled into the hall to watch Michael Rosen on the BBC's 'Virtually Live' show too! The children were lucky enough to see Lucy Dahl (Roald Dahl's daughter), and catch a glimpse behind the scenes of the West End musicals 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'Matilda'. Even though it was Friday 13th AND Roald Dahl's 'Mischievous and Mayhem' day, the children were impeccably behaved and a good day was had by all.*

*Mrs Clare Silvester- Headteacher*

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

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

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

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

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

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## Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

OK I accept that there cannot be anybody at the BBC TV planning department who is over the age of twelve, but do they have to make it so clear that the views of the older generation do not count?

We are constantly informed by this mighty institution that the younger generation is the future and they must be the ones that form their audience. Fair enough I suppose but considering we are forever being reminded we are an ageing society, you would have thought we might justify more programmes aimed at our generation. I have often mentioned this scenario in this column, and make no apologies for returning to a subject.

Of course it isn't just the BBC, but they are the ones charged by statute to provide programming for all the population. I like a good comedy, but alas the ability to write funny situation comedies for the BBC or any other channel seems to have passed us by. Recent new programmes the critics raved about, Big School and Count Arthur Strong for instance, to me were as funny as the Black Death. They were childish inane scripts performed by a cast that should know better. I guess it is everyone to their own but I find American classics such as Frasier or Everybody Loves Raymond streets ahead of homegrown shows, with less bad language and less dominance on thirty somethings looking for members of the opposite sex. Bring back Last of the Summer Wine that's what I say.

# VILLAGE DIARY

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

October	Day	Time	What & Where (SVH = Southmoor Village Hall)	Page
Tuesday	1st	7.30pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club - SVH	10
Friday	4th		Bowls Club Annual Presentation Dinner - Carswell Golf Club	
Friday	4th	10.30am - 12.30pm	Tubney Church Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy Sale - Brushwood Fm	21
Friday	4th	7.30pm	Baby & Toddler Grp Adults Pub Night Out - Waggon & Horses	17
Monday	7th	7.00pm	KBS Parish Council Meeting – Swallow Room, VH	15
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon &amp; Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15</b>		
Tuesday	8th	7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Womens Institute, - SVH	10
Wednesday	9th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Serendipity Meeting - Swallow Room SVH	9
Saturday	12th	10.00am - 4.00pm	Riding for the Disabled Autumn Fair - Christ Church, Abingdon	6
Saturday	12th	6.00pm	St John's Church KB Harvest Supper & Board Games - SVH	24
Sunday	13th	10.30am	St John's Church KB All Age Harvest Festival - KB Church	24
Sunday	13th	10.30am - 4.00pm	Zedex - Model Railway Exhibition - SVH	16
Sunday	13th	7.30pm	Tubney Church Concert Christminster Singers - Appleton Village Hall	21
Monday	14th	7.00pm	Police & Crime Commissioner Open Meeting - Didcot Civic Hall	22
Tuesday	15th	9.00am	Southmoor Pre-School bags2schools collection - At School	16
Thursday	17th	7.15pm for 7.30pm	Longworth & District History Society - Caroline Jackson - SVH	11
Monday	21st	4.00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for KBS News November Edition	2
Saturday	19th	10.00am >>>	Southmoor Pre-School Family and pre-school photo shoot	16
Sunday	20th	10.30am	Tubney Church Harvest Festival	21
<b>Monday</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>Mobile Library ** 10.05am Waggon &amp; Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15</b>		
Thursday	24th	5.30pm - 7.30pm	Friends of John Blandy - Childrens Halloween Disco	
Friday	25th	8.00pm	KB & S Bowls Club Quiz Night - Bowls Club, Oxford Road	12
Friday	25th	10.00am -11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group Halloween Party - SVH	17
<b>November</b>				
Saturday	2nd	6.30pm for 8.30pm	Longworth Church Firework Display - Longworth Manor	4
Sunday	3rd	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Oxford Fiddle Group <b>'Raise The Roof'</b> Concert - SVH	18
Tuesday	5th		Friends of John Blandy - Annual Fireworks Display	
Friday	15th	10.00am -11.30am	Baby & Toddler Grp Children in Needs fundraiser - SVH	17
Saturday	16th	2.00pm - 3.30pm	1st Longworth Scout Group Jumble Sale,- Scout HQ, Faringdon Rd	23
Saturday	23rd	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Tubney Church Bazaar and Table Top Sale SVH	
Thursday / Friday / Saturday	28th 29th 30th		Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group - 'The O'Connor Girls' SVH	22
<b>December</b>				
Saturday	14th	7.00pm for 7.30pm	1st Longworth Scout Gp, Family Christmas Bingo SVH	
Friday	20th	10.00am -11.30am	Baby & Toddler Grp Christmas Party - SVH	17
Sunday	22nd	4.00pm	Tubney Church Candlelit Carol Service	

**\*\* 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	9am - 10.30am
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	The Scout Hut Faringdon Road Contact Mike Furse 01865 820162	Thursday	6.00pm - 7.15pm
1st Longworth Cubs		Tuesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Longworth Explorers		Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Scouts		Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
Pilates	Southmoor Village Hall	Thursday	7.30pm - 8.30pm
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

KBS News is creating a contacts list for village organisations.

**Pilates \* Pilates Matwork \* Southmoor Karate Club \* Zumba**

Please lets us know who the contacts are for :

Email to [Treasurerkbsnews@googlemail.com](mailto:Treasurerkbsnews@googlemail.com)

# KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

<http://kingstonbagpuizechurch.wordpress.com>



- Sunday 6th October 9.00am Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill  
 10.30am Morning Worship Speaker: Mrs Fiona Beer
- Sunday 13th October 9.00am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering  
 10.30am Harvest All-Age Service: Revd David Pickering & Miss Jenny Weaving
- Sunday 20th October 9.00am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering, Speaker: Dr Stephen Haywood  
 10.30am Questions of Life Service, Speaker: Dr Graham Scott-Brown
- Sunday 27th October 9.00am Holy Communion Revd Keith Triplow  
 10.30am Holy Communion Revd John Wesson, Speaker: Dr Stephen Haywood

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

**SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER – HARVEST SUPPER:** at 6pm in Southmoor Village Hall, a bring and share Harvest Supper with board games for all the family. No cost, no need to book, just come and play board games over supper.

**SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER – HARVEST ALL-AGE SERVICE:** Our Harvest service is at 10.30am on Sunday 13th, with an interactive talk and some great Harvest hymns. Children, Adults and Village Organizations are invited to bring Harvest gifts of food. These will be given to two very good causes: Kingsmoor Day Centre and the Oxford Food Bank (please note: non-perishable food items are easiest for the recipients. If people prefer to give a donation to the work of Kingsmoor or the Oxford Food Bank, this can be brought up, in an envelope, with the other Harvest gifts). As you doubtless know, food banks have sprung up across the country in recent years as many have fallen on hard times, so please give generously.

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

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

### Fyfield Chapel (Evangelical)

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

Sunday Service: 11.00 am

Crèche and Sunday School

Communion: 2nd Sunday in month

Evening Tea & Fellowship

5.30 pm 1st Sunday in month

Home Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

8.00 pm 3rd Friday in month

(for details please email  
or call 01865-769473)

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Priest: Fr Leslie Adams, 1 Coxwell Road, Faringdon, SN7 7EB

Tel: 01367 243510, email: [blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com](mailto:blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com),

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

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

## “A DATE TO REMEMBER”

### Saturday 2nd November

#### FIREWORKS FOR ALL THE FAMILY! OUR 6TH SPECTACULAR DISPLAY

**6.30pm to 8.30pm Longworth Manor Massive bonfire, hog roast, licensed bar and other food**

**Family (2 adults and up to 3 children) £15 Adults £5 Children (below 15) £2.50**

#### Raising funds for The Friends of St Mary's

(A charity set up solely to maintain the fabric of Longworth Church)

*The Friends of St Mary's, Longworth hope you will be able to join us, once again, for what is becoming the autumn event on the Longworth calendar. Last year Berni and his team created a spectacular bonfire themed on The Houses of Parliament. Berni has threatened to amuse us with another entertaining theme again this year. So please come along and join us at Longworth Manor on Saturday 2nd November 6.30-8.30 for an evening of "oohs and aahs"! Martin Eagle 01865 821315*



## VILLAGE VOICES

Martin and Julie left the Waggon and Horses on the 10th September due to the company that they are sub-contracted to having decided after an initial period of reduced rent they do not feel it is financially viable for them to carry on at the full rent set by Greene King.

It was always going to be a struggle with no investment or advertising budget or lack of kitchen equipment and just a small amount for a skip and tidy up that went towards cleaning the carpet and ridding the pub of rubbish, rats and fleas.

The darts and aunt sally teams were lost to the Hinds Head due to the 6 week closure before we got here and a boycott was organised as we were unfairly labelled not family friendly for trying to get drunk parents to have some control over their children and not sit them at the bar plus removing a dangerous slide and a rotten bouncy castle that had been left out all winter. This set the village gossip grapevine into overdrive, so we were up against it. We might still be here if we had the teams, there was no boycott and had turned a blind eye to the under age drinking and drug taking and did late night lock ins. We are too professional to do that and we don't get paid enough to do lock ins. We are not very impressed with some of the youth of the village and their petty vandalism. It's not clever to smash glasses in the street either.

We have mainly enjoyed our time here and would like to thank our customers that have helped and stuck by us. We would like to wish Paul and Kim who are taking on the tenancy with Greene King and providing some much needed investment all the best for the future, and to anyone who has bought a house near a pub you might expect a bit of noise now and again, the pub was there first. The idiot that phoned to complain during the charity day on a Sunday afternoon was beyond belief, a day that raised over £2500 for the Abingdon Stroke Unit. We have also raised over £1000 for the RDA and Helen and Douglas House while we have been here. So its goodbye Southmoor and Kingston Bagpuize we don't know where we are going next but we will take a few happy memories with us. Regards *Martin and Julie*

May I congratulate those responsible for the memorial crescent. It's a tasteful tribute to those who have lost their lives in the wars. What a shame to spoil the area with the permanent erection of flagpoles. This was never in the original plan outlined to Oxford Road residents. I appreciate that time is needed to mount and demount the poles on special days, though this should have been considered beforehand. I'm sure different ones would be happy to help out. Mr & Mrs Smith may wish to tip their caps when they occasionally pass by but for residents living on or near to the site, it's more of an issue - personally I like the current "unexceptional gateway" to our village. The permanent mounting of flag posts will look unsightly, devalue the area and diminish the importance of special memorial occasions. *Paul Moss, Oxford Road*

**GOOD NEWS and BAD NEWS** in August KBS NEWS. FIRST the BAD News. So sad to read Doug Ovenden's letter in Village voices reporting anti social behaviour and vandalism at the Millennium Green – alongside reports of anti social behaviour in the Parish Council report. Doug has every right to be upset about behaviour that most of us do not understand.

THEN the GOOD News. Kingston Colts F C have 7 teams playing football. Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons revolve around football. Fantastic!

Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club Youth Section having a good season – U15s winning 7 League matches out of 7 – U13s win last 4 games – U11s going from strength to strength – and boys and girls selected to play cricket for Oxfordshire teams. Fantastic! Guides “screaming” alongside 15,000 Guides and working with a Charity to help runaway children – orienteering – using cooking equipment. Fantastic! KBS 14+ Drop In. Teenagers having FUN – with incredible volunteers—enjoying Drama with KBS Drama Group. Fantastic! After School Gardening Club for children, supported by WI, local traders, parents, teachers and volunteers. Fantastic! Let us keep encouraging these GOOD NEWS youngsters- and the adults who do so much for them – and maybe the BAD NEWS will start to disappear. *Keith Graham*

*Sylvia and Stan Webb wish to thank everyone for the lovely cards and presents on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.*

### COLIN PARRATT

Janice and family would like to thank the many friends and neighbours for the cards and messages following the loss of Colin on the 24th July.

## Village Notice Board

*Hopefully by the end of September/early October our grape vine will be overloaded with red grapes if anyone is interested in making wine etc, the grapes are in abundance this year so are free to a good home. Please contact Stewart Rathband, 67 Laurel Drive - tel: 820667*

### Seasonal Flu Vaccinations

If you are eligible for the Annual Flu Vaccinations, and haven't done so already, remember to contact your Medical Practice to arrange an appointment as soon as possible and before the end October. Reminders are not being sent.

**Eligibility:** All patients aged 65 and over and those under 65 who have chronic respiratory disease or asthma, heart disease, renal disease, liver disease, diabetes, neurological disease or who are immuno-suppressed or who are a carer for an elderly or disabled person, should have a flu vaccination. All pregnant women are also recommended to have the vaccination.

### Harvest Giving

Every year at St John the Baptist Church we collect non-perishable food goods from members of the congregation at the annual Harvest All-Age Service (this year Sunday 13 October) to share out with the more vulnerable members of our local community.

This year we are collecting for two charities. Firstly Kingsmoor Day Centre, a charity run by Age UK volunteers which meets in Hinton Waldrist Village Hall three times a week and takes up to 12 people each day. Secondly for the Oxford Food-Bank which receives donations from local churches and other organisations and makes it available to families and individuals who cannot afford to buy food and need emergency supplies despite our welfare system

We would like to extend this opportunity to 'give' into the whole of the village community. The KBS Cafe has kindly agreed to collect donations of food; if you're visiting the cafe and would like to make a donation please give it to Jenny Bone our co-ordinator. Tara has generously allowed us to place a box in 'Southmoor Food and Wine'; when you are in there to shop please do consider buying an extra 'bit' to donate this 'harvest time'. The WI has also kindly offered to donate a box of goodies. If you are a member of another village organisation, or an individual who would like to help and take part in this 'giving', it would be great to hear from you. Perhaps you would be willing to come along to the Harvest All-Age Service on behalf of your organisation to give your box – or, if you'd rather not, then feel free to bring your contribution along just before or after the service (which starts 10.30am and should finish about 11.45) or give me a call and you can drop it off at my house.

In this country many thousands of people still go hungry through debt, sickness, sudden job loss, addiction, marriage breakdown or simply delay in receiving benefit. If you'd like to help we'd welcome donations of: tins, packets, bottled sauces, rice, pasta, tea, coffee, sugar, cereals, long life fruit juice/milk, biscuits, jams, treats etc. Please ensure that the sell by date is 8 months in advance. We would love to collect as much as possible this year and ask that you help if you are able. With thanks on behalf of St John the Baptist Church. *Jenny Weaving 820165*



### Riding for the Disabled ABINGDON GROUP AUTUMN FAIR

Christ Church, Northcourt Road, Abingdon OX14 1PL

Saturday 12th October 2013

10am – 4pm

Entry £3.00 with a chance to win a Luxury Hamper

Children under 12 years FREE

Refreshments and Light lunches available

Plus A Silent Auction

*Begin your Christmas shopping early!*

Any questions contact Anna Hummerston, RDA FAIR ORGANISER

01235 200871

### Facts you may not know....

*\* The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent*

*\* The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armour raised their visors to reveal their identity.*



## FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TODAY? No: 8 The Eagle, Little Coxwell

Six of us this time set off for lunch to The Eagle situated in the delightful village of Little Coxwell near Faringdon.

The hostelry is unremarkable in appearance both outside and in but we were warmly welcomed by Tim the waiter and we proceeded directly to our table. The place wasn't busy so as you would expect the service was good.

The menu boasts an extensive a la carte selection but we went for the set daily lunch menu. The set menu clocks in at £8.50 for one course and just £12.50 for two courses.

A small but adequate selection of three starters included Tomato soup, Tomato & Mozzarella or Haddock with potato salad. I went with the Haddock and very tasty it was too. My main course was Beef Onglet which, we were told, is the cut of meat just below the fillet. Ordering the dish medium rare proved absolutely correct as it was so tender and succulent with a slightly peppery taste. Fries neatly served in a small stainless steel bucket and salad came with the dish.

Tim continued be on hand with information and service and promptly arrived with the pudding board listing tempting afters such as Cottage Cheese Dumplings with Strawberry Juice which I must say took my eye.

However none of our party had any appetite left so we decamped back to the delights of an English garden in Kingston Bagpuize for our coffee and Brandy. Such are the delights of being retired.

The total per couple for this excellent meal including two bottles of Shiraz was just £33. Great value and very highly recommended for that lunch date. *Eton Loveitt.*

## THE WINE LIST

This month we decided to source our wines from another local supermarket, Sainsbury's.

The first wine is an Edizione 789 Mondelli Pinot Grigio 2012 from Italy, priced at £4.99. The 789 on the label has special significance as it represents Mondelli's daughter's birthday 07/08/09. This Pinot Grigio has delicate aromas of wild flowers and apple blossom. Flavours reminiscent of spring flowers, citrus fruits and apples are beautifully balanced by a crisp fresh finish. Definitely one to try.

Our second wine is a Chianti Reserva 2010, again from Italy, and is one of Sainsbury's Winemakers Selection, priced at £6.99. The stunning region of Tuscany in west central Italy is the home of Chianti. The Winemakers have selected this full bodied wine which has been matured for two years to give rich flavours of black cherry and plum with a spicy undercurrent. Delightful to drink, a second bottle might be called for! We hope you enjoy. Please note the Wine Quartet are taking a break in November due to holiday commitments, but we'll be back in December with recommendations for Wine for Christmas. Cheers to you all. *The Wine Quartet*



## PARAGLIDE ABOVE THE SOUTH DOWNS. AUGUST 21st.

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who so kindly and generously sponsored me for my paraglide.

I really enjoyed the experience in beautiful weather and seeing such lush and lovely countryside - could see for miles - the worst part was the trudge up to the top of Firlie Beacon before I took off!

Your wonderful contributions towards the total of £10,100 has been handed in to Oxon Age UK and Oxbel. My sincere thanks, Trish Wagstaff



## SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

Members (along with a few friends to fill the coach) enjoyed a trip to Stratford on Avon on September 10th.

The next meeting will be in THE SWALLOW ROOM FROM 2 pm - 4 pm. on Wednesday 9th October.

All welcome to come along and for a cuppa and cakes/biscuits and a social get together. Only £2 a month and we have a sales table and a raffle. Members bring a wrapped raffle prize so that everyone goes home with a little surprise. For details contact Pat 820775



## Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

We will be holding our next meeting on Tuesday 1st October 7.30 pm at the Village Hall in Draycott Road, Southmoor. This month's speaker will be Tim Miles head gardener from Burford Wild Life Park, who will talk about 'Autumn planting for Spring' and reminisce on the plants which help make the park such an attractive setting for their wild animals and

visiting public. Everybody is very welcome, admission Members £1.50 Visitors £2.00 this includes a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits; each month we hold a raffle, plus a members' table where plants and gardening goodies are often available for sale with donations going to our adopted charity for 2013 Thames and Chiltern Air Ambulance. For further information about the Gardening Club visit [skbgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:skbgardeningclub@gmail.com) or contact the chairman Steve Smith on 01865 820399. *Ron Green*

## Apple Trees to Family Trees



*The new houses will have their first residents as early as next March*

About 35 years ago the field opposite The Waggon & Horses was the scene of workers picking Cox's Orange Pippins which Wikipedia describes as 'One of the best in quality of the English dessert apples'. Before many months have passed our new neighbours will be moving in, to what is currently known as Ridgeway View, and no doubt in due course as night follows day etc, etc, the patter of tiny feet will be heard in the newest part of our village. The Family Trees will be growing.

Over the last eighteen months The News has

carried many reports of the struggle by village residents to hold back, what seemed like uncontrolled development by avaricious developers and land owners who appeared to have no empathy with the thoughts or feelings of a substantial number of the existing members of the village community.

However, now is the time to turn the page and prepare ourselves to welcome the new villagers. If you have driven or walked past the site in the last few weeks you will have seen things moving apace. The main road is in and the first houses are growing. The road names have been decided and will be Wellington Way, Bramley Close and Maclean Drive. The 5 houses fronting the Faringdon Road have been named as Westland, Thodays, Pippin, Barnack and Allington. All these names are varieties of apples carrying forward the link to earlier times.

There are some 30 contractors on site at present and this will increase to 40 as the estate develops. The development should be completed in 2 years with 16 x 2 bedroom houses, 8 x 3 bedroom houses, 18 x 4 bedroom houses, 5 x 5 bedroom houses and 3 x 3 bedroom bungalows. 20 properties on the development will be available for a shared ownership scheme.

KBS News understands that the first properties to be ready will be shared ownership houses and the owners could be moving in as early as next March. If you, or somebody in your family, are interested in finding out about shared ownership of a house at Ridgeway View you should contact Soha Housing who are managing the scheme. Have a look at their web site at [www.soha.co.uk](http://www.soha.co.uk). You can call Soha on Freephone 0800 014 15 45 or 01235 515900 for more information. *Roy Wolfe*

## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.

The speaker at our September was the Rev. John Sturney who gave us an interesting and fascinating talk on the Cook Islands. He began by telling us of his early life in Wheatley before he applied to go as a youth worker/missionary and after a year at Selly Oak College he went with his wife and baby son to the Cook Islands. The Rev. Sturney described it as "A magical place".

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8th October. The committee have a rest for the October meeting and sit back and enjoy a surprise evening hosted by a committee of members. Visitors are welcome to come along - cost is only £3 for a visitor, so why not come along and see what we get up to and enjoy the delicious homemade refreshments. *Pat 820775*



## WORDS OF WISDOM

*If you owe the bank £100 that's your problem. If you owe the bank £100 million. that's the bank's problem. J. Paul Getty*

## Kingsmoor Community Club at Hinton Waldrist

Kingsmoor Club has had a very good summer thanks to some unexpected funding .We went to Weston-super-mere for a day and visited the Ashmolean in Oxford. As well as a river trip and pub lunches .

We have had some new male members join and a volunteer. We still have vacancies for new members particularly on a Tuesday .

The cost of attending the club will go up from 01/10/13 , this is because the transport can no longer be so well subsidised. So attendance will be £15 (£5 is for the transport ), we have offered benefit checks to all our members and are hoping that they will still be able to attend with extra funding. Rowena Cobb (a Kingsmoor Member) was able to write a letter of objection and submit to the Oxford mail and the Oxford Times. Anyone can ring Age Uk for this free service and look at your finances, especially if you care for someone or are being cared for. We have been given a 'ping pong' set by 'the Generation Games' launch by Age Uk and each member has been given an exercise DVD .We do seated exercises each day at the club, our emphasis is on maintaining the mobility that members have. We are hoping to start a 'book club' at Kingsmoor very soon ,one of our volunteers is having training, it would be great if people from Southmoor/Longworth or Hinton would come and join us one morning .

The harvest time is now here, we will be making chutneys at the club and welcome produce. Some members still enjoy home cooking and take home surplus that isn't used.

We are able to continue as a club with the goodwill of the community around us, we now have 6 volunteers who help at various times, we really need their help and they enjoy coming, there is always room for more, especially as we gain more members. Please also remember our monthly raffle table which helps towards our trips out. For further information please ring Gwyne 01865 820166.

## LONGWORTH AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY



We have had a change to our published programme. The talk about the work of our Wills Project, 'To my wife my Seconde Best Bed' is postponed until a later date, when all the information will be gathered together and presented. We have been able to replace it with a talk by Caroline Jackson, entitled "Found in Oxfordshire Manor House, the Diaries of General Primrose 1819-1892". The diaries were found in West Hanney House, in the possession of Hon. Mrs Tyser. The diaries tell of the growth of British power in The Eastern Cape resulting in the Kaffir Wars, and how the campaigns were run. General Primrose's Regiment became The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, and have their Museum in Woodstock. The talk will take place in Southmoor Village Hall, on Thursday Oct 17th 7.15 for 7.30. Visitors are welcome £2 a meeting.

The History Society is keen to keep The Longworth Rose going. We have set up a committee to do so but find we are lacking in some skills. I wonder if anyone reading this would be able to 'prepare pages for publication'. We hope to have 2 or 3 editions a year. If you feel you could help in any way please let us know. Kathy Fletcher Tel 01865 820193.

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## Ron's Green Finger Gardening Tips for September



With the fine dry summer weather and a warm start to September there has been a burst of insects. So, whether you like it or not, your garden will be full of uninvited guests. Many of these visitors may be beneficial, helping you to create a colourful boarder and a more productive vegetable garden. They provide food for birds, frogs, toads and hedgehogs, and not to forget the gardeners' friend, the ladybird (regretfully there have been less around this summer). With their appetite as a aphid-eater, they also keep a check on scale insects, mealy bugs and other small plant pests. In late August and early September we have noticed an increase in the butterflies, from the small tortoiseshell to the larger red-admiral. Then there is the dreaded Cabbage White, Large White and the Small White, these destructive pests have produced caterpillars which munched their way through my cabbage plants to a point where my winter kale has been reduced to virtually just bare stems. The large Cabbage White has a caterpillar with yellow and black markings and feed on the outside leaves. The smaller Cabbage White caterpillar is pale green and more difficult to see and will feed mainly on the inner hearts of the cabbages and brassicas. Late variety of apples and pears left on the trees should be left as long as possible to mature before they are picked and stored, best to pick early in the day and store unblemished fruit on a cool dark shelf in the garage or shed would be ideal.

Sow sweet peas under glass in pots or trays, it is best to check seeds and treat them before planting with a fungicidal dressing, plant in clean pots or trays using fresh seed compost, then place in cold frame or on a low shelf in an unheated greenhouse. Plant winter and spring lettuce early this month add a dressing of bone-meal and rake over the soil before planting. This is a good time of the year to clean the greenhouse removing all old and decaying plants and fumigate where tomatoes have contracted fungus diseases.

Vegetables of the month, pumpkins squashes and marrows; leave these on the plant as long as possible to mature, this will ensure the best flavour, cut and remove fruit before the risk of frost. Place somewhere warm and sunny for 7 to 10 days so that the skin 'cures' and hardens, now store in a dark, cool dry, but frost-free place best kept on wooden slats or on cardboard and they should last several months before for cooking.

## BOWLS CLUB



Our annual Club finals are now complete for another year, a successful weekend of bowling played in fine weather with the following winners:

Ladies two and four wood singles – Chris Vail (RU Jean Potter). Gordon Cobb pairs – Frank/Hazel Abraham (Jim/Val Maher). Mixed Pairs – Jaq Ash/Mick Fuller (Jean Potter/Don Ash). Davidson never won singles – Geoff Prichard (Sue Brown). Archer Singles – Clive le Tuffnell (Mick Fuller). Don Woodward Singles – Clive le Tuffnell (Stan Bellas).

The Captains Plate, which features the Ladies Ridgeway League side against the Men's Kennet LX Team, a great afternoons bowling which resulted in a fine win for the Ladies, well bowled the Ladies. The Ashley Baker League winning Trophy was presented to us at the Gala Day held at Faringdon Bowls Club. Our next Quiz is on the 25th October 8.00pm at the Club House. *Mick Fuller (Club Captain)*

## The Way We Were



*Yeates' store on the Hanney crossroads for many years the source of sustenance for the village. (Our thanks to the History Society)*

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## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



The Sept. meeting of the KBS Parish Council was held on Monday 2nd. Sept. in the village Hall, together with Clr. Melinda Tilley, and 3 members of the public.

**Public Participation.** Mr. Bone reported that the Methodist Church had agreed to lease the former Church Building to a newly formed charity, which will operate a Christian Community Centre. The charity will seek grant aid for improvements with a toilet for disabled users a priority.

A resident questioned how the potentially large sums of \$106 money from developers will be allocated. The Chairman said he had discussed opportunities with Mr. Browning, and the Millennium Green Trust will bring forward proposals.

**Reports from District and County Councillor.** Mrs. Tilley reported that the OCC school reading campaign had led to significant improvements in the reading ability of primary school children across the County. When Questioned regarding the OCC proposal to charge parents for student transport to schools other than their nearest secondary school, Clr Tilley responded that the proposal is on hold due to recent changes to Govt. criteria. Students receiving free transport before 2016 will continue to do so during their School years. OCC's finances are under considerable strain, with the education budget trying to save 13 million pounds.

The chair pointed out the current Catchment Area situation, the fact that no secondary children within the Village attended Larkmead School, in Abingdon, and stating that the proposals effect on families within the Village would be severe.

**Planning.** Councillors L. Bassett, and I. Charlton attended a public meeting in Wantage, convened by local MP Ed. Vaizey, with N. Boles, Minister for Planning, in response to widespread protests from villages on the effect of the N.P.P.F. planning policy resulting in the generation of excessively large numbers of additional housing within these villages.

**Applications received:** please refer to P. C. Minutes. 10 Applications listed. **Decisions:** Again, Please refer to P. C. minutes. 6 decisions received.

**Accounts.** A quotation to provide "ecotumble" surfacing under the swings and "see-saw" was accepted.

**Annual Return.** The external audit has been completed. There are no Matters arising. The annual return was approved and accepted by the Council.

**Donations:** Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group. Donation of £250 was approved in order to extend their use of the village hall and its stage.

**Broadband.** The indicative coverage map for Oxfordshire, shows full coverage of the Parish. The Roll-out programme should be available early 2014.

**Correspondence.** OCC highways. New speed limit Faringdon Rd. OCC have proposed to extend the 30 mph speed limit west to the first entrance of Fallowfields as a consequence of the Pye development. The Parish Council proposed that the 30 mph zone be extended to the existing 40 limit, in order to include all the housing up to and including Springhill Lane. Thames Valley Police have opposed this proposal on the grounds that it will be ignored? The Council resolved to object to the OCC scheme, and press for the Councils proposal to be implemented!

**VWHDC.** Community Governance review. The Parish Council's proposal to extend the boundaries of the Parish to include all of the sports field and business park is among the issues for consultation.

**OCC.** Review of Witney area bus services including X15. Public consultation will start in September. Those interested; please get involved, or you could lose it!

**Village Amenities.** Recreation Grounds. The play safe inspection has raised a number of low-medium risk items which will be addressed.

A large number of vandalism incidents were experienced over the summer months.

**War Memorial.** A revised licence to include the permanent erection of three flagpoles has been received from OCC.

However, in view of a number of objections from neighbouring properties to their permanent erection, for now, they will be erected for days when flags are to be flown. Flags will be flown on November 10th, 11th. In 2013. Flag days for 2014 will be decided by the Parish Council early in the New Year.

**Faults.** The recent vandalism to the Bus shelter at Latton Close has indicated the need for the ability to organise a clear up and response as they may occur. The Council will, advertise for a local trader to fill this role and under take some minor repairs and maintenance.

A resident of Springhill has reported a series of power outages to Scottish and Southern Electric. Once again there is litter in this area, as a result of the operation of the kebab van at the Charney Rd. Junction.

A resident has reported damage to fencing on the Waggon Path adjoining Worcester Place. The litter bin has been removed/missing for over a year, and litter in the form of cans and bottles, constantly litter the grass.

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be on Monday 7th. October, in the Village Hall at 7p.m. All are welcome, and may pose questions during the public participation session. *Brian Forster Chairman, KBS Parish Council*



## SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL

We are welcoming children back and settling into our new academic year. We have lots of exciting things happening this term, including celebrating Harvest Festival. We are looking at the changing seasons and will be going on a nature walk to look for signs of Autumn. We are also following the children's interests and learning about Dinosaurs – so look out for lots of tiny T-Rex's in the park!

Last term we held a walk – to – school week, which was very successful. The children learned all about the advantages of walking and had lots of fun walking, cycling and scooting to pre-school.

Calling all parents and villagers... if you are having a sort out, bags2schools will be collecting again on Tuesday 15th October they take clothes, curtains, soft toys and paired shoes. We would be grateful for all contributions from anyone as the proceeds raised from this help to purchase craft materials and equipment.

Our fundraising team are looking to organise a Christmas themed craft/food fayre. We are looking for crafters, artists and local producers or anyone simply wanting to make a few pounds out of your favourite hobby. If you would be interested in renting a stall for such and helping raise money for preschool equipment please contact Mrs Elke Clarkson Tel: 01865 820542 by 10th October.

If you are interested in a pre-school place we are currently taking children aged from 2 years and 4 months.

Some pre-school sessions are already fully booked and looking increasingly busy from 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! Marie Siviter Email southmoorpre-school@live.co.uk Tel: 01865 821505.

Dates for you Diary: **Tuesday 15th October:** Bags2schools collection bags (must be at the gates ready for collection by 9am). **Saturday 19th October:** Family and pre-school photo shoot (contact Marie to book slot starting from 10am) Marie Siviter

### *Classic Murray Walker Motor Racing Gaffes: 2*



*"Nigel Mansell is the last person in the race apart from the five in front of him. "*

*"Well he's world champion, and we only get one of those a year. "*

*"And the first three cars are all Escorts, which isn't surprising as this is an all Escort race"*

*"I should imagine that the conditions in the cockpit are unimaginable"*

*"The European drivers have adapted to this circuit extremely quickly, especially Paul Radisich who's a New Zealander"*

## **Zedex - a model railway exhibition**

A convention of Z gauge (scale 1:220) railway modellers and exhibition of layouts depicting railways from around the world in Z and Nm scales

**Sunday 13th October 2013**

**10.30 – 4.00**

**in the Village Hall**

**18 layouts**

**Modelling demonstrations**

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Peter McConnell 820559

## Southmoor Baby and Toddler Group



Last year was one of the busiest and most significant times in the baby and toddler groups 30 year history. In June 2012 we unfortunately had to close our doors prematurely in the term, as waning numbers and limited funds, meant paying the bills a financial impossibility. Fortunately, we didn't close for good. We reopened a year last September and have gone from strength to strength.

Thanks to the very generous donations from the Parish Council, John Blandy Trust and KBS Cafe which allowed us to cover are costs and reopen. Thank you also to some very generous villagers for donating nearly new toys which really helped to reduce our out goings and much enjoyed by the children. We now have lots of lovely new equipment including: play kitchen, dolls house, activities table brimming with duplo, dressing up rail, crafting materials and lots of new safe play matting.

We have improved our advertising of the group with a new webpage (see KBS website), mumsnet and support from the children's centre which has significantly boosted numbers. We now have an average of 14 families attending most weeks. So thanks also to a small committee of dedicated volunteers whose enthusiasm has kept the group running.

In the coming months some of the current committee members will be moving on. Therefore, we are looking for either those already coming to become more involved or new members to help out. So if you feel you can help with roles such as the secretary or fundraising or simple an extra pair of hands to set up a session. Please don't hesitate to contact me on 07904524676.

These first few weeks back we have already welcomed lots of new faces, many of whom are new to the village. Don't forget 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.

As well as the usual sessions we are also looking forward to three fundraising session during the run up to Christmas. These include the Halloween Party, Children in Need "Teddy Bears Picnic" and the Christmas Party with a guest visit from Father Christmas all of which have proved very successful in previous years. Marie Siviter

Baby and Toddler dates for your diary:

Friday 4th October: Pub night out (adults only) @ The Waggon, Southmoor from 19.30

Friday 25th October: Halloween Party (themed activities, snack time and dancing) 10-11.30 Southmoor Village Hall (SVH), see advertising for ticket price.

Friday 1st November: No session running (half term)

Friday 15th November: Children in Needs fundraiser (kiddies cake decorating and teddy bear picnic) 10-11.30 SVH, £1 per child suggested donation

Friday 20th December: Christmas Party (themed activities, snack time, songtime and visit from Father Christmas) 10-11.30 SVH. Advanced ticket needed to ensure no children miss out on gifts! *Marie-Astrid Sanderson*



## KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR

This month sadly we have to say goodbye to Mel Guilford who has been part of the team for several years. We want to give her our grateful thanks for all the time she has put in and we shall miss her every week (as will the babies!), but hope to see her sometimes as a customer.

I want to take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks also to Carole Watts who is such a loyal and enthusiastic part of the team and I hope she will be with us for many years to come.

We now have a team of people on a rota system who come in and help us on a weekly basis and their hard work and enthusiasm is very much appreciated. Our numbers are still growing and it is great to see so many people of all ages relaxing and chatting to each other.

If any of you are free on a Thursday morning 9 – 12 at the Methodist Church (opposite Crossroads Garage) do pop in to see us and have a cup of coffee, tea or juice and sample some of our homemade cakes and meet friends you know and friends you don't! Look forward to seeing you.

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

Jenny Bone (820368) Carole Watts (821710)

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## Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club



Well the season has come to an end and both senior teams managed to avoid relegation and fought to the end on a very wet last game of the season. The junior section is thriving and hopefully this will continue next season. Good luck to all the players being put forward for County/District trials this month. For all updates please check the website -

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/kingstonbagpuizecricketclub/>

Richard Giles and Mandy Rodway met Andrew Strauss who rewarded them with their ECB Award for Coaching and promoting cricket in the community

Richard Giles is playing for the 1st XI and Head Coach at Kingston. Mandy Rodway is the coach of the Kwik Cricketers and 7-10 years olds and point of call on junior training nights



*Richard Giles & Mandy Rodway with Andrew Strauss*

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## Three Men and a Boat: Part 3. An epic tale of life on the water for charity



*Diana over the Dundas Aquaduct*

**On the 13th June** - we enlisted a young man named Dean to assist us with the locks, since he had recently been on the Welsh canals. Carers Ann and Janice with 3 adult people with learning difficulties each kept a caring ear, eye and hand on their charges. Ann cooked the evening meal for all of us – a delicious ‘spag bag’ with vegetables and fruit. The excitement of the 1st night carried on to the late hours for some of our passengers, whilst Richard and John had their heads down early! John & Richard were awake by 5.30am – washed and shaved and made our way to the galley to make tea/coffee for all (in bed)! After breakfast we headed off to Bradford on Avon, and then on to Bathampton for an overnight stay. We all went to the George Inn for an evening meal. Ann paid for John’s meal and Janice paid for

Richard’s. A very enjoyable meal had by all. Another early night for the crew, and this time the passengers were tired as well.

**On the 14th June** – we left Bathampton after Ann discovered it was a very long walk to the bus stop to Bath, and we decided to move the boat on to Bathwick over the Avoncliffe and Dundas Aqueducts – spectacular scenery and not many locks (thank heavens). At Bathwick it was extremely overcrowded with boats, some wanting water, others handing their hired boats back and others just moored in the area. The water pressure at the water point was very low and only one working outlet. When we got the hosepipe connected, our passengers got off to discover Bath and the shops, whilst the boat was being refilled which took over 70 minutes. The boat’s water tank was full, but the winding point was only for boats 51’ – ours was over 61’!! It has been a long time since I punted on the Cam, but never a 25 ton canal boat. Eventually we managed to get the boat down to the winding point at Sydney Wharf marina, and wait the return of our passengers from their shopping expedition and supplies. Whilst waiting there for their return a private narrow boat came loose from its moorings, and was blocking the canal. John managed get on board since it appeared that nobody else was on board, and with the help of another boat waiting to get pass pushed the boat back to the canal edge. John threw the stern rope to Richard, and he secured it to the towpath. During this period a dishevelled individual appeared from the loose boat. He has a job of a DJ at a local disco, and did not get back until 4 o’clock. He came and thanked us for our assistance and help. It was noted that Richard had injured himself earlier pulled a muscle, which meant that he would have man the tiller for the rest of the trip. With our passengers on board we move off back to Bradford on Avon with only 1 lock to deal with. On the way back we picked up two additional hitch hikers (ducks), and another at Bradford (gull). We moored up at Bradford for an overnight stay. *To be continued.....*

### St Lawrence Church, Tubney Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy

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## ED VAIZEY MP Parish Newsletter



In October the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, Anthony Stansfield, will be holding a public meeting in Didcot. This is an open public meeting, which anyone can attend. The event will be an opportunity for the Police and Crime Commissioner, along with the local police commander, Supt Andy Boyd, to meet residents and deliver presentations about the role of the PCC and local policing in South Oxfordshire. The meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday 14

October at Didcot Civic Hall. Please do go along if you can both to hear about what is happening.

I've been getting your emails and letters thick and fast, on Syria, bovine TB and the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Bill. On Syria, Parliament, reflecting the view of the British people, has made it clear that they do not want to see military action. I respect this opinion and the way it has been put. As ever please feel free to contact me at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk). Surgery details can be found at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com).

## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE DRAMA GROUP

Rehearsals for our November production, 'The O'Connor Girls,' are going well. The cast have been meeting twice a week since mid July. The play is blocked and lines well on the way to being learnt. It's an entertaining, gentle piece with moments of comedy which we hope will be enjoyed by all. Performance dates are 28th-30th inclusive.



Our children's summer workshop had to be cancelled due to lack of uptake. As school holidays seem sometimes not to produce enough participants, and we are still very keen to provide the opportunity for children to have a local drama group they can join on their doorstep, we are planning to run a term time drama club for 4-6 weeks culminating in a performance. We would like to run this at some point early in the New Year so please email Susi Dalton [Susi606@gmail.com](mailto:Susi606@gmail.com) to register your interest. We have child protection policies and procedures in place. September brought the very welcome news that we had been awarded a grant by The Parish Council which we are extremely grateful to have received. The money will enable us to book the village hall more frequently for rehearsals on the stage and this will be particularly useful for productions where we have younger members joining us.

Historically the group used to bolster its own finances by holding raffles with the proceeds being retained to help fund future productions. Over the past few years however, we have instead used our raffles to help support village causes such as the Raise the Roof Appeal, Polly's Appeal and the War Memorial or for charities such as The Royal British Legion. We think it is important our group continues to raise money for others as a gesture of thanks to the village that supports us.

We are still planning a Murder Mystery Evening in the first half of 2014 as feedback for these evenings is always very positive and they are very well supported and enjoyed by village residents.

We always try to choose plays which will appeal to a wide demographic within our community but our choices are hampered by the lack of men we have within the group currently. As mentioned in previous articles we wanted to produce 'The Vicar Of Dibley' for the village this November but have had to put plans on hold until we can find a David, Frank and Owen so please contact us via [rob.bateman28@live.co.uk](mailto:rob.bateman28@live.co.uk) if the thought of getting involved is appealing so we can turn the vision into a reality.

Tickets for 'The O'Connor Girls' can be pre booked on 01865 821812 and will also be available via <http://www.wegotickets.com/KingstonBagpuizeDramaGroup> there will be a mystery prize per night picked at random for tickets purchased via the website. Tickets will also be available from the usual outlets nearer the time. Finally you can follow our progress by finding us and 'liking' us on Facebook – Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group or by checking out our website <http://kbgshow.biz/>. Sarah Curran

## The Last Word: Credit where it's due

On returning home one morning in my car I was advised by a friend who had been following me that I had a puncture. My friend knows all about tyres and recommended I took the car to Crossroads garage. Not having had a puncture before I was a bit at sea as to what to do, so I followed the friend's advice and went to Crossroads. Here I was treated very politely and efficiently by a young man at a desk and told to leave the car with them. About 2 hours later a phone call came to say the car was ready, puncture fixed, and at a reasonable cost I thought There had been a nail in it. Thank you Cross Roads. Kathy Fletcher



