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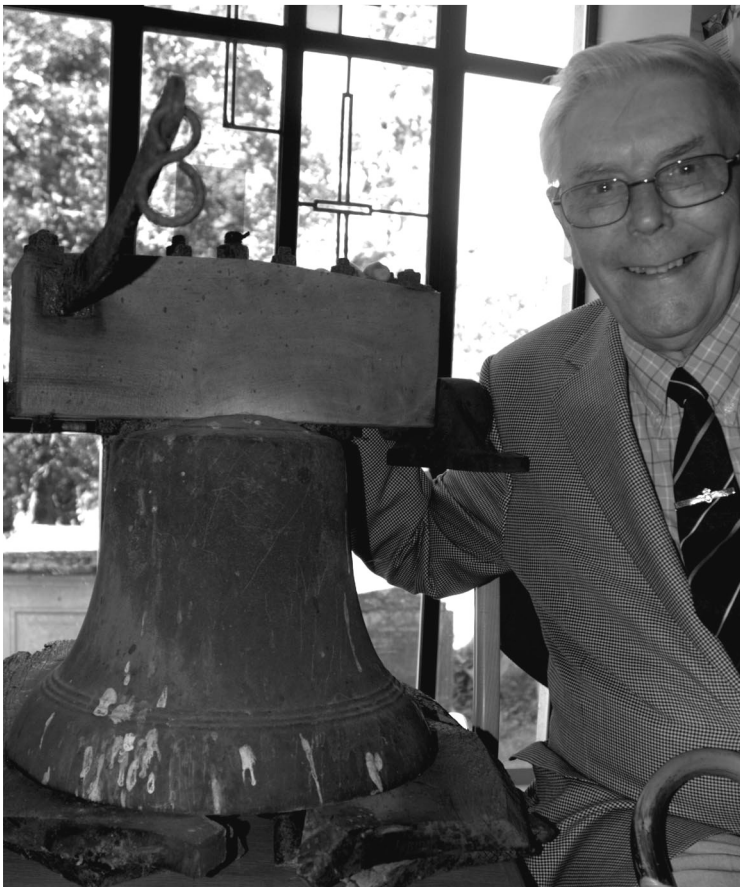
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Stan strikes it lucky!



Villager Stan Webb has been ringing the bell at St John's Church for the past 25 years. He has rung it for many a happy bride, as well as calling the villagers to the nine o'clock communion. But he has never seen the bell. Now that the bell tower is being re-built it is his opportunity to get a closer look at the small bell which probably dates back to a previous church and may have been originally cast as long ago as 1522. The reconstruction is now well underway and the new oak pillars are being turned by a local firm in Faringdon, which seems quite appropriate as the original builder of the Church, John Fidel, also came from Faringdon. It is hoped that the bell will be ringing once more this autumn, thanks to the generous support from the village and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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 13th Sept at 2pm in the Village Hall.

If you've been actively following my articles on growing tomatoes and other vegetables, then you might have something to enter. But don't worry if not, as it's not too late to take part! If you don't have any plants, flowers or vegetables there are plenty of cookery, craft and photography classes for you or your children. The schedule is available on www.kbsonline.org.uk so take a look.

If you've been inspired by the Great British Bake Off, then try your hand at fruit cake, Bakewell tart, Victoria sandwich, Chelsea buns, or Anzac biscuits. We can't promise Mary Berry but 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 (to eat, not just to look at!), 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.*

Want to write a column for the village youth? - See page 11

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Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

Graffiti. Now there's a word. Why some oik with a spray-can thinks he has the right to daub his inner thoughts on any blank surface he spies defeats me.

We had a particularly bad example in the bus shelter a few years ago you may remember, before some bigger miscreant took it upon himself to solve the problem and drive into the said shelter resulting in its demolition. I have to say we are lucky on the whole in the village that our youth have more sense than to involve themselves in this pastime, alas, the same cannot be said about other urban Oxfordshire areas.

Railways sidings and bridges seem to beckon to these aspiring artists. Just how they get to spray their messages right across bridges that span rail tracks that are sometimes powered by electricity risking life, limb and being barbecued medium to well-done is completely beyond my comprehension.

Banksy has a lot to answer for, but his work is at least well drawn. In the main graffiti is not only offensive to the eye it is irritating in many other ways, especially if the spelling is incorrect and the message, in the case of 'Swindon Town FC Rules', totally untrue.



KINGSTON BAGUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

<http://kingstonbaguizechurch.wordpress.com>



Sunday 7th September 9.00am Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill
 10.30am Morning Worship Speaker: Mr David Bendor-Samuel
 Sunday 14th September 9.00am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
 10.30am All-Age Service Speaker: TBC
 Sunday 21st September 9.00am Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill
 10.30am Questions of Life Service Speaker: Mrs Anne Curtis
 Sunday 28th September 9.00am & 10.30am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER – ‘STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY’: At both our services on the 28th, we will be looking at godly giving, what is known in the trade as the issue of stewardship: if we believe that all we have is from God and really belongs to God, how best can we act as stewards in charge of the good gifts he has given us? Our time, our talents, our treasure, how should we use them for the service of others and the glory of God?

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.

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

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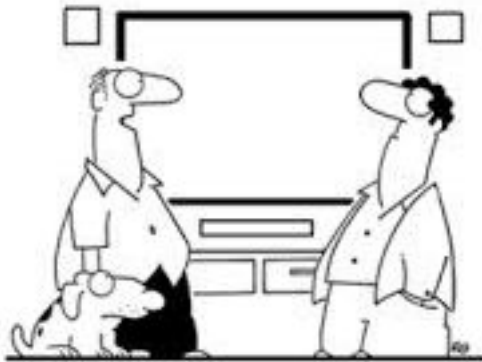
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Tel: 01367 243510, email: blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com,

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

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VILLAGE VOICES



Poppy Day will soon be upon us again. Unfortunately I am unable to coordinate the distribution of collecting boxes and poppies to our local collectors this year. If anyone in the village feels up to taking on this worthwhile and relatively easy task for this November, could they please ring me on 820062.

All it involves is collecting the 14 or so boxes from the British Legion's Abingdon headquarters, distributing them to the collectors and various collecting points in the village (School, Post Office, Pubs, etc.) then collecting the boxes up and returning them to Abingdon after Remembrance Day. No counting of cash - that is all done by the British Legion's volunteers. *Ian Charlton*

Allegedly a planning application has been submitted to demolish the Old School, currently the Scout HQ, in Kingston Bagpuize. It seems a great shame that such a Victorian building should be the target of developers and be lost to the community. Its architectural merit would be much superior to anything that it would be replaced by. As a former pupil there until its closure in 1968 I feel it would be a great shame to see it go. Do other villager feel the same ? Will there be a campaign started to fight for its retention? *Nicholas Warner, (formerly of Merville, Hanney Road). (The KBS News is not aware of any application but will keep a watch on the planning register and inform our readers accordingly)*



WORLD WAR I CENTENARY

What a talented group of people we have in the Village. Those of us who enjoyed Guy Browning's drama "A VILLAGE GOES TO WAR", in our Church on 4th August, witnessed excellent performances by actors, pianist and choir, and research and production team, dramatising the life of local boy Arthur Henley.

The words, music, poetry and projected pictures, captured the atmosphere of 1914 perfectly. Many thanks to all who made it such a memorable event.

Keith Graham

Lance Bassett, Jan Carlisle, Martin Brabin and Simon Dando in the Church performance of Guy Browning's 'A Village Goes to War' on August 4th



Commonwealth Games arrive in Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor?

You may remember Monday 14th July, it was a bright and sunny day in the village and you may have seen hundreds of excited athletes, teachers, volunteers and spectators heading in one direction.

With the freshly marked running track, athletes warming up, judges updating their scoreboard, coloured flags waving with excitement, spectators with cameras, and cheering crowds you could well have been mistaken to think that you were in Glasgow at the Commonwealth Games. In fact, the amazing staff at the John Blandy Primary School were hosting the 2014 school sports day, and what a brilliant day it was.

I have been going to the school sports days for over 10 years now since Sam started school at John Blandy and I must say this year's sports day was the best I have ever been to.

The whole structure had changed this year creating an incredible atmosphere. The younger classes took part in the sports before lunch whilst being cheered on and encouraged by the older classes and in the afternoon the roles reversed. All pupils were also wearing t-shirts and waving flags with their different house colours to represent the house names, Drake, Armstrong, Earle and Hillary.

All the sporting activities took part on the main track, these included egg & spoon, sack race, relay, bean & bucket and an obstacle race. All races were cheered on by a very excited crowd of parents, carers, teachers and fellow athletes, the atmosphere was incredible.

It was fantastic to see the children so keen to take part, have fun and race for themselves and their house names. It was great to see children winning 1st, 2nd or 3rd place stickers and to see the competitive side of sport encouraged and brought back into children's sport.

It was very amusing too when Mrs Sylvester asked children to go and get their parents who wanted to take part in the Mum's and Dad's races, lots of excited children and slightly worried parents.

A big thank you to all staff and volunteers at John Blandy School who organised such a memorable and fun school sports day for everyone. Congratulations to Drake House who won overall and to all children for encouraging each other on the day, fantastic! *Simon Froud*

Village Notice Board



Church Fete Photo Competition Winner

Winner of this year's competition is Angela Smith who submitted this great shot of three villagers taking time-out from the fete to relax in the grounds of Kingston House. Congratulations to Angela who receives a £15 Marks & Spencer voucher.

Alas, there were no entries for the junior category, shame.

DISTRIBUTORS WANTED

THE KBSTeam ARE LOOKING FOR 2 or 3 VOLUNTEERS TO DISTRIBUTE THE NEWS. DUE TO ALL THE NEW PROPERTIES GOING UP IN THE VILLAGE. WE ARE HOPING FOR SOME VOLUNTEERS TO BE ADDED TO OUR LIST OF RESERVE DISTRIBUTORS SO THAT WE ARE READY WHEN THE PROPERTIES ARE OCCUPIED. THIS IS JUST ONCE A MONTH AND WE DELIVER TO EVERY HOUSE IN THE VILLAGE. Contact Cyril on 820434 or Pat on 820775.

FRENCH CONVERSATION CLASSES

Classes are held in the Swallow Room on Wednesday morning 9.30-11.00.

Next term consisting of 10 classes starts 24th September.

Standards vary but the class is managed in a most enjoyable way by our teacher Anne-Marie Hislop.

If you are interested, come and give it a try.

Kathy Fletcher 01865 820193. Peter Collins 01865 820907

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Tuesday 7th October

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St Lawrence Church, Tubney

Sunday 7th September 2014

Shortened Evensong followed by Poetry and Pimms

The Centenary of World War I

Let the Vicar know if you would like to read a poem or come and listen to others.

Programme

6.00 pm – Evensong

6.40 pm – Refreshments

6.45 pm – Poetry readings start

7.30 pm - Finish

Parking in the field adjacent to the Coach Road Opposite side of the A420 from the Church.

Vicar – The Rev. David Pickering – 01865 820 451 or vicar.kbsft@gmail.com.



FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TODAY? No: 18 The Cherry Pie Diner on the A420

The Cherry Pie Diner is a restaurant that purports to transport us back to the heyday of the classic American roadside diner of the 1950's and early '60's.

So far so good. The restaurant is bright and glitzy and even period background music is played to add to the illusion.

Waitresses are dressed in the costume of the time with flared skirts with huge petticoats and ankle socks and all should be set for a trip back in time. However, something doesn't gel. The staff are very pleasant and I'm sure they do their best, but the enterprise doesn't zing like the real thing. Perhaps they're trying too hard.

A group of us descended on the Cherry Pie to sample the fare on offer. The waitress was friendly and prompt and they have a great idea where the designated driver gets soft drink/coffee refills throughout the meal. Nice touch. I passed on the starters and went for the Tennessee pulled pork burger with cole slaw and fries. The bun was very dry and fell apart. Oh dear, bad start.

With most of the dishes the fries came as an extra, which I thought wasn't quite right, especially at the prices charged.

I mean my burger was £12, did include fries, but still overpriced. My drink was a soda/lemonade, and the main attraction was followed by a Cherry Pie Sundae all ice cream, whipped cream and pink, you know the sort of thing, at £6 a bit of a killer.

The bride had salmon with hot potato salad and a strawberry milk shake. No pud. She would have had a pancake but was told the kitchen had been wiped down and therefore they were off. Shades of Fawlty Towers here methinks and certainly not the American way as I remember.

So the bill for the meal was over £36 which I thought high for two mains, two drinks and one dessert. Admittedly the burger and pork were good but then they should be.

Apart from the prices the big bitch is the time you have to wait for your meal. They state the food is cooked fresh and may take a while, a strange concept for a roadside diner where presumably customers are breaking their journey and time is limited. Full marks to the waitress though, she was excellent. In the States these diners are still in evidence, reasonably priced, fast service and friendly. One out of three then for the Cherry Pie Diner.

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THE KBS NEWS WINE LIST: WINES OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2014



Always looking for an alternative opportunity to purchase wine and having like most villagers received our copy of the useful little publication Round & About our eyes focused on an advertisement by a company in Peachcroft Abingdon. We called at mid-day on a Saturday only to find the shutters down, now they may have over 500 wines in stock as they claim but they have to be open to sell them.

Undaunted we moved on to Waitrose in Abingdon and selected a bottle of both red and white wine that caught our eye from their large selection and we were not disappointed.

The White, Vendanges Nocturnes by the wine maker Laurent Miquel is made from the Viognier grape and is produced in the Languedoc hills in Southern France where the grapes are picked at night in cooler temperatures ensuring the delicate Viognier fruit is in top condition, immediate pressing provides a delicious wine that is crisp, balanced and aromatic with delicate perfumes of ripe apricot, pear and honeysuckle making this an ideal wine both as an aperitif or with delicious seafood dishes. This 2013 white costing £8.99 should be served chilled.

The Red, Melbec Du Glos Cahors, has all the powerful concentrated black fruit, open texture and characteristics of classic Cahors Melbec.

The Melbec grape gives Cahors wines their power, subtlety and their profound black colour. The award winning producer Jean-Luc Baldes has produced a rich and fruity wine with blackberry flavours and silky tannins enjoy with red meat or cheese or do as we did, sit and enjoy. Open in plenty of time and serve at room temperature, this 2012 red also cost £8.99. The Quartet will now be taking a short break while we discover more delicious wines leading up to Christmas. Cheers, *The Wine Quartet*



KINGSTON BAGUIZE DRAMA GROUP

Preparations have begun for November's production. Set design, lighting and sound are all being considered and rehearsals have started.

The production will be directed by Kate Belcher and is 'Kindertransport' by Diane Samuels, a play which 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.'

'Kindertransport' is a beautifully written and powerful play often studied at GCSE and 'A' Level. More details to come regarding booking and ticket costs in October's KBS news, but the dates for your diaries are 27-29th November inclusive. Sarah Curran



NEWS FROM THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Abingdon Citizens Advice Bureau is calling for people to be on the lookout for scams conveyed by letter, telephone calls, doorstep sellers or on websites.

Scams come in many different forms, but most of them aim at deceiving people into giving away sensitive information or parting with their money.

Anyone targeted by suspicious advertisements or sales pitches should report them to the authorities. If in doubt, trusted friends or relatives should be consulted about anyone offering deals that seem too good to be true.

A spokesman from the Citizens Advice Bureau said: "It is a disgrace that scammers often target elderly people with sophisticated scams - for instance, posing as their bank. People regularly come to us with heart-breaking stories about losing their money and it's important that they know what to look out for and what they can do."

What to look out for:

- * Online shopping scams: Bogus websites, goods that don't exist; spurious payment services
- * Dating scams: Scammers using dating websites to build up relationships and then asking for financial help
- * Courier scams: Scammers posing on the telephone as the police or a victim's bank, warning of fraudulent payments on a card, then visiting the person's address to collect the card.

Top tips:

- * If in doubt, don't reply. Bin it, delete it or say "No thank you."
- * Persuasive sales patter? Just say "No thanks."
- * If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- * You shouldn't have to pay anything to get a prize.
- * Walk away from job advertisements that ask for money in advance.
- * Never give out your bank details to anyone you don't completely trust, or to someone contacting you out of the blue.
- * Your bank and the police will never collect your bank card or ask for your PIN.
- * If you've handed over cash, you might not be able to get it back, but if you've paid by credit card you have some protection. If you used a debit card you could try asking your bank for a chargeback.

What to do if you have been scammed (or had a narrow escape):

- * Report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 to stop it happening to others
- * Report it to Trading Standards through the Citizens Advice consumer service on 08454 040506
- * Contact the Citizens Advice Bureau advice line on 08444 111444

Call 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

SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

Members enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Waggon and Horses. Thanks to Kim and team and also for the Bingo and prizes given. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN THE SWALLOW ROOM IN SEPTEMBER, as we are all going out for a cream tea. New members always welcome. Details from Pat 820775.

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Calling all budding young journalists.....

KBS News is looking for a young person/teenager to write a column every month in the News, giving a youngster's view on topical matters either in or around the village or even items of national interest. We would need around 250 - 300 words giving, perhaps, your views on the growth in the number of houses, what the village needs, even reviews of the music scene around Oxford for instance, anything at all really of local concern. If anyone would like to take on this enjoyable and interesting task please let me know either by e-mail or phone, Lance Bassett, Editor KBS News Tel: 820731 email: editorkbsnews@gmail.com.

Get Well Soon

We hear that both local artist Keith Viney and our Parish Clerk John Melling have been rushed to hospital recently. We hope by now they are well on their way to recovery and full health. KBS News team.

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Ron's Green Gardening Tips for September

Most people I speak to appear to have an abundance of vegetables, in particular courgettes and runner beans which are at their tastiest when picked young. The same applies to beetroot, carrots and in fact many vegetable crops, but sometimes you'll have so many that you won't be able to eat them all. This is where storing comes in. Vegetables such as potatoes and onions, for example can be stored well, but others have less shelf life. Runner beans can become floppy and dry if stored so the best method for these, as with any other member of the bean and pea family, is to freeze them. Other crops, such as tomatoes, beetroot, courgette and cucumber can all be used to make delicious preserves. By storing this way you can enjoy the fruits from the garden for several months as well as eating them straight away fresh from the plant. For tips and recipes about preserves come along to the Gardening Club meeting on September 2nd in the Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall, at 7.30 pm when the topic will be Enjoying your Glut!

Many of the fruiting shrubs and trees have produced very well this year, remember to pick all fruit as they become ready. Don't leave on the tree or bush to become overripe. Most fruit is ready when it comes away easily in fingers or the hand. After fruiting you should cut out fruiting canes from summer raspberries and tie in new canes that will fruit next year. Select the strongest healthiest canes and remove weak, forked or misplaced ones. This method also applies to blackberries after fruiting in September. Top fruit of the month is the blueberry. Tips for growing blueberries is that they need a sheltered but sunny site with moist but well drained soil, and if your soil has a pH higher than 5.5 you will need to grow in a container. However, you can now buy a shrub called the Honey-Berry, the fruit is very similar to the blueberry but the plant will tolerate the local soil conditions with no problem.

September is the right time to consider planting your borders with spring flowering bulbs. One of the first signs that spring is on its way is the sight of crocus bulbs peeping through the snow. Fully hardy, they are perfect for naturalizing under trees, or in lawns and borders. The crocus is amongst the earliest of bulbs to flower and have huge diversity in both colour and size. A new variety on the market is 'Gypsy Girl', yellow with a distinctive stripe. Crocuses add cheer to the late winter and early spring garden, and they're very bee-friendly too and wonderful for naturalizing! Another tip is to sow green manure seeds whenever the ground is to be left bare for more than 6 weeks. Dig them in while they're fresh and green and allow 2-3 weeks before re-planting, to allow the breakdown of plant material into humus. Clip hedges; for the last time this season clip hedges that have produced new growth through the summer except for those that flower on new growth next spring. *Ron Green*

'International' Cricket Arrives in Kingston Bagpuize.



If you happened to drive past the Cricket Club on Thursday 14th August you might have noticed something special taking place. It was 'International' Cricket being played at the Kingston Bagpuize Cricket club.

The two teams were Oxfordshire Under 11 Girls versus Wales Under 11 Girls. Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club had been given the honour of hosting this County match by the Oxfordshire Cricket Board. Despite a small thunder

storm at lunch time a reduced, 25 over game was completed and everyone agreed they had been well looked after by their hosts.

For the record, Wales batted first and scored 152 for 4, with Kingston's own Sadie Timbs taking a wicket in her first match back after breaking her wrist early in the season. In reply, the less experienced Oxfordshire side only managed 81 for 6, giving our over the border visitors a handsome win. *Mandy Rodway*



WORDS OF WISDOM

If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball.
Jack Lemmon

The Way We Were



These photos were taken in July 2002, following the village 'BEST KEPT FRONT GARDEN' competition. Pictured, Ron Green then Chairman of the Parish Council presenting the winning trophy to Don and Betty Viney, then living at Lofty Elms Hanney Road Southmoor.

The second photograph shows the Runners up in the competition with other members of the Gardening Club. From left to right: Elaine Cox - Ron Green - Don Viney - Keith and Maureen Viney (third prize) - Betty Viney - Alan Reilly (second prize) - Edwina Brown - Mary English and David Brown.



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

We welcome new regular bookings to the Village Hall. Recently the KB&S Café, after many years at Southmoor Methodist hall have switched to meet on a Thursday morning at the Village Hall from 9 until noon. Open to all to meet for a friendly chat over a cup of coffee and home baked cakes, plenty of space for children too.

The 14+ Drop In group will also regularly meet at the Village Hall on Friday's from the start of term in September. The KBS 14+ Drop In sessions are run for teenagers in school year 9 and above, from Southmoor, Kingston Bagpuize and surrounding villages and offer an informal evening of pool, table tennis, Wii, and make use of the tuck-shop. There are resident DJ's with all the latest equipment and lighting who are happy to teach others in their art. Teenagers meet with their friends and also spend time with at least 3 adult volunteers all of whom are CRB(DBS) checked. For further details call Delyth on 01865 821 167 or email delythhg@ymail.com

The question has been raised again regarding unauthorized use of the Village Hall car park, so once again for the records: The Village Hall and surrounding area is private property, and strictly NO DOGS are allowed or the parking of vehicles. Parking is permitted only for the hirer of the premises including users of the tennis courts, or on occasions when consent is given by the Management Committee. It must not be used by visitors to the new Taylor Wimpey site. The parking of vehicles is entirely at the owners risk, and the Village Hall Management cannot be held liable for any claim for damage or loss that may occur. *Ron Green.*



**Southmoor &
Kingston Bagpuize
Gardening Club**

The club will meet again on Tuesday 2nd September after a break in August. This month's topic 'What to do with excess fruit and vegetables from the garden'. Rebecca Gill and Friends will give tips and ideas for using and preserving fruit and vegetables from your garden, with tastings and recipes available. We meet in the Village Hall in Draycott Road, Southmoor OX13 5HX at 7.15 pm for the start at 7.30 pm. Annual membership to the club is £10 which includes admission to all regular monthly meetings. Visitors are very welcome at £3 per meeting. Join us for a free cup of tea or coffee with biscuits after the meeting. We hold a grand raffle each month and a members' table where you may pick up a bargain plant or garden goody. If you have a 'glut' of fruit or vegetables in the garden bring them along for sale all proceeds will go to our chosen charity. Also at this meeting you will be able to purchase tickets for our special meeting on Tuesday 7th October with Pippa Greenwood from BBC Radio 4s Gardeners' Question Time. Advance tickets Members £7 Non-members £10. For more information about S&KB Gardening Club call Steve or Sharon on 01865 820399 or email skbgardeningclub@gmail.com. *Ron Green.*



NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

No meeting was held in August; consequently very little to report for last month.

We have been trying to obtain full details of Thames Water's proposals to alleviate the foul water problems within the village. Apart from being advised that the subcontractor has been changed again we have yet to receive full details. Many may have noticed a further rash of markings on the Faringdon Road in the last couple of weeks, but the full significance of that is yet to be apparent.

A number of complaints have been received regarding noise and fumes from the pumps located in Fir Tree Close and The Faringdon Rd. These have been conveyed to Thames Water, with a request that time switches might be fitted, and the emissions examined. We await a response!

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 1st September in the Village Hall, at 7p.m.

Brian Forster Chairman.

KINGSTON BAGUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.

We were pleased to welcome PCSO Myra Harvey to our August meeting who gave the group an informative and interesting talk on the role of the community support officer and policing in our community. We welcomed 3 visitors to the meeting and delicious refreshments as always were provided by our hostesses. Our speaker next month is George Hook and "The History of the Pearl Business". The members competition will be "Your favourite necklace". We will also be hosting a New Members evening on 24th September 7-30pm hopefully at the Village Hall. For more information contact myself or Jean Warr 820264. Finally our meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Southmoor Village Hall at 7-30pm. New members are always welcome. We also have our own website and Facebook page where more information is available. Karen King 803169



Summer league and tennis camp

The club has six teams in the Thames Valley Summer League. Star performers this season are the Ladies C team, currently top of division 10, and our Mixed team, currently top of division 6. Congratulations to both teams, and fingers are crossed that the remaining games of the season go well for them. Meanwhile our Ladies' and Men's A and B teams

have all solid seasons and occupy mid-table positions.

For our juniors, we hold a regular summer tennis camp. This year's took place early in August. Organised and run by our head coach Matt Williams (with willing and energetic help), it's a popular and fun couple of days for children to enjoy some tennis and improve their skills. Although children have to be members to participate, it's only £16 a year for them to join. Something to think about for next year. If you're interested, you can find out more and even join online at our website - <http://www.kbstennis.org>. Hope to see you at the courts.

Paul Gill.



Enjoying the view from Weston Pier

KINGSMOOR CLUB NEWS

We have had a good summer. Our trip to Weston-super-Mare became a village excursion from Southmoor, Longworth and Hinton Waldrist. We had villagers join us for the day from all these villages and we gained two new members from this trip as they had such a good time. So more trips to the seaside to gain more.

We have enjoyed pub lunches at our local pubs, The Hinds Head and The Waggon and Horses, and had afternoon tea at a local farm. We do still have vacancies on all our days, so if you are interested or would like a relative to

attend, come and see us for coffee and try a free taster day. (we are open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays)

COOK VACANCY: OUR TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY COOK IS LEAVING AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

This job is ideal for those with children at school, or for someone who would like a local job. Hours are 9am-3pm two days a week.

If you live locally we are at Hinton Waldrist Village Hall. If you cook for your family, you could do this job and be part of our friendly club. For application tel: Gwyne 01865 820166

The KBS News is delivered to every house in the village. Extra copies are available from the Post Office and One Stop shop.

Longworth & District History Society



The next event is a visit to BMW factory at the Cowley works on Wednesday 17th September at 6pm.

The cost is £15 per person. Please ring Pam Woodward 820500 if you want to come.

The Canal Museum in Wantage will be open for us on Saturday 4th October at 2pm. It is a very small museum, holding only 10 people at a time so depending how many come there may be 2 'visits'. This visit could be combined with a visit to The Vale and Downland museum on Church Street, open 9.30 until 4pm, a walk in the Betjeman Millennium Park, or a walk along the Letcombe Brook.

The next meeting in Southmoor Village Hall 16th October at the usual time 7.15 for 7.30 start. Colin Oakes's talk is entitled Plague and Fire - the life and works of Samuel Pepys. Following on in November is Tony Hadland speaking about 'Steam and Steel in The Vale of White Horse'

The Christmas meeting, 11th December 6.45 for a 7.00 start. Please note the earlier start time. The evening will consist of a meal and Christmas Stories featuring Dickens and Christmas. This is a ticketed event. Tickets available from Pam 820500. Kathy Fletcher 820193



Rural crime continues to be a priority. We have so far received one report of hare coursing in the area of Knighton where the offenders made off on foot, and despite the use of our dog unit and helicopter they were not traced. Their vehicle and one dog were seized and enquiries are ongoing to identify the offenders.

We have suffered from a spike of non-dwelling burglaries including several thefts from sheds at allotments. We would urge owners to secure such vulnerable outbuildings and not to leave valuable tools inside. Please consider shed alarms which are a relatively inexpensive way of deterring offenders. If you would like advice about security marking your property please contact us on the police non-emergency number 101 or email FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

Anti-social behaviour: Work to combat anti-social behaviour across the area has continued. One individual had his moped seized after using it anti-socially for the second time. Further individuals were issued with warnings but the sight of their friend's vehicle being towed away will likely be the best deterrent.

The neighbourhood team have been warning motorists to park responsibly as our road systems are tested to breaking point with the numerous road and rail works affecting our area this summer. "This could have been a £30 fine" letters have been affixed to windscreens of offending vehicles. Repeat and more serious offenders will be issued fines.

Mark Hendron, aged 26, from Swindon and a 17 year old man from Swindon were recently charged for a theft from a church building in Kingston Bagpuize. Again, due to the vigilance of residents using the 999 system, we were able to arrest the offenders near to the offence location.

Have Your Say meeting: There is also the opportunity to attend Have Your Say meetings in person.

Upcoming Have Your Say Meeting is:- Tuesday 9th September at Tubney.

These meetings are an ideal opportunity for local residents to speak to their local police officers and PCSOs about any local issues, no appointment is necessary just turn up and speak to your local officers. Further meetings will be publicised locally and on the force website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk.

Contact us: If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email: FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or anti-social behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111.

To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk.

Facts you may not know....

1. *Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.*
2. *Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.*
3. *Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.*

NOT A NUMBER - THE FINAL PART

A 2 MONTH JOURNEY ACROSS THE UNITED STATES BY BICYCLE.

by Jeff Moore



New Mexico, Arizona and California: I was stopped for a couple of days by a severe dust storm in Las Cruces but spent a great weekend with some very kind and hospitable locals who took pity on me. We drank beer and watched John Wayne movies.... for an entire weekend !! New Mexico is also the highest point of the route I took where it crosses the Emory Pass at about 8200ft. I was a bit behind schedule as I got to the Arizona state line so I pushed the distances in my ride to Phoenix averaging 85 miles each

day. I met up with my mate Richard and we left Phoenix with the thermometer reading 106F. 72h later as we approached the Grand Canyon it was snowing. The shock to the body of such temperature extremes and rapid altitude gain has to be experienced to be believed. Trust me. The Grand Canyon was awesome but sadly as we were riding in Marble Canyon just north of Grand Canyon village we were hit by a pick up truck driven by a guy old enough to know better. He was 85 and didn't see us on a dead straight road with 10 miles visibility in the middle of the day. We were helicoptered to Flagstaff Medical Centre where Richard had surgery for a broken arm and other injuries but I got away with just a few cracked ribs, a dead leg, cuts and bruises. We returned to Phoenix after a vaguely memorable night of celebrating being alive at the Hilton in Sedona and I helped Richard onto a plane back to England with his battered body and bent bicycle.

California: Blooded but unbowed I wasn't prepared to walk away from all the preparation and effort which had gone into the trip but my injuries were too painful to risk being out in the wilds of Utah and Nevada alone.

Instead I headed due west from Phoenix towards the California coast in San Diego where I arrived 6 days later having ridden 3360 miles and achieved the original aim of riding from coast to coast of the USA. It wasn't the planned route but that was fine with me and I got home 3 weeks earlier than I would have on the original route.

And afterwards....Most often the first question I have been asked is whether I would do it again. I have no reservation in saying that I would. I loved the trip even though it was at times extremely tough and part of it was a total disaster which saw a dear friend seriously injured. The American people made me very welcome and on many occasions the spontaneous kindness of total strangers left me speechless.

If you have any doubts about whether to take on such a trip yourself then I would say just go and do it.

Mitigate as many risks as you can with proper planning and research and be physically ready for the challenge because your fitness is important but don't let self-doubt or a few extra pounds be the reason you miss out on the trip of a lifetime. It will be more than you ever imagined it could be. Sooner or later it is just you and the road and that is something truly liberating and wonderful.

Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group



We hope you've had an enjoyable summer and have been able to make the most of all that lovely sunshine. However, just in case you're starting to tire of the play park then here's a reminder that Baby & Toddler Group restarts on Friday 5 September.

We meet on Friday mornings during term time from 10:00-11:30 at Southmoor Village Hall. We're a fun and welcoming group and are always keen to make new friends. Each session is only £2 per family and your first visit is absolutely free. We have a wide range of toys and activities and plenty of room for the children to run about. We provide teas/coffees for the adults and snack time for the children.

Hope to see you in September! Don't hesitate to email us if you'd like to know more.

Rachel Skeet, Secretary (southmoorbabytoddlergroup@hotmail.co.uk)



Is it a Flock, or a Gaggle - What is the collective noun for Morris Dancers?..... Well if you'd have been at the Waggon and Horses on Monday 7th July you would have seen Mr Hemmings Traditional Morris Dancers from Abingdon who came to the Waggon and Horses on that day with 3 other Teams from Oxon. It was a brilliant night and they entertained us in the pub afterwards with traditional folk songs and music. They will be returning. Paul Gresty

Out and About with the KBS News



A mystery villager peruses her KBS News in the 'ghost' village of Tyneham in Dorset.



Globe trotter Roy Wolfe again, this month at Kyrenia Harbour in the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus

Janice Parratt in Okavango Delta Botswana.



ED VAIZEY MP Parish News

One of the privileges of being an MP is the opportunity to visit some of the remarkable organisations that flourish in my Constituency. In recent weeks I have been able to see the work done by two of them.



The Thames Valley and Chilterns Air Ambulance service is based at RAF Benson and provides a vital service for my Constituents and many others across a broad, very rural area. It is a charity which receives no government funding for the helicopter or the team who maintain and fly it, but works very closely indeed with the South Central Ambulance Service which provides the paramedics and doctors who are transported to wherever they are needed. The standard of equipment on the helicopter was a great surprise to me – it really is almost a flying A&E department in its own right. The professionalism and teamwork evident in a service which can get to the most remote and difficult areas to help patients after accidents or with severe medical conditions such as strokes or heart attacks were truly awe-inspiring.

I was also inspired when I visited Mission Motorsport, a charity based near Wantage which works with both serving members of the armed forces and veterans to use motorsport as a means of rehabilitation. That ranges from organising trips for wounded veterans to motorsport events to setting up work experience placements and even finding jobs with major motor employers. The dedication of the small but very focused team was really impressive, but what really struck home was – again - the way everyone worked together as a team to achieve their aims. It's a serious organisation with a serious purpose, but the sense of camaraderie and humour I saw was fantastic.

As charities, both the Air Ambulance and Mission Motorsport need all the support they can get from the public, so I thoroughly recommend taking a look at their websites – www.missionmotorsport.org and www.tvcaa.org to find out more about them. I hope you'll be as fascinated and inspired as I was.

Contacting Your MP

As your local MP, I can be contacted by email, at vaizeye@parliament.uk or, by telephone at 01491 838816 or, by post at Ed Vaizey MP, Wallingford Town Hall, Wallingford OX10 0EG.

The quickest way to get in touch with me is by email.

All these details, surgery times and locations and other information can be found at www.vaizey.com

Ed Vaizey MP



Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club

Kingston Bagpuize U15s

KBCC U15s were in a strong Group but had done well enough going into the last match to have a chance of finishing 2nd in the group and qualifying for the quarter-finals but against a strong Wootton side some poor running between the wickets and some uncharacteristically sloppy fielding including a crucial dropped catch meant they finished 3rd in the table. They achieved 2 good wins over Buscot Park and E & W Hendred, had a walkover against Shrivenham, two losses against strong Challow and Wootton teams and had 2 games where rain stopped play (when they were well behind against at Abingdon but on top against Minster Lovell) - generally a very good performance by a team with a small squad and a lot of younger players

U10 Kwik Cricket:-

We enjoyed seven weeks of the Vale Kwik Cricket Competition, which is a real 'festival' of junior cricket, with four matches being played simultaneously at each venue.

Our young team won three of their matches & improved immensely over the weeks. At this age group it's all about playing as a team, so there are no individual performances to mention, just great teamwork.

U11 8-a-side Development League:-

Although this is meant to be a 'development' league, the U11s have faced opposition of very varying abilities & have done extremely well to win two out of six matches, with two of the defeats being very close games.

They have performed better in the field than with the bat, working really well as a team.

Notable individual performances: Ashley Hillier 2 for 8 v Challow, Zach Morey 2 for 8 v Moreton, George Benfield 18no v Moreton, Zach Morey 2 for 2 v Bampton, Ethan Davie 24no v Bampton. *Tom Scrase*



The Last Laugh

An electrician (*Royalty of all Trades*), dies in a car accident on his 40th birthday and finds himself at the Pearly Gates. A brass band is playing, the angels are singing a beautiful hymn, there is a huge crowd cheering and shouting his name, and absolutely everyone wants to shake his hand.

Just when he thinks things can't possibly get any better, Saint Peter himself runs over, apologizes for not greeting him personally at the Pearly Gates, shakes his hand, and says, "Congratulations son, we've been waiting a long time for you." "Totally confused and a little embarrassed, the electrician sheepishly looks at Saint Peter and says "Saint Peter, I tried to lead a God-fearing life, I loved my family, I tried to obey the 10 commandments, but congratulations for what? I honestly don't remember doing anything really special when I was alive. Is it because I'm an electrician - the *Royalty of all Trades*?" "Congratulations for what?" says Saint Peter, totally amazed at the man's modesty. "We're celebrating the fact that you lived to be 160 years old! God himself wants to see you!"

The electrician is awestruck and can only look at Saint Peter with his mouth wide open. When he regains his power of speech, he looks up at Saint Peter and says "Saint Peter, I lived my life in the eternal hope that when I died I would be judged by God and be found to be worthy, but I only lived to be forty." "That's simply impossible son," says Saint Peter, "We've added up your time sheets."

