

# KBS NEWS

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### ED VAIZEY SENT TO THE TOWER!



Ed Vaizey our local MP and a patron of the 'Raise the roof appeal', was sent to the tower (St John the Baptist Church Bell Tower) to see what progress has been made on the reconstruction. Ed said that it's wonderful craftsmanship which has been used to exactly reproduce the two hundred year old bell tower. It is quite remarkable what skills there are in the local area. Mike Bradley from Faringdon who turned the oak columns, Broadleaf Joinery from Great Milton, who made the oak fittings and Beards from Oxford who have overseen the work have triumphed!"

Villagers of Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor together with help from The Heritage Lottery Fund and Oxford Historic Churches raised the £75,000 needed to replace the bell tower.

*Our picture shows Ed Vaizey MP, Mike Bradley and Churchwarden Simon Dando, who is overseeing the project on behalf of the Church, casting their eye and the work in hand.*

### ***The Housing Madness continues.....***

*Has someone in the Vale or even on a higher political level got it in for our village? I have just received, like most of us I guess, a letter from Boyer Planning advertising an exhibition in the Swallow Room in the Village Hall on the 30th September (3.30pm-8pm, seats in all parts) concerning a development by David Wilson Homes for another 80 houses on the area north of Field Close. The site apparently has been promoted for residential development for many years and has been indentified in the Council's most recent Strategic Land Availability Assessment as being 'suitable' for such development. It strikes me the council want a bigger map. On top of this as part of the Vale's strategic plan (it's nice to know they have one) they are looking at developing opposite the Bowls Club with another 280 houses they think we may need. If all this comes to pass, as I guess it will, it will mean an 80% increase in the village housing stock over a couple of years ago. These developments are being banged in with no thought or consideration for the affect on our village and the loss of our way of life. It remains a fact that if we had wanted to live in a town we would have bought a house in a town. We all appreciate the need for more houses but nobody thought they were all going to be built here. The only bright spot to cling to is there can't be many sites left to build on. Ed*

*(See also Beyond the Whinge page 2)*

**Read our new 'Youth Matters' column, page 22**

## NEED A DOCTOR URGENTLY?

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

On phoning 111 your needs will be assessed, advice offered and arrangements made for you to see an Out Of Hours doctor if appropriate. Please do not ask to see a doctor out of hours unless you genuinely cannot wait until the surgery re-opens.

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## Beyond the Whinge - *the Editor's blog*

I make no apologies for returning once again to this heartfelt subject of over development. Hands up those people who can remember when this village was indeed a village. We fought for years for the by-pass, and after it was built remember how thrilled we were having returned to the peace and quiet of a proper Oxfordshire village. Then a few years later some faceless wonder at the Vale decides without so much as a public meeting, that our village has been selected for growth and that's it.

Just this week I walked down the main road and wondered where it all went wrong. Dozens of huge construction trucks are once again rattling down the road, Thames Water playing silly beggars in Bellamy Close, and building sites are everywhere. The ripping up of the hedge and destruction of that beautiful field in Witney Road, the gateway to our village, the whole place is like a battlefield and about as noisy.

We know houses are needed and we welcome the new residents who hopefully will join in local life. However as if the three main building sites aren't enough, further applications are in the pipeline for even more houses and that's not to mention the folk who can't wait to sell off their gardens for development. Heaven help us, because the Vale certainly won't.



## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

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

Sunday 5th October 9.00am Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill  
 10.30am Morning Worship Speaker: Mrs Anne Curtis  
 Sunday 12th October 9.00am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering  
 10.30am Harvest All-Age Service Revd David Pickering  
 Sunday 19th October 9.00am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering  
 10.30am Questions of Life Service Speaker: Mrs Debbie Flint  
 Sunday 26th October 9.00am & 10.30am Holy Communion Revd Dr James Robson



### OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

**OUR NEW WEBSITE:** Just put the link above into your browser, and see our church's new website. Thanks to some great work from Chris Carpenter, we have an exciting and informative new resource in our shiny new website. Do take a look at it.

**SATURDAY 11th 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 12th OCTOBER – HARVEST ALL-AGE SERVICE:** Our Harvest service is at 10.30am on Sunday 12th, 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 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)  
[info@fyfieldchapel.org.uk](mailto:info@fyfieldchapel.org.uk)  
 01865 769473

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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  
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#### What is there not to like ?

**Wednesdays:** 6.15pm - 7.15pm East Hanney **Saturdays:** 8.30am - 9.30am Southmoor  
 Additional days and times coming soon.

For more information or to book a free taster session call  
 Lisa 07885635367 or email - [lisa@oxfordshirefitness.co.uk](mailto:lisa@oxfordshirefitness.co.uk)



## VILLAGE VOICES



### Careless Picker uppers!

Some may say I am a grumpy old man. That's not quite true, but there are occasions when I get really annoyed and these recently have been when I have seen little black bags, with you know what in, poked in hedges and recently over my hedge.

I am very fond of dogs and it's a pleasure to see proud owners walking their pets in the village and to be honest there are very few signs left on the pavement any more.

However, clearly some walkers go to the trouble of buying their little bags, using them for what they are intended for, and, rather than taking them home or using the bins provided, get rid of them as they see fit at someone else's inconvenience, excuse the pun.

This is not only a filthy practice its dangerous to humans and probably against the law, the bins are there for everyone to use. The Parish Council pay over £1000 a year to have them emptied, of course its not their money, it comes from our council tax. *Writer's name & address supplied.*

There is a web site "OXONTimes" that allows you to find up to the minute details on when the next bus is due for your bus stop. You can get it by text or smart phone or of course on the web. I understand that as well for most they have those electronic signs in the bus shelter so that you know the status when you arrive. I thought we didn't have anything for the 66 bus because we are 'out in the sticks' here. But if you look on the map on the oxontimes website you can see that all the bus routes out of Oxford seems to be covered !! They even cover Challow, Kingston Lisle and Stanford in the Vale which only have a couple of buses a day. Poor old KBS has no coverage - and yet we have the bus that comes from the longest distance (Swindon) and so is most susceptible to delays and early arrivals. Is it because Stagecoach don't like us or is it a council thing and they think that we are rich enough to take our own cars...*Jochin Zwart*

*Our Village Transport Representative, Ian Charlton replies: The situation regarding the 66 bus service (which I think was explained in the News last year) is that the buses currently in use along the route are not fitted with the device to work the electronic timetables in bus shelters. Because of that County have taken the decision not to update any of the shelters until 2015 at the earliest. I will update you if there are any changes after the autumn meeting of Transport reps.*

I went to Millet's Farm today and was appalled to see their Christmas display was already up and running. For goodness sake it's not the end of September yet, with three months to go before the great event. That's a quarter of the year given over to selling Christmas. Not only does this smack of commercial greed, it belittles the seasonal celebration to the extent that I for one will not be frequenting Millet's until January 1st at least. *Name & address supplied*

### THE SOBELL CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

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## Village Notice Board

The 63 and 66 bus services are two of the routes in the Vale whose subsidies will be reviewed by the County Council early in the New Year.

The 63 service runs to Oxford via Appleton Mondays to Fridays. This service would not seem to be particularly well-used and there is a serious danger that the subsidy might be cut and the service disappear.

As far as the 66 is concerned the subsidised services most in danger are the morning and evening peak diversions via Appleton and the Sunday and Bank Holiday services to Swindon.

If you have any views on these services or comments to make, please e-mail me on [jandicharlton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jandicharlton@yahoo.co.uk).

*Ian Charlton, Parish Transport Representative.*

### IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Village Hall CCTV has recorded a number of residents exercising their dogs around the Village Hall since the temporary closure of a nearby foot path. This is a reminder, that in the interest of health and safety, DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED on this private land which is regularly used by groups with young children.

### The Blandy Family

A recently published booklet tells the remarkable story of a cousin of the last of the family who owned the village and lived at Kingston Bagpuize House. It is Rob Belk's research journey from the War Memorial Crescent to coal mining in the majestic Stormberg mountains of South Africa, the Boer War, leadership, selfless death, a legend of 'El Cid' salvation - and two nearly identical tombs, 6000 miles apart. It's called 'Robert Acton Blandy, Miner, Leader, Legend - a Boer War Epic' and it's a most interesting piece of history. Well worth the price of £2 from the usual sources (KB Post Office and the Hist Soc)

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Southmoor Village Hall

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Talk starts 7.30pm

Advance tickets only

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@gmail.com



### New Club in the Village

'Pints of View' the newest club to be formed in the village is hosted every first Thursday of the month by the Rev David Pickering in the Hind's Head at 8pm. Matters of national and international importance are discussed and the world put to rights in general over a pint of finest ale. Think shades of Last of the Summer Wine with Prime Minister's Question Time. All welcome.

### A reminder from the Post Office

As many of you may be aware, car tax discs will be a thing of the past from October 1st, but just to let everyone know you will still be able to pay for your car tax with us as usual.

Thanks you to everyone that has used us for their car taxes in the past and we hope you will continue to support us in the future. *Carolyn & Andrew.*

*Do you have something to say? Why not get it off your chest and put it in the KBS News?*

*Send your thoughts to [editorkbsnews@gmail.com](mailto:editorkbsnews@gmail.com)*



## FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT? No: 19 The Lamb, Buckland

It's been a while since I've eaten here and under recent new management the Lamb seems a brighter and busier restaurant than I remember

So one Saturday night four of us ventured to Buckland where the Lamb is situated in a delightful quiet setting on the outskirts of the village.

We were made welcome by the very pleasant bar staff and proceeded immediately to our table with our pre dinner drinks.

I was mildly surprised the place wasn't busier on a Saturday night but nevertheless there were enough diners to give the room atmosphere.

The menu is creative and appetising. Our party ordered just two starters both being bubble & squeak with black pudding and bacon, I imagined there would be only a fly's eyelid but the serving was generous for a starter and absolutely delicious. Proper food.

The wine came along, 'Dragonfly' a stunning Cabernet/Merlot, so a second bottle appeared in short order. For the main event I chose a fillet steak and here's my first criticism. Although the steak came with fries most other dishes had to have the sides ordered as an extra.

The fries were very good, dry and crisp, but to serve a fillet steak with no salad garnish or even a mushroom I felt was not really on. Pity.

However the steak was succulent but I have to admit not as tender as it could have been.

My dining companions went for the Sole as did the bride and followed this with elderflower cheesecake with fresh strawberries, which looked absolutely delicious. She summed up her meal as 'quite nice', praise indeed. 'Only two puds, two starters, four mains and a couple of bottles of wine (oh the wine - wonderful- but at £23 a bottle it should be) the bill came to £160 I thought this a tad expensive considering the lack of extras we never had. Still the wine didn't help I guess.

However the service was excellent from staff that were a credit to the place – would I recommend the Lamb – yes I think I would. *Eton Lovett.*

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## The Longworth Charities

In the past, a number of parishioners of Longworth and Charney Bassett left sums of money in their wills to be used to help people in need in those parishes. These small individual charities were eventually grouped together by the Charity Commission and a body of trustees set up to administer the funds and make donations.

The Trustees are restricted as to the type of grants they can make and the people to whom they can make them. The grants have to be for the "relief of need", where people find themselves in difficulty through illness, disability or unexpected expenses of various kinds and neither the local authority nor the DSS can provide adequate assistance. Only people living within the civil parish boundaries of Longworth, Charney Bassett and the old parish of Draycott Moor (Southmoor) are eligible to benefit.

Within these limits, and so far as the funds of the Charities permit, the Trustees are able to make small grants which can be helpful in difficult circumstances.

The Trustees include the Rector of Longworth for the time being and appointees of the civil Parish Councils of Longworth, Charney Bassett and Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor. For any further information, please refer to the Clerk to the Charities, Susan Houlton, Phone 01865 744896. Applications for grants can be made to any of the Trustees or to the Clerk. The Trustees meet regularly twice a year and can hold special meetings to deal with urgent cases.




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## WORDS OF WISDOM

*You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should be doing for themselves.*  
*Abraham Lincoln.*

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*The Wine Quartet will be back with their Christmas selection in November*

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## **We Are Survivors:** *This is an article for those born before 1940.....*

We were born before television, before penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, videos, Frisbees and the pill. We lived before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball - point pens; before dishwashers, tumble dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together (how quaint can you be?) We thought 'fast food' was what you ate in Lent. A 'Big Mac' was an oversized raincoat and crumpet we had for tea. We existed before househusbands, computer dating, dual careers, when a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins and sheltered accommodation was where you waited for a bus.

We were before day care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We had never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt and young men wearing earrings. For us 'time sharing' meant togetherness. A chip was a piece of wood or a fried potato, hardware meant nuts and bolts and software wasn't a word.

Before 1948 'Made in Japan' meant junk, the term 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams. A stud was something you fastened a collar to a shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on the bus until it reached the depot. Pizzas, McDonald's and instant coffee were unheard of. In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mown, coke was kept in the coalhouse, and a joint was a piece of meat had on Sundays, and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was a grandmother's lullaby; El Dorado was an ice-cream; a gay person was the life and soul of the party and nothing more and aids meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

*\*This was displayed on the notice board of a school staff room some years ago. Obviously written by a teacher feeling their age at the end of term!*



### **Iron Mike 'You are an Outlaw'**

For the past 6 months you may have spotted a lycra clad individual running and cycling through the village at all times of the day and night. This was all in preparation for Michael's 30th birthday present to himself, to complete an Iron Distance Triathlon, known as The Outlaw in Nottingham. The triathlon was booked for July 27th which meant the training had to start just after Christmas, with regular runs, swims and training cycle rides both before and after the working day, whatever the weather.

Fortunately the training paid off and Michael completed the 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike and 26.2 mile run in 12hrs 9minutes.

This is an amazing event and Michael would highly recommend it to any of you sitting there wondering if you could do it, just go for it. All you need is the time, the want and a very supportive family. The training continues for Michael's next event. *Michael and Susannah Doran*

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## Golden Wedding

Our congratulations go to Diana & David Jones of Hanney Road, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in September. A party for friends and family was held at their home before the couple left a few days later for a cruise on the Queen Elizabeth.

## Update on the A34

No doubt after having read the Editor's blog last month (!), cash to help congestion on the A34 could be on the way after the Chancellor of the Exchequer agreed to discuss the issue with an Oxfordshire MP.

George Osborne promised to meet Oxford West and Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood after she raised it in the House of Commons. The A34 has previously been branded one of the worst roads in the country, with records showing decades of congestion, accident blackspots and numerous safety campaigns.

## Longworth & District History Society



October is the month when our talks recommence in Southmoor Village Hall, on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The talk starts at 7.30. On 16th October the talk is "Plague and Fire - the life and works of Samuel Pepys". The talk is given by Colin Oakes.

At each meeting there is a bar where a selection of soft drinks or a glass of wine can be purchased. We have a library with a large selection of local history publications which may be borrowed.

We are always looking for help identifying people in photographs from our archives of days gone by in our villages. There are usually a number of these photographs at each meeting.

Before we start the talks there is a visit to the Canal Museum in Wantage on Saturday 4th October at 2pm. This is a very small museum at the bottom of Mill Street, and so we have made it a ticketed visit as only 10 people can fit in at one time, so the second group will go later. Pam Woodward has the tickets so if you are interested please give her a ring 01865 820500. We look forward to seeing you again in the hall, after a busy summer. *Kathy Fletcher 820193.*

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## Ron's Green Gardening Tips for October

As I mentioned in the September KBS News most gardeners and growers have had a bumper crop of fruit and vegetables and as we enter October most of the produce has either been eaten, frozen or turned into pickles or jam.

After producing all this produce remember to feed your garden soil ready for next year. Start by lightly digging to remove those unwanted plants and weeds, spread a layer of homemade compost or farmyard manure, 'if you can get it', or as much organic matter as you can lay your hands on, to replace the goodness in the soil.

The earlier you start the better, it can be left in a pretty rough state on the garden to gradually seep down, releasing nutrients into the soil over the winter months when it will be ready for digging in next spring.

When it comes to organic methods of adding vital natural nutrients to the soil possibly one of the easiest and best is to grow Green Manure. Simply scatter the seeds onto a weed free area of soil then lightly rake over. The sowing can be overwintered then cut down or crushed before digging in early next spring.

It is also important to consider adding a dressing of bone meal or fish, blood and bone. These are perfect for adding a range of nutrients to the soil and are ideal if you are growing a variety of crops.

If you are thinking of planting roses next March now is the time to start preparing the new rose beds. Dig the soil well and add plenty of well-rotted homemade garden-compost material or horse manure to ensure the plant has a good start next spring.

This month you must complete planting your spring flowering bulbs to ensure you have an early display in pots and borders. Local Garden Centers are currently bursting with a wide variety of bulbs with a choice of some unusual and vibrant colours. Many varieties of bulbs such as Hyacinths and Cyclamen can be grown indoors in bowls or pots for Christmas display. Start by using bulb fibre or damp compost. When planting just allow the bulbs to appear above the surface, keep in a cool semi dark place until new shoots appear, then place on a frost free windowsill away from a radiator to flower.

My favourite fruit for this month is the Blackberry. Although the fruits have been in plentiful supply for some time and the wild variety freely available for gathering in the hedgerows I am referring to the cultivated variety which produces a large glossy fruit, sweet and rich in vitamins and minerals. These are ideal for cooking and making jam and the cultivated variety are usually thorn less and much easier to harvest.

Remember to come along to the Gardening Club meeting on October 7th when Pippa Greenwood from BBC Gardening Question Time will be the guest speaker to talk about gardening matters. She will also be keen to hear about your problems during and answering questions session. Meeting starts at 7 pm for 7.30 pm at the Village Hall in Southmoor. Admission £7 for members £10 for visitors. Licensed bar available, plus a raffle.



### KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR

The café is going from strength to strength after our move to the Village Hall. We have settled in well and are getting a lot of customers, including several new people, both from the village and the surrounding area.

The café is held every Thursday (except Christmas - New Year) from 9am – noon. 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.

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)

### SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

*Members enjoyed a trip to Lechlade Garden Centre for a delicious cream tea, followed by a leisurely browse round the shops.*

*We usually meet on the 2nd Wednesday each month in the Swallow Room from 2 pm - 4 pm and the programme varies from Bingo to quizzes and other games and occasional speakers. Our meeting this month WILL BE ON OCTOBER 15th (not the 8th) as I have managed to get a lady to come and show us all how to make silk beads.*

*New members always welcome. Cost £2. We have a sales table to raise a few pennies for funds and a raffle (each member brings a wrapped item for the raffle). For details contact Pat 820775.*

## KINGSTON BAGUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.



Members were treated to a fascinating talk about the history of the Mother of Pearl business by Mr George Hook from Birmingham at our September meeting. He is the last craftsman to work with mother of pearl in the UK and brought various examples including buttons, handles for cutlery and items of jewellery to buy as well as the shells he uses to make them. He was a very entertaining and interesting speaker. Outstanding refreshments were provided by this month's hostesses.

Our next meeting is on the 14th October and is organised by our members. The competition will be a children's story book.

Finally our meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in Southmoor Village Hall at 7-30pm. New members are always welcome. We also have our own website and Facebook page as well as links to the OFWI and Denman College where more information is available. *Karen King 803169*

## Faringdon Rotary Supports MND Fundraising



*Dave Butler accepts the cheque on behalf of Oxford Motor Neurone Society*

Representatives from Faringdon & District Rotary Club presented a cheque to David & Sue Butler in support of their fund-raising for the Oxfordshire Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Rotary President Bjorn Watson said: "Several of our members have known David for some considerable time and as soon as our Club was made aware of his and Sue's fund-raising efforts they were unanimous in wanting to contribute." "We are always grateful to the people of Kingston & Bagpuize and Southmoor for their generous support during our fundraising with Thomas the Tank Engine with Father Christmas during December each year which make this and our support of other worthy causes

possible." "It is a pleasure to be giving something back."

Pictured with David are his wife Sue and Rotarians Michael Cook, John Brierwood and Bjorn Watson. If any reader would like to contribute to David & Sue's fundraising please contact Michael Cook on 01367 253231 and he will put you in touch. Ice buckets not required! *Mike Bell*



## Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

We are holding a special event with Dr Pippa Greenwood on Tuesday 7th October at the Village Hall in Draycott Road, Southmoor OX13 5HX.

Come along at 7.00 pm for the start at 7.30 pm. The topic is 'Greener Gardening – keep pests away the natural way! with best-

selling author Pippa Greenwood who is a trained botanist and expert on garden pests and diseases. Pippa is, of course, also a regular panellist on BBC Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time, and a past presenter on BBC 2's 'Gardeners' World'. Pippa will be providing lots of ideas for avoiding and sorting out common garden pests and other problems without using chemicals. She will also be keen to hear about your gardening problems and answer your gardening question. Advance tickets: Members £7 Non-members £10. During the evening there will be a Grand Raffle and a licensed bar. To book your ticket/s and for more information about S&KB Gardening Club call Steve or Sharon on 01865 820399 or email [skbgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:skbgardeningclub@gmail.com) *Ron Green.*



## Gardening Show success

*Betty & Don Viney with Alwyn Woolley were some of the 100 visitors who enjoyed the excellent display of flowers and vegetables at the Gardening Club Village Show in the Hall on September 13th.*



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The September meeting of the KBS Parish Council took place on Monday 1st in the Village Hall, together with 15 members of the public.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Several residents enquired as to the status of works by Thames Water; Cllr Smith reported, subsequent to a meeting with TW, that works to repair the existing system, and connect the Witney Road development, are expected to take 3 months. The Faringdon Road will remain open during the work with traffic control in place. TW are expected to attend the October Parish Council meeting to detail their plans. Road safety issues were highlighted, especially around the village shops, post office and the exit of the path from the school to Faringdon Road.

A resident reported on nettles and brambles overhanging the footpath to the Lamb and Flag forcing pedestrians on to the road.

The Clerk will remind David Wilson Homes that a meeting with affected residents is now overdue.

Mrs Grant explained the position with the Sportsfield development. Once the Licence to Occupy and the subsequent 125-year lease are agreed by the Parish Council, the S106 agreement will be finalised and a developer selected. Because of the demands of VWHDC / OCC it will not be possible to include all the features within the pavilion which were originally hoped to include. These include a bar and a range of white goods.

Mrs Grant encouraged an approach to commercial sponsors. It is hoped to start the development before the end of 2014.

**OTHER BUSINESS.** The defibrillator has been ordered and delivery is awaited. The location of the memorial seat for Matty Kucinski has been agreed with Mr & Mrs Kucinski. The Latton Close bus shelter rebuild is awaiting consent from Sovereign Vale HA.

**PLANNING.** For full details of applications and decisions received, please refer to September minutes.

**ACCOUNTS.** Payments. For full details of July/August payments, which total £4,759.94, please refer to September minutes.

**RECEIPTS.** For full details of July/August receipts, which total £6,973.56, please refer to September minutes

**ROAD SAFETY.** Following the discussion under Public Participation, the following additional issues will be raised with OCC Highways to seek improvements: installation of average speed cameras/warning notices of the number of recent serious accidents, and warning signs of approaching minor junctions on the A420; a pedestrian crossing of the Faringdon Road near the Fir Tree Close path. The Road Safety Officer will be invited to the November meeting.

**Land to be leased or purchased under S106 Agreements.** Sports field and Pavilion: Further discussions with the Parish Council's Solicitor and Mrs Grant were held after the meeting to expedite agreement on the Licence to Occupy and the subsequent Lease. Once agreed, the S106 can be finalised and a developer selected.

**Land to South Of PYE development.** Nothing to report.

**Land Adjacent to the Village Hall.** Nothing to report

**Land to the West of Witney Rd.** Construction has started. A meeting with the developer, the Parish Council and the Scouts will be arranged to progress the opportunity for a new Scout HQ on the site.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Community Governance Review - Steve Corrigan. A revised parish boundary extension has been agreed to add just the Kingston Business Park and Sportsfield to the parish. The effective date for the change is not yet known.

**VILLAGE AMENITIES:** Recreation Grounds: RoSPA have issued their annual inspection report. This raises a number of minor issues – the majority relating to the see-saw which is about to be replaced.

**WAR MEMORIAL.** Cllr Charlton will provide the British Legion contact to order wreaths for Remembrance Day. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Mon. 6th October, in the Village Hall.

*Alex Chartres, Vice Chairman.*

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

\*Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.

\*The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

\*The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

\*Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.

\*Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 metres.

\*Everything weighs one percent less at the equator.

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## 1st Southmoor Guides

After a long summer break, which ended with smoothies at Cherry Pie Diner, we started the new term with a trip to Millets Maize Maze. This term we will be having a loom bands night, a photography evening, an annual quiz night, working on road safety during national road safety week and making rag dolls for a charity which tries to ensure every child has a toy - if anyone would like to get involved with this, please let us know. We are also making truffles for village residents to replace the Christmas cakes, which we cannot make any more due to our new premises and lack of kitchen facilities - but we will ensure the truffles are delicious! We will visit Millets again at the end of term for our annual ice skating and hot chocolate trip and end the term on 10th December. We now have 20 Guides, and are running a waiting list. 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. *Sarah Harris.*



*Thames Valley Police is appealing for witnesses after offenders gained entry to Millets Farm Garden Centre in Frilford, Abingdon. At 10.30pm on Monday (25/8) offenders forced entry to the centre through the main front door. Once inside they forced entry to the office and attempted to steal the safe. The offenders made off with an unknown amount of cash. Anyone with information should contact PC Simon Charlton from Abingdon police station via the Thames Valley Police Enquiry Centre on 101.*

*If you don't want to speak directly to the police, you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers (opens new window) anonymously on 0800 555 111 No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.*

## KINGSTON BAGPUIZE DRAMA GROUP



Preparations for November's production are now in full swing. The set has been designed, lighting and sound settled upon and rehearsals are well underway.

'Kindertransport' by Diane Samuels, examines the life, during World War II and afterwards, of a Kindertransport child. Though fictitious, it is based upon many real kinder stories.

'As the clouds of war gather in 1930s Germany, a desperate mother forces her young daughter onto a train, sending her out of danger and into the arms of strangers. In peaceful, suburban, 1980s England, a proud mother prepares to say farewell to her grown-up daughter, as she cuts the ties of childhood to leave the family home. Then a chance discovery opens an unhealed wound.'

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. We will have a fully licensed bar and will also be serving teas and coffees. *Sarah Curran*

## The Way We Were



*Southmoor Cottage in the harsh Winter of 1981/82 when the village was cut off for several days.*

*Does anyone have any village photos of the previous very bad winter 1962/63?*

*(Our thanks to the History Society)*



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## Autumn membership discount

Tennis is often perceived as a summer activity. However, if you've been down Draycott Road on a murky winter's evening you'll probably have seen the beaming floodlights at the tennis courts. The floodlights (as well as bobble hats and fleecy leggings) mean that we can play tennis all year round. It's not as miserable as you might think - the cooler conditions

are often better to play in - and the wind and ice rarely make things difficult or dangerous.

With this in mind, we're offering a special WINTER DISCOUNT on tennis club membership. From 31 October, membership will be reduced by 50%: families £48, adults £23 and juniors £8. So there's definitely no excuse not to get your racquet out and enjoy some tennis. Find out more and join online at: <http://www.kbstennis.org/>

Paul Gill.



## Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group

We've had a great start to the new term and have been really pleased to welcome lots of new faces as well as the return of some old friends. The children have been playing happily with the new toys we acquired over the summer and burning lots of energy on our great selection of ride-ons and indoor play equipment! The group meets on Friday mornings during term time from 10:00-11:30 at Southmoor Village Hall. Each session is only £2 per family and includes a snack for the children and refreshments for the adults. Plus your first visit is absolutely free.

From time to time we have themed sessions and this half term we will be hosting a Halloween haunt on 24 October. Why not come along for some spooky fun and games! Do get in touch with us if you'd like to know more. *Rachel Skeet, Secretary (southmoorbabytoddlergroup@hotmail.co.uk)*



## ED VAIZEY MP Parish News

Over the summer there were many events both across my Constituency, in the UK and across Europe which marked the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Each was quite different – from the names on the war memorial being read out in Wallingford to the unveiling of the Memorial Arch in Folkestone where I was deeply moved to see a parade, which was a stark reminder of the men who marched off to serve their country a century ago. For me, perhaps the most moving event of all was when people all over the country put their lights out and we all paused to remember the courage and dignity of the millions who fought for freedom and democracy, so many of whom never came home.

It's so important that we don't just remember for a day or a week, but that we really do try to learn the lessons of what became known as the Great War, which so sadly was not, as so many hoped, the war to end all wars. In particular, getting young people today to engage with the real impact of the First World War is a challenge. I was therefore delighted to come across a truly imaginative and effective way to do just that set up by one of my constituents - a Facebook page of a soldier-to-be had the platform have been available 100 years ago. I know that young people are already checking out the Facebook page to see the latest information, and I'm sure that the numbers will continue to grow over the summer. You can see the page at [www.facebook.com/WW1SoldiersTale](http://www.facebook.com/WW1SoldiersTale). Not only does the page recount the events in one life, but it sets it all in the context of a family and friends, and all the other events – local and national – happening at the time. Not least among those events is the campaign for votes for women: it is still less than a century since any women at all were allowed to vote and it was only in 1924 – within living memory - that women were finally able to vote on the same basis as men.

As ever please feel free to contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk). Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Surgery details can be found at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com).

**Protect Rural Oxfordshire (PRO)** Did you know that current plans for the county include 80,000 new jobs, 90,000 more residents and 100,000 more houses – all within the next 17 years? This proposed growth in housing is the equivalent of every town and village increasing in size by 40%.

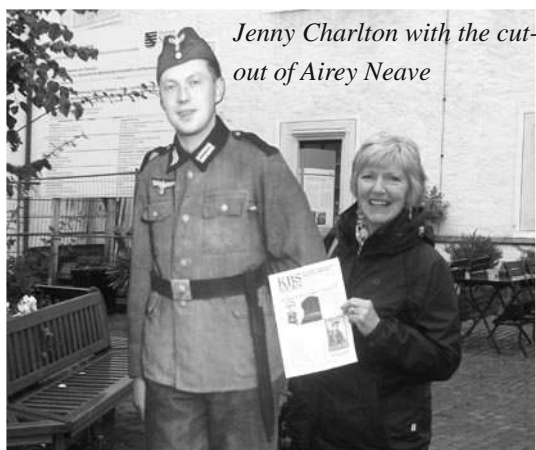
The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is concerned about how the speed and scale of this development could cause irretrievable damage to our landscape and local communities, and the impact it will have on already over-stretched services and infrastructure particularly in rural areas. It has launched a campaign – Protect Rural Oxfordshire (PRO) - to fight for a more sustainable vision for the future of the county. To find out more see our website ([www.cpreoxon.org.uk](http://www.cpreoxon.org.uk)) or follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/CPREOxfordshire](http://www.facebook.com/CPREOxfordshire)) or Twitter (@CPREOxfordshire) and sign up to our monthly e-news bulletin (E: [administrator@cpreoxon.org.uk](mailto:administrator@cpreoxon.org.uk) / T: 01865 874780).

## The Charlton's great escape to Colditz

This life-size cut-out of our late MP Airey Neave DSO, MC disguised as a German NCO – stands in the courtyard of Colditz Castle (Offlag IVc).

It has been enlarged from the original photograph taken by the German Camp Photographer after Lieutenant Neave's first-unsuccessful-escape attempt.

Unfortunately Airey Neave was colour blind and was unaware that the uniform, made from Dutch or Polish greatcoats, would show up as green under the floodlights against the grey of the actual German uniforms. The newly whitewashed castle looks very benign now as it looks down from its rock above the little town. Situated in the Colditz forest in the heart of Saxony on a tributary of the Elbe, between Leipzig and Chemnitz, it is over three hundred miles from the Swiss border. Escape into Switzerland would have involved crossing part of Czechoslovakia and Austria or the Bavarian mountains. The majority of the escapers managed to travel most of the distance by train but one intrepid French officer found a bicycle in the town and cycled the whole way to Switzerland in about ten days. *Ian & Jenny Charlton*



*Jenny Charlton with the cut-out of Airey Neave*



*These great photos of Ian & Jenny Charlton at Colditz Castle with their copy of the KBS News must be a contender for the most unusual place where the paper can be seen.*



900 cars a day many of which are exported world wide. It was amazing to see the robots working to add each component to the car. Robots not only assembled the parts but they were also used to check each stage, including measuring the accuracy to within a fraction of a millimetre.

Few humans work in the production line. Robots supplied components to other robots assembling the cars, by following magnetic tracks across the factory, with no human in sight. What was amazing was that no two cars were the same, as the choices available allow 15,000,000,000,000 different combinations of Mini to be assembled. Each one was assigned to a customer who had chosen the specific design they wanted, not only the number of doors, left- or right-hand drive and paint colour but many minor details like carpet, position of



accessories etc. Each car comes off the production line in the correct order to be loaded perhaps onto a lorry or train to take it to a salesroom in Swindon or a boat to China or Japan – two of the main overseas destinations for Minis. Work continued day and night and our visit coincided with a 14-minute pause when production stopped while the human workers had a break. It was a fascinating visit and if you missed it you can book a tour on their website:

<http://www.miniplantoxford.co.uk/>. *Janet Keene*

*The finished product with Robot*



## Youth Matters

Hi, my name's Scott Thomson and I'll be writing a short column from the perspective of a youth/teenager in this section. Each month I'll be addressing a different topic within the village, or maybe on a wider front. I'll try not to be dull and formal, but I expect that my first few columns may sound like something that Siri could've pieced together. I'll leave it to you to decide if this is worth reading, but for now, Bon Voyage.....

Well, my very first issue is one that has been picked up and dropped for, what, since the dawn of time? Yep, no prizes for guessing, it's the summer holidays. My friends are all on some exotic cruise in Ibiza, probably having the time of their lives. Mum's at work, so no lift into town or anything. What do I do??

The trouble with living in an Oxfordshire village, for people of my age, despite being one of the prettiest place in England is that there are no cinemas, no high-street shops, no skate parks or whatever you usually do when you're bored. However, I remember one or two years ago there was a petition that went round for a Parkour/Youth Centre on one of the plots for the new housing estates. Despite not being particularly interested in that kind of thing myself, I expect there are loads of other people in the village who would be interested. A café, a vending machine or two and some nice sofas would, I expect would be welcome and a nice, modern décor. To me, this could be a utopia for people of my age range, if we could street fund it or something.

This would be brilliant if it did currently exist, but if you're bored waiting for it, join one of the youth clubs around the place. There are tons of them, in the village alone, there's the 14+ drop in and not one, but two church groups on Sunday nights. These groups are all brilliant fun, and some even have free food, which we all know is the most important bit!



### KINGSTON BAGUIZE & SOUTHMOOR BOWLS CLUB

*Our league fixtures are now complete and in the ABL League we finished in third position. In the Kennet L we also finished in third position, just missing out on promotion. However in the Kennet LX we get promoted into division one after finishing in second place.*

*On the 3rd October we have our Annual Presentation Dinner at Millets Farm. This year we are having table service so no queuing. Details as usual with menu choices are on the Club notice board.*

*Our recent four-day tour to Bournemouth was a huge success. Thirty-two travelled staying at the Arlington Hotel, a stone's throw from the sea and pier. Three matches were played, one against Bournemouth BC situated in Merrick Park, another against Argyle BC their green has a panoramic view of the IOW and Harry Rocks. The last match was played against Fordingbridge on the edge of the New Forest.*

*Various beauty spots were visited including Hengistbury Head some 13/14 miles from the hotel. Some of us took the open top bus and the land train to get there, others walked it, must be the Bowling that keeps them fit.*

*We were entertained one evening by an excellent male singer, and on another evening we went to the Pavilion Theatre to see the show 'That'll Be The Day' a great show featuring music through the 50s, 60s and 70s. Our thanks to Frank Davidson for organising this trip, and we look forward to another, did I hear Weymouth mentioned? Mick Fuller (Club Captain) 01865 820818*



*Bowls Club members on their trip to the South Coast at Fordingbridge Bowls Club (left pic) and on Boscombe Pier*

Shortly before publication one of the KBS Team was told by a Gigaclear representative that, as sufficient customers had now been signed up, installation would be definitely going ahead in the village. KBS News then asked Gigaclear for a statement which we publish below. It does seem there is still some way to go before the final go-ahead is given.

## Gigaclear looking to start KBS network build in November



Gigaclear has confirmed it is keen to fast track its proposed installation in Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor, and is looking to commence fibre network construction in early November, subject to key order thresholds being met. The company has now identified it will require three fibre cabinets to cover the entire community, with the first phase comprising all properties along and within the 'quadrant' bounded by Hanney Road, Abingdon Road and Faringdon Road, plus Oxford Road and Old School Lane.

All phases still require more orders for the build to be viable, but the company now has directly employed two full time sales people, Simon Rose and Judy Bratt, working in the area for the first phased (KBS 1) to get it across the finishing line, at which point they will move on to the next phases.

To help speed things up Gigaclear is happy to offer everyone that signs up prior to the build in any of the phases a complimentary upgrade to the next higher speed service for 12 months. This means anyone signing up to the entry level 50Mbps service will receive a 100Mbps service. Customers that take the top 1000Mbps package will instead receive free connection, saving £100. And, yes, everyone that has already signed up will also receive the upgrades.

Gigaclear, which is officially the UK's fastest broadband provider, is now the broadband provider of choice in many local villages. Work on Standlake and Forest Hill, the company's tenth and eleventh Oxfordshire communities, started this month, while the Northmoor network was officially opened by Prime Minister, David Cameron, in August. With the help and support of KBS Broadband Group members, who have done so much work to get us to where we are now, Gigaclear is hoping that Wootton & Boars Hill and Kingston Bagpuize Southmoor will be the next communities to benefit from fibre to the premises broadband.

For more information or to sign up and get your community amongst the best connected in the country, AND to take advantage of the limited availability free upgrade offer, sign up at [www.gigaclear.com/order](http://www.gigaclear.com/order)

## Community Message



Abingdon Citizens Advice Bureau is warning that innocent secondhand car buyers could have their vehicle taken away from them because of an outstanding loan on the car dating back to the previous owner.

"Logbook loans", officially called bills of sale, are often taken out against the purchase of a car.

The bill of sale gives the lender ownership of the car and the lender gives the car buyer the right to drive the car as long as loan repayments are up to date. If a borrower fails to repay the loan, the car can be seized by the lender. But most people do not realise that if the car is sold on while the loan is still outstanding, and payments are not being made, the logbook lender is legally entitled to take the car away from the new owner.

In one case made known to Citizens Advice, a man said he had spent £1,100 on a secondhand car. A few weeks later he received a letter from a logbook loans company saying he owed them £637. The man contacted the loan company to explain that the car had been sold to him, providing the loan firm with the seller's address, but somebody still turned up to take the car away. Worried that he would be left without any way to get to work, the man had to borrow money in order to pay off the previous owner's loan.

Drivers can carry out checks before buying a car, to see whether a loan is attached to it. However, there is a charge for these searches, and not all loans will show up.

Evidence collected by Citizens Advice suggests that people are signing up for logbook loans, tempted by the promise of fast cash and no credit checks, without realising the full implications. Interest rates charged are much higher than those for a conventional loan, and borrowers can end up much deeper in debt as they struggle to repay amounts which exceed the original cost of the car by almost three times.

If you are facing a situation like this after buying a secondhand car, call Adviceline on 08444 111 444 or drop in to your nearest Citizens Advice Bureau, which is located at Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon OX14 3JE. For opening hours, see [www.caox.org.uk](http://www.caox.org.uk)

