



KBS NEWS

The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village News

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The Editor sorts the pile of submissions for this month's issue

Where has all the Copy gone?

If this month's copy seems to be a bit of a gardening issue, you're probably right, but then where has all the other copy gone? Many village organisations have not sent copy in for several months. It is the village magazine and should mirror this in the range of topics covered.

Last month I had a lashing from a lady who shall remain anonymous regarding the recent content of the News. (In fairness she did apologise the following day). Sometimes it is a struggle to fill the pages.

The KBS News committee have tried to introduce a more varied content rather than just majoring club reports and it seems to have gone down well with most people. If it hasn't why not tell us, or if you like the new News tell us. Don't forget we are still looking for old photographs for the Way we Were column.

Currently if it wasn't for Ron Green we probably wouldn't have a News. Ron's enthusiasm for the pen is legendary and very welcome but there must be others who can equally wax lyrical about things Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor.

One thing we will be doing is starting a series shortly on how the News is produced, going through the process step by step to illustrate how much work goes into producing it

Another subject well covered this month is the recent rise in vandalism. This I imagine is due to the school holidays and light nights, though why that should in itself mean the infrastructure of the village is vandalised beats me. What some parents think their offspring are doing out in the village to all hours is beyond my comprehension. We came by Crossroads Garage a couple of years ago on New Year's Day at 2.20am and there were several herbets hanging around the cars even at that hour. I digress.

I hope you will agree that great strides have been made in the last two years both with the subjects covered and the way the paper is presented. We try to improve the News with better layouts and photographs, but it's difficult without the copy. So to recap, if the person in your club/organisation is not sending in his reports to us, approach them with a sharp stick with the copy date stuck on the end of it as a gentle reminder. *Lance Bassett*

The Village Show-It's not too late!



As you're reading this, it won't be long until the Village Show - it's on Saturday 14th Sept at 2pm in the Village Hall.

But it's not too late to take part - remember you don't have to be a member to enter. If you don't have any plants, flowers or vegetables there are plenty of cookery, craft and photography classes for you or the children. The schedule is available on the village website homepage (kbsonline.org.uk) so take a look. Do your cakes rise to the occasion? Is your lemon curd tangy? It takes just half an hour to rustle up a victoria sponge or an hour for curd. And you'll get the pleasure of eating them afterwards - the judges only sample a tiny amount!

If you can't take part, please do come along and visit. There'll be activities to keep the kids occupied, tea and cake, and hopefully you'll be inspired to take part next year. The show opens at 2pm and prizes are presented at 3.45pm. We hope to see you there. *Paul Gill.*

NEED A DOCTOR URGENTLY?

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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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KBS News reserves the right to shorten or edit any submissions if necessary where space is at a premium. All submissions must be attributed, anonymous submissions will not be printed and late copy may not be included.

Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

Can someone tell me when Councils stopped trimming back hedges around road signs? Road users now stand no chance of reading directions until the very last second, sometimes resulting in veering across the traffic to find the right lane! I am amazed how many direction signs are covered over by foliage. Some real bright spark came up with this one to save tuppence. Brilliant.

Not only direction signs but village name signs are also grown over in many places so now we don't know how to get there and where we are when we do arrive. Bizarre! Not only is this practice unsafe but it also makes the place look so untidy and adds to the look of the third world state we are rapidly becoming.

So, bearing in mind we are still paying the same or even increased taxes where is the money going? It certainly isn't on roads, it certainly isn't on Policing, it certainly isn't on waste disposal as we have to do most of the work ourselves, and it certainly isn't on planning as most new housing seems to be being dumped in our village. In the real world with this type of service they would be out of business, you couldn't make it up.

Lance Bassett, News at Ten, Kingston Bagpuize.



KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

<http://kingstonbagpuizechurch.wordpress.com>



Sunday 1st September	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Speaker: Ms Jackie Bone
Sunday 8th September	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Joe Cotterill
	10.30am	Questions of Life Service	Speaker: Mr Peter Beer
Monday 9th September	8.00pm	Informal Service of Night Prayer in the Church Room	(coffee from 7.30pm)
Sunday 15th September	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	12.00noon	Open Air All-Age Service on the Millennium Green, followed by picnic and games	Speaker: Revd Simon Steer
Sunday 22nd September	9.00am & 10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
Sunday 29th September	9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
	10.30am	'Focus on Malawi' Café Church	Speaker: Dr Susannah Wood
	10.30am	Eight Villages Cluster Service – at Appleton	Rev Lyn Sapwell

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER – OPEN AIR SERVICE, PICNIC & GAMES: At 12.00 noon at Telly Tubby Hill / Sun Dial on the Millennium Green, together with the Explorer Scouts, Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, Beavers and Rainbows, a fun, short All-Age Service, with distinguished visiting speaker Revd Simon Steer. (NB the new location.) We will then enjoy a picnic at 12.30 (please bring your own, also something to sit on if you wish for such), followed by games at 1.00pm for about an hour, led by Mr Mike Furse and other leaders from the uniformed groups.

SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER – 'FOCUS ON MALAWI' CAFÉ CHURCH: At 10.30am a relaxed gathering, beginning with coffee, bacon rolls and the newspapers, then fascinating talk and discussion about Malawi and St John the Baptist's work there, led by Dr Susannah Wood. Do come along.

SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER – EIGHT CHURCHES CLUSTER SERVICE AT APPLETON: Join with people from local villages from Shippon to Appleton for a joint service at 10.30am, followed by friendly coffee and conversation.

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

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

Fyfield Chapel (Evangelical)

www.fyfieldchapel.org.uk

Sunday Service: 11.00 am

Crèche and Sunday School

Communion: 2nd Sunday in month

Evening Tea & Fellowship

5.30 pm 1st Sunday in month

Home Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

8.00 pm 3rd Friday in month

(for details please email

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Newsletter available at Blessed Hugh Church or from the Parish

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

St Lawrence Church, Tubney Sunday 1st September 2013, 6pm-7.40pm

Cluster Group Service followed by Poetry & Pimms

Let the Vicar know if you would like to read one of your favourite poems or come and listen to others.

Parking in the lane to Tubworth Barns 30 yards to the West of the Church (Fyfield direction)

Vicar – The Rev. David Pickering – 01865 820 451



WORDS OF WISDOM

If you just set out to be liked, you would be prepared to compromise on anything at any time, and you would achieve nothing. *Margaret Thatcher*



VILLAGE VOICES

I write to endorse Keith's message in the current KBS News. Like him, I am dismayed by Ed Vaizey's totally inadequate response to the Government's arrogant destruction of the rural character of our paired villages. In fact, it is no secret that Vaizey is one of Cameron's closest supporters in the policy of concreting over our heavily overpopulated Isle. Nor is it any secret that the same Government in five years' time will use the current building sprawl as a prime pretext for extending it ever further across the Vale of the White Horse.

I am devoted to Southmoor, where we have now lived for thirty-three years. Being also an avid enthusiast for local life and tradition, I naturally read KBS News with avidity and enjoyment. But I imagine I am not alone in finding it distasteful to endure a monthly bout of propaganda on behalf of a Government which has effectively (and without regret) destroyed the character of our villages - to say nothing of property values in the vicinity. I appreciate that modern MPs increasingly act more as welfare officers than legislators (don't we have more than enough laws anyway?). But surely everyone knows how to contact their MP if desired? It would surely be possible to publish Mr Vaizey's address, and no more. Has the time not come to cease the boosting of one particular political party interest to the exclusion of any other? In short, could our otherwise admirable journal henceforward confine itself to village concerns and interests? *Nikolai Tolstoy*

I could not believe my ears when watching the local News last week about the video of "Tortoise in Love" - the film that we made in the village! I would like to know who said this or was it journalism at its best? "The film that brought the village together because the villagers of Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor did not talk to each other before the film was made" What utter twaddle!!!! Pat Smith (Chair)

I read with interest the Parish Council News in the August issue of the village news concerning the Flag Poles at the War Memorial site and I have to say at this point I fully support their permanent erection.

I travelled past the site when the working party were standing back admiring the three flag poles which they had just assembled and my wife and I agree, what an improvement the flag poles made to a quite unexceptional gateway to the village.

While those responsible for the poles probably should have obtained planning permission I trust this will be obtained with out further delay and that the Union Flag with fly on a permanent basis as a mark of our national identity and the others on appropriate occasions.

We should be proud that we live in a British village and recognise those who fell in the two World Wars.
Peter Smith

Dear Editor, In 1998/9 the idea of our villages (Kinston Bagpuize/Southmoor and the southern half of Longworth) having an open space/recreational area created for the use of residents was coming to fruition. This lovely area was opened for ALL in the Millennium year and has matured and evolved since. Quite a few in the village have worked and been involved in its creation and trusteeship and a lot of mums dads and their children have used and enjoyed it to this day.

We've had parties BBQs, Sports days, Church services, Challenges, Walks Fitness training, Egg hunts to name but a few. All without there being any damage to the fabric of the Green

We've lost a few trees and plants through weather damage or animals and unfortunately, had some deaths but on the bright side, Wedding Groups Kiddies from the Play School and many others have been seen happily enjoying OUR SPACE.

So why is it that a Tiny, Mini-Minded group of Moron's is allowed to strip the Green of some of the Artefacts put there for the enjoyment of all? Some were Memorials and others were sited for guidance or just an opportunity to stimulate peoples thoughts .

The latest Idiot offence is the burning of the Green man (a carving that was sited on the newly created Aefriths path). When this incident was discovered it was also found that the WI Plaque, a carved way directional sign, and, worst of all, Lesley Cowan's tribute board, are all missing believed burnt.

I have no wish to stop anyone having fun but for pities sake, will you young vandals grow up and use some of your energy's in helping the rest of us keep this beautiful site unspoilt and safe, for all of us to enjoy.

Meanwhile the actions of this bunch of fools are known to the local police who consider their pranks to be Criminal Damage. If anyone has information that could help prosecute them. Please contact the Police on

...0845 8 505 505...*Doug Ovenden*

Village Notice Board



Would you like to know more about your local policing team? Why not visit your local neighbourhood policing team's page. Read about your local neighbourhood priorities, access your team's monthly update and even have a look at the faces of your team's members.

Just visit: <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh/yournh-tvp-pol-area/yournh-nh-listnh.htm>

A very big thank you to everyone who supported our recent coffee morning in aid of the Bell Tower Appeal, Chris and I were overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone. A grand total of £542 means we are another step nearer to carrying out those vital repairs. *Julie Carpenter*

Anyone interested in seeing a short film on You Tube showing the building of the Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor By-pass, log on to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITxU-V-GAW4>. A fascinating insight into the project and a reminder of how horrendous the traffic was back in 1992.

KBS News team would like to congratulate Faringdon Road residents Peter & Angela Smith on the recent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Withdrawal of free School Buses

At the moment it is back to the drawing board for the council. However I am under no illusion that they will bring it through. Oxonbus support group (can find them online) are still rallying and getting together funds just in case we need to seek legal advice. I am so worried for the future of Southmoor lots of people have said they would move to prevent the high costs as families simply do not have the money. Thank you for your continuing support. *Lorain Groves.*

I have been asked to point out that the front page story last month concerning the possible loss of the free school bus to Matthew Arnold School also applies to the bus for Faringdon School. Ed.

STELLA ROSE

Diana and family would like to thank everyone who attended Stella's funeral. Thankyou for the many cards we received also donations for Diabetes UK of over £200. Thank you to Rev. Pickering for a lovely service and a huge thankyou to the Waggon and Horses for putting on a fabulous spread.

KBS 14+ Drop In

This weekly drop in for teenagers continues to run for school years 9 and above. We are open from 7.30-9.30 pm every Friday, in The Methodist Church in Southmoor, during term time.

Teenagers can pop in for a game of pool, table tennis or if feeling more energetic, a game of dodge-ball. We also have a wii, games and a tuck shop. We make amazing cheese toasties and often have activities such as cooking or crafts. We organise trips to Laser Quest, midnight ice skating and more.

We have an incredible group of adult volunteers who give up one evening a month to help run the sessions, who enjoy challenging the youngsters to a game of pool or table tennis.

We had our end of term party on Friday 19th July, which was great fun, with a drama workshop run by The KBS Drama Group (thank you Susie and Robert).

We re-open on Friday 6th September, with an early opening time of 7 pm just for the new year 9's, the rest of them can come from 7.30 pm. Please get in touch via Facebook or email delythhg@gmail.com for more information. Perhaps you have a special skill you would like to share or are able to join our team of adult volunteers? Go on.....give it a try! Happy Summer! *Delyth Hallion-Gammon*



KINGSTON BAGPUIZE DRAMA GROUP

At the end of November our production will be 'The O'Connor Girls' a great play with moments of comedy which explores family dynamics, misapprehension, secrets, memories and moving on.

As the title suggests this is a predominantly female cast, and we are delighted to announce that Kate Belcher, Paula Eastwood, Sally Lacey and Andrea Spencer will be treading the boards alongside Rob Bateman. Tickets will be available from the Post Office and shops but can pre booked on 01865 821812

The cast started rehearsing at the end of July and the play is shaping up really well. You can follow our progress by finding us and 'liking' us on Facebook – Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group.



FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT? No: 7 The Blowing Stone, Kingston Lisle

It's been a while since we've eaten at the Blowing Stone, situated as it is in the picturesque village of Kingston Lisle, a perfect setting for a meal on a summer evening.

Warm welcome, drinks at the bar and away to the table in the conservatory overlooking the garden all very pleasant.

The service was good as the menu and Specials Board was quickly offered for our perusal. Unfortunately the Chicken Kiev has sold out but there were plenty of other choices.

Only two starters for the four in our party and this was a warm salad, lettuce, bacon, poached egg and joy of joys black pudding, a great start to the meal.

For the main event two of us had rib-eye steak, one sirloin and one had haddock.

The rib-eye steaks were medium rare and could have been a tad more tender but nevertheless it was fine as were the accompanying fries and lettuce, (they must have had a glut of this particular green). The meal was presented well and only two of us had dessert which was the summer pudding. Nicely served up with clotted cream.

There was no problem with the meal or the service save for the young fella helping the waitress, he was a bit inert but then it might have been his first night.

The disappointment came with the bill. Over £130 for this meal for four with only two starters and two puddings and only one bottle of wine, an Australian Shiraz at that, no coffees, no liqueurs, I found it a bit steep, although it did include the pre-dinner drinks.

However the evening was a pleasant experience but it will again be a while before we return to the Blowing Stone for a replay at this price. *Dinah Outte*

WINE OF THE MONTH

This month we decided to source our wines from Tesco's. Unfortunately we found a problem with regard to their special offers as they usually run from the middle of the month to the beginning of the following one.

Bearing in mind we have to write our copy in the middle of the month for the following month's issue, the offers would have finished by the time the Village News was delivered. For instance, there was a superb wine on offer for the first half of August, a Saint Vigni Cotes du Rhone Villages 2011 reduced from £9.99 to £4.99, a wonderful wine at a bargain price, but it is now back on the shelves at £9.99, definitely one to look out for in the future. Therefore, we have chosen two wines at reasonable prices which have not been reduced.

The white wine is Simply Muscadet Sevre et Maine sur Lie, selected by Tesco from the Loire Valley, France, at £4.49. This is a classic Muscadet, made from the Melon de Bourgogne grape variety, and is crisp, vibrant and bright, with lemony flavours and lots of zest. A lovely crisp dry wine for a summer afternoon. The red is a Cotes du Rhone Villages 2012 Reserve selected by Tesco from the Southern Rhone Valley, France, at £4.99. This wine, made from selected Syrah and Grenache grapes, is an intense, warm, fruity, full bodied red with soft spicy notes. A really good buy for those who enjoy their red wines. Cheers, we hope you enjoy them.

THE KBS WINE QUARTET



The KBS Wine Quartet going to great lengths researching the Wine of the Month for KBS News.

COMMUNITY MESSAGE

"Would you like to make your community Dementia Friendly? Get involved with the Dementia Friendly Communities project through ORCC and we can support you to do just that. We can support you to;

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To find out how you can make a difference contact Beth Weston at ORCCC on beth.weston@oxonrcc.org.uk



Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

As a special to start our autumn programme we have invited John Negus, a distinguished writer and broadcaster and a favourite speaker with our members. His illustrated talk will be about his specialist subject, shrubs and climbers. Called 'Borders of Distinction' it will include displaying herbaceous perennials to best effect; choosing plants and varieties to extend the season from early spring to late autumn; and tips on planting, cultivating and associating colours and sculptural forms. Come and join us on Tuesday 3rd September at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Draycott Road, Southmoor where you are sure to enjoy John Negus's talk and leave with many tips for your own borders. Everybody is very welcome, admission Members £1.50 Visitors £2.00 tea or coffee with biscuits included. Each month we hold a raffle, plus a Members' table where plant and gardening goodies are available for sale with donations to our adopted charity for 2013 Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance. For further information about the Club visit skbgardeningclub@gmail.com or contact Chairman Steve Smith on 01865 820399. *Ron Green*

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



The Parish Council does not normally meet in August, and this was so this year, however I would wish to draw residents attention to the out break of Criminal damage, vandalism and anti-social behaviour that the Village has suffered last month and the early part of August, namely:-
Faringdon Road- Latton Close, Bus shelter, Glass panels; smashed on two occasions.
Fir Tree Close, Damage caused to Play Equipment.
Blandy Avenue, windscreen wiper broken off vehicle parked on driveway.
Millennium Green, Old Oxford Road,, Wooden Carving Burnt, Fires lit on Football Field,
Laurel Drive, John Blandy School, Attempted break in.
Some of these incidents will create a charge on Parish Council Funds, something that all council tax payers within the village will ultimately have to pay for, so this affects us all!
These incidents caused Thames Valley Police to dedicate a whole Alert Page to the Village, a reputation we would not wish to continue!
Residents are asked to be Extra Vigilant, and keep a look-out for anyone causing CRIMINAL DAMAGE / ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR within the Village.
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall, on Monday 2nd. September at 7pm.
Brian Forster, Chairman, KBS Parish Council.

SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

There was a quiz afternoon in August. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY 10th INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY. Members will be going to Stratford on Avon and the coach will leave the village hall car park at 10am and returning from Stratford at 3 pm. Details from Pat 820775

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Kingston Colts F.C.



Our players are now having pre-season training and playing friendly matches prior to the start of the new season on the 7th September. The close season went by in a blur, but we did have a successful 3 days of training at the Sportsfield, run by Swindon Town Football in the Community Trust, when around 40 local children benefitted from the excellent training that they provide. Following the great success of last season, many of our teams are preparing themselves for a tough time, after being promoted into higher leagues, but it will be a good experience to play against better opposition.

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

U14s – promoted to the A league after winning their league last season, and once again under the Management of Marc Gorham and Jerry May. They have a strong squad and this will help them do well, in a tougher and bigger league than last season.

U13s – Tony Thompson’s team are playing in the A league again this season and we hope that the experience gained last year will help. A bit short on numbers, so new players would be very welcome. U12s - Trev Baxter’s team are playing 9v9 football again this season after last year’s success. Look out for them in the Blue league.

The U10s will also play in the Blue league, after last season’s success under Manager Mark Stuart and Coach Chris Green.

The U9s are embarking on the new FA structure of youth football and will play development games, development weekends and cup events . Under Manager Carl McKno and Coach Leon Allen, they are playing in the Oxford Mail league this season and hoping to reduce the travelling - we watch with interest.

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

The U7s will play 5v5 under Manager Manda Thompson and Coach Norm Bradbury.

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

The Club continues to grow and we now have well over 100 local youngsters regularly participating in football, which must be good for a small community like ours.

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

Andy Gardner

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Ron's Green Finger Gardening Tips for September

This month marks the beginning of autumn but there is still plenty of time to enjoy the fruits of which, thanks to the warm weather, there should be a bumper supply including apples, pears and most seasonal vegetables. Tomatoes also have ripened naturally outdoors as well as in greenhouse after the disappointment of last year. Keep picking autumn raspberries, and don't forget to look after the raspberry plants after you have picked the last of your summer fruit. You can safely cut down the old fruiting stems to ground level and tie in the new shoots. If you have too many new stems cut some of these out too. You will have fewer stems but bigger and better fruit next year.

Tidy up the strawberry bed, cut back any unwanted runners, trim the foliage on the main plants, remove all dead and yellow leaves and give the plants a generous helping of mulch. If you are entering the Village Show in Southmoor Village Hall on 14th September, remember to select and protect your best blooms, fruits and vegetables to ensure you have a chance of being a class winner on the day.

This is the best month for planting spring bulbs. As a guide to planting depth, bury each bulb twice as deep as its height. For example, a daffodil bulb 5 cm tall must be covered with 10 cm of soil, choose the site either in the boarder or in the lawn, plant the bulbs using a bulb-planting tool, or a trowel. Add a handful of compost when planting this will help give your bulbs an early start. If you have grown courgettes you should be enjoying a bumper crop and providing you remember to cut regularly when they are still small this will encourage the plant to provide a continuous supply into late September.

Keep an eye on your cabbage plants for caterpillars. The first sign is a cluster of tiny yellow eggs usually nestled beneath the leaves and if these remain they will quickly hatch into 'hungry caterpillars' which will rapidly munch their way through your entire crop.

Fruit of the Month - Blueberries are a superb addition to the garden and the fruit has lots of health benefits.

Blueberries need a sheltered sunny site with moist but well drained soil. They need an acidic soil so if your garden is not suitable you will need to grow them in a container using a loam-based ericaceous potting compost to ensure you have fruit next season.

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.

We were entertained at our August meeting by Rob Walters. The talk was entitled "Being Down, Looking Up" which is also the title of one of his books. Rob told us of his travels on a bicycle complete with trailer for 3 weeks. Some of the places he visited were Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, Peterborough, Gloucestershire, Norfolk, Leamington Spa and Ledbury. Rob told us some fascinating and interesting stories about his journey and the money that he raised for the charity STREET SHINE, which is a charity for the homeless in London, and he made £750. You will be wondering what the title of his talk signifies... and Rob raised this money by SHOE SHINING.

Our September meeting will be on Tuesday September 10th at 7.30 when our speaker will be John Sturney and the talk will be "Not quite Paradise" - Life in the Cook Islands. NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME. For more details please contact Jean on 820264 or Pat on 820775.

The Way We Were

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE, ABINGDON



The Old School (now Scout Hall) in the early 20th century. Notice the road looks in about the same condition as it does now!

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The Art & Craft exhibition; Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th September.

Thanks to its popularity last year; the Art & Craft Exhibition will return to the Village Hall in Southmoor over the weekend 28/29th September from 12 noon until 6 pm. where you will be able to see work by local artists from this village and Stanford in the Vale Art Group. We promise a comprehensive collection of paintings in Oil on Canvas, Pastels, Watercolour and Acrylic. Calligraphy fine Pen & Ink work plus Chinese Brush Paintings. Wood-sculpture and wood-turning. Individual designer Jewellery made from Precious Stones. Knitting and Needlework. Quilting Patchwork. Handmade Greeting cards. Marquetry. All unique and individual pieces of Art and Craft many available for sale on the day. Admission to the exhibition £1 adults Children free. Home made tea and cakes available, plus a Raffle on each day. Event held in aid of The Village Hall and Stanford in the Vale Art Group. Come and see THIS VILLAGE HAS TALENT. Ron Green

Fete photography competition winners



Carole and George receive their £15 and £10 cash prizes from KBS News Chair, Pat Smith.

Winners of the 2013 Fete Photography Competition are Carole Watts for the 'Lone Horseman' and for the junior section, 10 year old George Bunce, who also won last year. He's done it again with the flattering shot of the fete MC. Well done both.



Carole's winning photograph of the 'Lone Horseman' and George's 'The MC takes a rest'

BOWLS CLUB



The Ladies have finished their Ridgeway League fixtures in second position. The mens Kennet League games ended with a visit to Island Bohemians in Reading with a loss and finishing in fourth place in division two. The Kennet LX ended with a defeat at Pangbourne and a relegation spot in the league to division three. In the Ashley Baker League we beat Milton Hill 8-2 away and thus secured the League championship with two games still to play well done to all those involved.

Our Club Competition finals take place over the weekend of the 31st August and 1st of September why not pay us a visit and see some games in progress. Our AGM takes place on the 19th of September and our next Quiz is on the 27th September with fish and chips

Our 6th GRAND JUMBLE SALE will take place on Saturday 21st September at the Bowls club in Oxford Road, next to the Millennium Green, starting at 2.00pm. Clothes, Bric-a-brac, Furniture, Homemade cakes, Pictures, Toys, Books, C.Ds and DVD's plus much more and a SUPER RAFFLE. Come along and grab a bargain. Plenty of parking. Entrance fee 20p. All enquiries to Hazel-01865820817 or Yvonne-01235868276. Any donations of Jumble would be much appreciated.

The Clubs Annual Presentation dinner is on the 4th October at Carswell Golf Club, details are on the club notice board as are the details for the Winter Triples Competition which runs through till December. Also on the notice board are details of our next tour this time to Belamadema in Spain on the 3rd – 10th of April, the Hotel being right on the sea front. Mick Fuller (Club captain) 01865 820818



Classic Murray Walker Motor Racing Gaffes:

"And Damon Hill is going under the drier part of the Monaco circuit, that's of course because it's got a roof"

"And that just shows you how important the car is in Formula One racing"

"I know it's an old cliché, but you can cut the atmosphere with a cricket stump"

and describing a pit stop. "And he's done that in a whisker under 10 seconds, call it 9.7 in round figures".

Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club



It's almost the end of the season and KBCC have had mixed fortunes in the Senior teams but the Youth had an excellent season.

KBCC 1st XI have had a tough season what with injuries and holidays, but need to push on right until the end! On a positive note Martin Shepherd who has been at the club for many years passed 9000 runs and is now top run scorer ever in the Cherwell League - congratulations to him.

KBCC 2nd Team now under the captaincy of Club Chairman Tom Scrase have faired better this season. Early on in the season the 2nd XI were contenders to gain promotion, but with the weather and players away they are mid table and safe from relegation. As the team is made up with a majority of the youth section at Kingston they have held their own against teams with much older and experienced players in Cherwell League Div 8. KBCC Youth Section have had a good season with the U15's getting through to the ECB Oxfordshire U15's Semi Finals after winning their League played 7 won 7.

The U13's started slowly but they soon found their feet and won their last 4 games but came up short to qualify for the Quarter Finals .

The U11's (8 a side) in their first season were a credit to the club and go on from strength to strength. KBCC youth players who play for Oxfordshire have had a good season.

Laura Jacob and Lucy Dixon (Oxfordshire U11's girls) had travelled around the country to play other Counties, they are improving with every game and look forward to next season.

Will Woodley (Oxfordshire U11's Boys) has had a superb season and is currently top run scorer for the U11's County with just the Taunton Festival to play in to finish the season. The highlight of his season is when he topped scored against Essex U11's scoring 77 and Oxfordshire went on to beat Essex by 14 runs.

George Woodley (Oxfordshire U15's Boys) has enjoyed this season taking wickets and his highlight was when he faced the last ball against Herefordshire and hit a six over square leg and the U15's County beating Herefordshire by 100 runs. Date to remember - last Car boot sale 1 September. *Richard Woodley*



Left to right, back row, Benjamin Baxter, Trevor Baxter (manager), Laura Jacob, Sadie Timbs, front row, Eddie Nadin, Ethan Davie, George Benfield

KBCC Under 11's

On a glorious, hot July day, Kingston Bagpuize under 11s took part in Freeland CC's inaugural 6-a-side tournament.

With a young, inexperienced but well balanced team & a match format that consisted of only five overs per innings, Kingston needed to hit the ground running as they were first match on against Shipton Under Wychwood and in the field.

Hit the ground running they did. Tight bowling, superb fielding, with a fantastic run out from Benjamin Baxter setting the tone, as Shipton were restricted to 21 from their allotted overs, it only took Kingston 21 balls to reach the target, with opening bat Ethan Davie in dominant form.

Further victories against an 'All Star' team & a strong Freeland 'A' side, ensured a comfortable group win & set up a semi final against local rivals Cumnor.

The parents were nervous, the players were not.

Restricting Cumnor to 22, they breezed through the match to set up an encounter with Stonesfield in the Final. Having to bat first, Kingston made 32, which was probably ten runs short and Stonesfield reached the target with eight balls to spare, to be worthy winners of a great Final.

However, the real winners were the young Kingston players, who exceeded my expectations & proved themselves to be capable of dealing with pressure in a match situation and they thoroughly deserved their runners up medals. *Trevor Baxter U11 Manager - KBCC*

FACTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

- Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years .
- Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end .
- Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals
- Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

LONGWORTH AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY



The next trip is to Ditchley Park on the 19th September. The tour of the house starts at 2.15. There are a few tickets left. £10 if you wish to include tea, otherwise £8.50. Last year we had an interesting talk about the House and Park so a visit to see the house and gardens will complete the picture. The original timber framed Ditchley Park dated from Elizabethan times. It was replaced in the 18th century and is now a very grand building. During World War 2 it is said to have been used by Churchill as his country retreat as Chequers was too well known by the enemy. If you wish to have a lift there, please get in touch with me, Kathy Fletcher 820193 or Pam Woodward 820500.

You may know from reading the Longworth Rose that Peter Keene is retiring from editing this publication. The History Society is keen for it to continue and 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?

This time of year we are preparing our programme for 2014. If you have heard an interesting talk, or been on an interesting visit that you think others would enjoy please let us know.

The next talk is entitled 'To My Wife My Seconde Best Bedd'. David Vaisey will talk on the work of our History Society's Wills Project. This talk is on the 17th October in the Southmoor Village Hall, 7.15 for 7.30. Visitors welcome £2 a meeting. *Kathy Fletcher Tel 01865 820193.*



You are all invited to the KBS Picnic & Great Games

at the Millennium Green.

Come along, join in the fun with the Guides, Scouts & Church

bring a picnic, for games and a short service at the Sun Dial on

(Telly Tubby Hill)

Sunday 15 September at 12 noon till 2pm

St John the Baptist Church

(If wet in the Church)



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The Way We Were



Lord Tweedsmuir's 80th birthday in June 1991.

(L to R) June

Weatherall, Lady

Tweedsmuir, Ron Green,

Lord Tweedsmuir, Peter

Smith, Edith Webb,

Irene Nixon, Brian

Hook.

Three Men and a Boat: Part 2. An epic tale of life on the water for charity

On the 10th June - Ilias picked Alan and John up from their respective houses, and took them down to Lower Foxhangers for the 'handover' of the boat 'Diana' from the Bruce Trust. Arrangements had been made with Odyssey to pick up the 1st Team A under their leader David Scott and 5 women (who have been diagnosed or treated for cancer) at Bridge 149 Martinslade Bridge at 1600 hrs. They loaded their luggage and food on to the boat, and we moved off towards Bradford on Avon, and moored off Seemington top lock for the night. Team A cooked a vegetarian meal for all us. Alan was in his element either at the sink, or cooking us breakfast and tea in the early hours of the morning (farmers' timing) in the galley.

On the 11th June - Boating terminology started to be fluent - port-starboard- fore & aft to the amusement of the passengers. Team A took Alan to their hearts especially when he obtained eggs for breakfast at Bradford on Avon. A change over of crew Richard replacing Alan with help of Gordon and Team B replaced Team A. Team B had leader Ann Thomas with 4 women and 1 man.

Both Teams helped with the locks and swing bridges, which made life easier for the crew. We set off heading back to Bridge 149, but moored of Seemington Swing Bridge adjacent to the towpath. It was noted that many people used the towpath for running, walking but mostly cycling. In the evenings after the meals both teams talked frankly about their treatment and circumstances, which made Alan, Richard and John in awe and admiration of their determination to overcome the difficulties that lie ahead of them.

On the 12th June - we arrived back at Bridge 149 around 3pm, and a surprise appearance of Sandi Burrows came to see John. Sandi was cooking for Odyssey at a house nearby. The boat then moved on back to Lower Foxhangers to pick up Style Acres The arrival of Style Acres took place, and the food, passengers and possessions were placed on board, whilst we went through health & safety and emergency procedures as we did with the others teams. The crew occupied the bunks at the aft and port side (certainly very narrow for Alan and Richard on the top bunk, whilst John had the lower one – very claustrophobic and difficult to extract themselves from them. The bonus for this location was that we had a WC nearby. We set off again towards Bradford on Avon with an overnight stay near Seemington Top Lock. One man to operate 2 swing gates and 3 locks, whilst the other remained at the helm, became very arduous especially on the legs and arms using the windlass and pushing/pulling the gates. *To be continued.....*



Team 'B' with John Smith (Far right)

1st Southmoor Guides



During last term we went to the Big Gig with 15,000 other Guides and saw Lawson, Scouting for Girls, Union J and many other bands. It was great fun but very noisy - 15,000 Guides screaming at once! We finished our Girls in Action badges, where we have been working with a charity which helps runaway children, we also went to the Donkey Sanctuary in Wallingford and adopted a donkey called Chocolate. We also decorated gingerbread houses, made our own pasta, went on an orienteering evening and finished the term with a 70's and 80's party. The Guides would like to thank everyone who donated their Sainsbury's vouchers to us, we have had a delivery of new cooking equipment, which we look forward to using in the future, thank you also to the Post Office for collecting the vouchers for us.

We meet on Wednesday evenings in the school hall, and have a leader, assistant leader and two young leaders. We have spaces available for new girls aged 10-15 who are interested in Guiding. For further details please email Sally on dance424@btinternet.com or ring 01865 821924. *Sally Dance*



FACTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

- Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F
- The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.
- The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man
- The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

John Blandy After School Gardening Club

John Blandy after School Gardening Club; as pupils return to school at the start their autumn term some may notice the additional raised bed which has appeared next to the existing beds. This was built during the summer break and was funded thanks to a generous donation from the National Federation the Women's Institute with support from the Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor W.I Branch. Their donation will also provide for the preparation and provide planting a variety of small fruiting shrubs and dwarf apple trees.

The after School Gardening Club was started by Leslie Cowan in June 2010 through an initiative by the RHS 'Growing Communities' and involving school children around the country. Supported by the previous Head Teacher, Chris Spring, a group of volunteers from the Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club (S&KB) set about constructing the initial 5 raised beds, and by September that year they were ready for the children, and each pupil in the after school gardening club was allocated his or her bed with some sharing they set about preparing and planting a variety of vegetables and/or flowers to look after when the club met each Monday after school.

To assist and supervise the children are volunteers from the S&KB gardening Club (all CRB checked), parents and a teacher assistant. Their objective is to provide the children with a closer understanding of growing and plant management, from a tiny seed to a mature plant for food for the table, or just flowers grown for pleasure. Also to understand preparing the soil to the benefits of adding compost and plant food. To the important part insects' play in pollinating flowers to produce our food, to others which are pests and destroy the plants and hide beneath the soil?

Teaching the correct use and care of garden tools is also important for the children including the use of gardening gloves when working and handling soil and some plants.

During the summer the children's efforts were rewarded with strawberries, radishes, broad beans, spinach, onions, lettuce and two varieties of early potatoes grown in bags (cooked and eaten by the children at school) and of course a display of flowers ranging from the early crocus and daffodils to the summer poppy's and giant sun flowers.

This Autumn, with the new raised bed and the need to rotate the planting will come a new initiative for the children, I have suggested that the largest bed is prepared for growing a selection of vegetables, the new bed as mentioned will feature fruits, and each of the 4 remaining beds will provide; a sensory and herb garden; a native wild flower garden; a garden for cultivar flowers; and an area designed to attract friendly insects with a bee hotel and a bird table.

On behalf of the children who have been part of the after school gardening club, we would like to thank all who have supported this initiative in the village, the W.I, local trades people, the S&KB Gardening Club and importantly the parents and teachers, without your help this project would not take place. Come and see the John Blandy after school Gardening Club on display at the ANNUAL SHOW. Ron Green



George Bunce and Adam Forster taking a bite from radishes they have grown.

WI Gardening Project – Fruit Bed for John Blandy After-school Gardening Club

Thanks to generosity of the National Federation of Women's Institutes Education Committee I am delighted to report that Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor WI has been awarded full funding to establish a fruit bed for pupils of John Blandy After-school Gardening Club. This shared venture with the school and Gardening Club encourages children to learn new skills in a healthy environment. Tending to their fruit in the fresh air and learning how plants grow will be of great benefit, as will the cooking and tasting of the produce afterwards!

I do hope that a good number of children at John Blandy School will take advantage of this new facility and get enormous pleasure from growing their own produce. May the WI Fruit Bed prove to be a huge success for many years to come.

Jean Warr – President Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor WI



ED VAIZEY MP Parish Newsletter



The Wantage and Didcot Constituency is a fascinating place!

I've recently been reviewing some of the statistics which are provided to MPs and have seen that we are one of the most prosperous areas in the UK. 83% of people locally between the ages of 16 and 64 are employed and nearly 89% are economically active, with around 7% running their own businesses. That compares with an employment rate of 74% across the South East and 71% nationally. Of those working in

the constituency, 83% work full time compared with 74% nationally, meaning our workforce has more stable and often more rewarding employment, with average local incomes 10% above the national level. That's due, in some part, to the fact that 34% of local residents have a degree or higher qualification and just 3% have no qualifications at all. Businesses set up locally do better over their first five years than in other places too. We are home to some of the most exciting and innovative scientific enterprises in the world.

What that string of statistics actually means is that the Constituency is not only a very attractive area in which to live, but also a vibrant and successful one. We do have some real challenges, such as the fact that house prices are very high in relation to our incomes, and finding a decent home in the area can be a real challenge. Helping people with housing problems is one of the areas where I am kept busy, and identifying suitable places to build the new homes we need is a real challenge. On that last point, I am continuing to lobby ministers nationally to try to have planning laws and guidance made really fit for purpose so we can build the homes we need without imposing inappropriate growth on rural communities. The Minister who leads on planning, Nick Boles, will be visiting the Constituency at my invitation in September to hear directly from constituents about the problems we have here with the current system.

This month my mailbag has been a little lighter than other recent months. Parliamentary recess has begun and the House of Commons won't sit again until the 2nd of September. Of course, I am still working, and while my emails from constituents may have slowed, it has definitely not stopped. There are two main issues about which people have been writing to me. A campaign to ensure the fast sealing of the new Royal Charter for press regulation and a campaign to get Britain cycling.

A Royal Charter to implement a tough new system of press self-regulation, which gained cross party agreement in Parliament, was concluded and sent to the Privy Council for sealing on the 18th March. Shortly after this, the press petitioned the Privy Council Office with an alternative Royal Charter. This is now being fully considered by the Privy Council to ensure that the process of implementing Leveson is as robust as possible. We must now wait for the Privy Council's conclusions.

And one final note! I was astonished to hear about the plans being put forward by a developer for an international airport south of Marcham. There are many reasons why this is a very daft idea, most of which have been reported widely. Please rest assured that if the concept doesn't disappear of its own accord very swiftly, I will do all that I can to ensure that it never gets beyond the drawing board.

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

The Last Word: Credit where it's due

Moving on from the praise of local company Pestforce last month, I felt this month I should mention the good service I received from Shires windows of Southmoor. Late one Saturday night and going to lock the back door, no dice, the lock wouldn't work. Luckily there were two small bolts to give some kind of security from the scallywags (not that you need them in Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor of course).

A phone call on Monday morning to Shires set the wheels in motion, but unfortunately their door supplier had gone into liquidation. Receiving little help from the new people now running the company, the inimitable Mr Hancock instigated Plan B and I received in short order a telephone call from a locksmith. He arrived exactly when he said he would and within 15 minutes had the job sorted. So my award this month goes to Shires Windows for after sales service. *Lance Bassett*

If you have received good service from a local company, why not write and tell us about it, helping to support local industries.



