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MY JOURNEY TO THE VILLAGE

You may protest that I have not yet arrived, since we live at Fyfield Wick, which is technically in another parish. Nevertheless, 'Wick' is 'a small off-lying farm' and we actually feel closer to Kingston than Fyfield.

The journey began in a pleasant rural parish in Guernsey, and might well have ended there were it not for the German army. I escaped just days before they invaded and spent my first five school years as an evacuee in Rochdale, then a centre of the Lancashire cotton industry. After the war, I could return to the bays, cliffs, flower-filled lanes and fields of Guernsey to complete my schooling. Perhaps because of my long exile in a town, I became fascinated by farming and food production. What then caused me to drive down here for my first visit, in June 1966 when I was living in rural Northumberland? Pig Improvement Company (PIC) had been formed in 1962 when Alwyn and Ken Woolley moved to Fyfield Wick. Already by 1966 their hard work and enthusiasm was causing their pioneering business to grow rapidly. They decided to recruit a consultant in the new field of genetics applied to livestock improvement. Some 12 years previously, I had arrived at Reading University and by chance was allocated to a small annexe to St Patrick's Hall where Ken had lived during his own degree studies. He was then managing a farm and occasionally needed help with winter threshing or other tasks. The current students at his old annexe were an obvious source of labour as we were always short of money. By 1966, I had abandoned my original ambition to become a farm manager and instead specialised in genetics at Reading, Minnesota, and Newcastle where I had become a lecturer and researcher. So when Ken needed a consultant I was delighted to work with him again. This phase lasted almost eight years during which I made regular short visits down here in university vacations. PIC continued to grow, and by 1974 needed a full-time Technical Director so I agreed to leave Newcastle and move south. My (late) wife Diana and I, now with four young children, bought Old Butter House in Hinton Waldrist – a very easy 'commute' to PIC's new single-storey office on the edge of the farm. But this was not to last. By autumn 1977, Ken decided he needed to move his base (and most of his family) to Kentucky to grow our United States business. He asked me to take over some of his previous roles and to move into his house, almost 11 years since my first visit. I worked from here for 18 years before retiring from PIC in 1995. My wife Hannah and I bought the house with its gardens and woodlands around that time. We continue to enjoy its facilities producing much of our own vegetables, fruit, eggs, honey, and bread and sharing them with our children and a growing number of grandchildren during their visits. There is room to house my collection of traditional baskets collected over many years of travelling the world. We now have more time to participate in village activities. But we are still not really in KBS! And PIC? Unfortunately, it no longer employs village-based staff. The head office was moved from Fyfield Wick to Kingston Business Park, but has recently left that location too. Now part of a larger company (Genus plc) which also embraces cattle breeding, it is still the world's leading pig breeding business. The farm buildings, which once housed valuable purebred breeding pigs, have just been taken down, and the 1991 office will soon follow. An historical marker has been erected, for all to read, to commemorate this chapter in the long life of the farm.

Maurice Bichard

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2 nd & 4 th Monday	9.30 – 12.00	Apple Quilters	Swallow Room	
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Sunday	10 – 11.30am	Southmoor Karate Club	Southmoor Village Hall	
Tuesday	9 – 10am	Gentle Exercise for over 50s	Southmoor Village Hall	
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Wednesday	9 – 10.30am	French for Fun	Swallow Room	
Wednesday	7.15 – 8pm	Exercise Session	Southmoor Village Hall	
Wednesday	8 – 9pm	Adult Creative Dance Class	Southmoor Village Hall	
Thursday	3.30pm	5 - 8 yrs Creative Dance Class	Southmoor Village Hall	
Thursday	7.30pm	Circuit Training	Southmoor Village Hall	
Friday	7.30 – 9.30pm	14+ Drop In Centre	Methodist Church Hall	
Friday	9.30am	Creative Dance for under 4s	Church Room St Johns	

KINGSTON BAGUIZE CHURCH

9.00 on Sunday mornings: Each Sunday, we have a quiet, reflective communion service, with no hymns, at 9.00am. There is a short talk at each service:

on the 23rd the Revd John Wesson will be preaching on the vital importance of the scriptures for Bible Sunday, with our own Bishop of Oxford's guide to reading the Bible to hand out after. On the other four Sundays we'll be looking at the great themes of faith, law, spiritual slavery or freedom, and becoming children of God, from Paul's letter to the Galatians. Following the service we have very friendly coffee and biscuits. All are welcome, you do not have to take communion. Enjoy the beauty, peace and prayerfulness.

10.30 on Sunday mornings: At 10.30am, we have our family services. We have a great group for children aged 3-12 called The Space. This meets every Sunday except the second Sunday each month, when the children stay in for the whole service and we have a simpler, All-Age style, with choir. **On the 9th**, we have our special Harvest service with a fun-packed drama and a two-part talk on faith and becoming children of God.

On first and third Sunday we have a slightly simpler service, with more contemporary songs, and usually a visiting speaker. **On the 2nd**, we are privileged to host the distinguished scholar and speaker, Revd Michael Wilcock, speaking on Galatians. **On the 16th** the gifted writer and speaker Nick Page will be speaking. On the fourth Sunday each month we have our communion service, with choir. **On the 23rd**, we'll be learning more about the Bible with Revd John Wesson, with the Bishop of Oxford's guide

to reading the Bible. **On the 30th** we have a special Eight Churches joint communion at Kingston at 10.30, for our local villages. We'll be singing "Jerusalem" and looking at God's promises of hope. We have a very friendly chat over tea/coffee and biscuits after all services. (And don't forget our great Harvest supper on **Saturday 8th**, with a quiz for children and adults, call Hazel on 821358 to book.)

SUNDAYS: THE SPACE: Our children's group, The Space, meets during all 10.30am services except All-Age Services. **THE FRIENDS GROUP** for 10-14 year-olds will meet from 6.30 to 8pm in term-time. Ring Jenny on 820368 for details.

TUESDAYS: BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION GROUP on Tuesday evenings. Please ring Rosemary on 821557 for details.

WEDNESDAYS: BUSY MUMS FELLOWSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets on Wednesdays from 9.30 to 10.30am. Babies and young children welcome. Ring Delyth on 821167 to learn more. **THURSDAYS: FELLOWSHIP GROUP** on Thursdays at 8pm for informal talk, Bible reading, prayer and mutual Christian support. Ring Jenny on 820165 for information. **CHOIR PRACTICE:** the choir meet to practice in the Church Room at 7.00pm on Thursdays. Ring Jennifer on 820062 for details.

FRIDAYS: 14+ DROP IN from 7.30 to 9.30pm at Southmoor Methodist Church Hall. Ring Delyth on 821167 for more information. Do contact our Vicar, **The Revd David Pickering (820451)**, re baptisms, weddings, funerals or pastoral care (on any day of the week except Fridays).

Fyfield 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
or call 01865-769473)

SOUTHMOOR METHODIST CHAPEL

Speakers for October 2011

{ 2nd Oct. Rev. Dr. D. Rankin 10.30 am }

{ Holy Communion & Harvest Festival }

9th Oct. Peter Hemmings 10.30 am

16th Oct. Ann Curtis 6.30 pm

23rd Oct. Paul Williams 10.30 am

30th Oct. Mark Sandels 10.30 am

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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VILLAGE VOICES

THANK YOU

Val Wheeler and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for all the cards and letters of sympathy received after their recent sad loss of Brian.

Thanks also to everyone who attended the lovely church service at Kingston Church, and the donations received £325 for Cancer Research.

Val Wheeler



NEWS FROM ORCC

So far, Oxfordshire's subsidised bus services have been relatively protected, but of course, this may not be the case in the next couple of years.

The Transport Committee have published The Eighth Report on Bus Services after the Spending Review and there are a number of conclusions and recommendations made, a few of these are paraphrased below:-

Some of the most vulnerable people will be the most affected by withdrawals of bus services
Community transport could help mitigate the loss of services but are not a replacement of services
There needs to be better communication and coordination between local authorities, conventional bus services and community transport

Local people should be properly consulted when significant changes are proposed to local bus services.

The majority of subsidised bus services are centred on meeting transport needs in rural areas of the county. So, if subsidised bus services are dramatically reduced there would be a serious gap in meeting rural transport provision.

ORCC will continue to raise awareness of the importance of subsidised bus services as a means of meeting the needs of the transport disadvantaged (young, old and disabled users) in rural communities.

(contd below)

Free Electric Blanket Testing

Oxfordshire Trading Standards Service, in partnership with the Fire and Rescue Service, Age UK and some of the district councils in the County, are organising two weeks of electric blanket testing. We have sponsorship from Npower and Towergate Risk Solutions both in Didcot. We aim to test 800 blankets over the two weeks. The testing is offered free of charge on an appointment basis.

If you or someone you know, would like to have your electric blanket tested please contact **Julie Brain**
Tel: 01865 815607.

Monday 3 October - Oxford, Thursday 6 October - Didcot, **Friday 7 October - Abingdon,**

Buy central heating oil early for Christmas

ORCC Trading is urging everyone with oil central heating to buy their oil early this winter so they avoid last year's huge December spike in the price. The cost per litre rocketed from around 45p per litre to more like 70p per litre in just a few short days, and early buying is essential if people are to save money.

Since it started last year, the ORCC bulk oil buying scheme has meant savings of around 4p per litre or more for its members (compared to average oil prices on the day of purchase). And if you're buying 1,000 litres this is a significant saving - twice the annual membership cost! Nearly 30 local communities have now got volunteer co-ordinators in place and the more members there are, the more negotiating power we have.

So if you haven't yet joined, and haven't yet thought about your winter oil order, **DON'T DELAY!**

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SERENDIPITY OVER 60's

The September meeting was great fun with some of the members reciting humorous poems and sayings, whilst enjoying teas, coffees, biscuits and delicious lemon drizzle cake. **THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN THE HALL IN OCTOBER**, as members are going out for lunch. **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN THE SWALLOW ROOM ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9th FROM 2 pm - 4 pm**, when we will have a speaker and the usual raffle and sales table. **NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS VERY WELCOME - JUST £2.** Why not come along and join this small but friendly group.

For more details phone **Pat 820775**

VILLAGE HALL

VILLAGE ANNOUNCES JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

During the weekend commencing 1st JUNE 2012 the village, with the help of volunteers, clubs and organisations are planning for a **BIG CELEBRATION** with a week of events to commemorate the **QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE** and the **25th ANNIVERSARY** since the opening of the **NEW VILLAGE HALL**.

It was decided at an open meeting held on 14th September to announce this date now to enable other village organisations and residents to be aware of these events and hopefully join the village in a big celebration next June.

Also if you have any special ideas or requests that you would like to be considered to be included in these celebrations please email - ron.green@live.co.uk or come along to our next open meeting which will be announced later.

Ron Green.



THE WHITE HORSE CRUISING CLUB

The White Horse Cruising Club meets on Monday 10th October. Our speaker is Gary Hall on "My life with Boats & Sailing". Gary is a coastguard and an RYA Instructor in sail and powerboats. –a very good and amusing speaker.

Royal British Legion Hall, East Hanney at 7.30 for 8 pm. First visit free, then £15 pa.

Robert Dyer (tel, 820282)

KBS CAFE

Many thanks to a very kind lady called Karen Moore, who kindly gave us her stair gate for the café, to keep the children safely contained! We used it for the first time last week, and once we had worked out how to use it (!), it proved very handy.

Numbers have dropped off slightly since the children started back at school, but we still get a good number of customers, and we are still getting donations of cakes. Please keep them coming though if you are a cake-maker, as we love variety.

Do not forget that we are open every Thursday from 9am until 12pm, at the Methodist Chapel, (opposite Cross Roads garage). If you need a lift there or back, again please ring one of us on the numbers below. If anyone would like to either help with the setting up, or putting stuff away, again please let one of us know.

Mel Gulliford

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

Jenny Bone (820368)

Carole Watts (821710)

Mel Gulliford (821087)



SOUTHMOOR & K.B. GARDENING CLUB

Our speaker on 3rd September, Howard Drury, proved to be as entertaining and informative as we had hoped. The meeting took the form of quizzing the audience (on screen) and awarding points for the answers. Some questions proved to be easy, others not so. However, we did get quite a few useful tips, such as 'don't prune lavender too hard', 'take cuttings of herbs now', and the fact that our soil needs feeding regularly. Questions were asked about how to eradicate 'fairy rings' in the lawn – the answer was that there were three different types and that in all cases the treatment was difficult and a lengthy process. Some of us have been disappointed in the performance of our buzy lizzies (Impatiens) this year – apparently they are cursed with a disease called 'downie mildew' and we were advised to destroy the plants and take the soil to the tip. I for one shall not be buying this popular bedding plant for a while! We were reminded that Edelweiss (Latin name 'Leontopodium) needs poor soil – and who knew how to spell either name?! Lots of fun and information all at the same time.

Our Annual Show this year was a great success. Not only were entries up on last year, but the quality of the exhibits was very good. Some members had been extremely busy baking for the bread and cake-making classes. It was good to see the amazing imagination that inspired the entries of the younger members of the village in the building of a rocket from recycled materials – they all received recognition of their efforts and it was good to see folks meeting up and enjoying a cup of tea and cake with friends in the refreshment area. Our thanks to all those members and friends who helped in any way to make the afternoon the success it assuredly was.

Our speaker on Friday, 7th October is Dennis Bright who will bring us slides of 'A calendar of Hampshire wildlife', which is described as a humorous and light-hearted look at Hampshire wildlife. Also included are other much-loved species, such as barn owls, kingfishers, fox and cubs, woodpeckers, etc. Sounds like a very interesting evening, so do come along and join us. Tea/coffee and biscuits is included in the £1.50 entrance fee charged to members, £2 for visitors. We were delighted to welcome several new members to the Club who wished to enter items in the Annual Show – we hope they enjoy their membership.

Doreen Cowan (P.R.)



Southmoor Children's Centre

The Big Orange Stomp ? Wear your wellies and stomp for Spurgeons, **Friday 14th October 2011**
Wherever you are, whatever you're doing ? Do it in wellies and raise funds for children who really need our help! Find our more online at: www.thebigorangestomp.com

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Spurgeons journeys with vulnerable children and young people to create a lasting impact, spurring them on within their families and communities, by building self-esteem, resilience and hope.

Lorraine Hurdley

JOHN BLANDY VC PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The school opened in September with two contrasting pieces of news.

Professor John Blandy, the direct descendent of our founder, died recently at the age of 83. I met Professor Blandy and his wife when they paid a surprise visit to the school shortly after I had become Head Teacher and we kept in touch. Every Christmas we received a donation accompanied by one of the Professor's personally designed Christmas cards and we sent copies of the Blandy Times, letters and our inspection reports to him so that he was able to enjoy our successes. It was also good to have the Professor back to open the Nursery in 1995 and to join our 40th anniversary celebration in 2008.

As we celebrate the ending of one life we also celebrate the beginning of another. Miss Joseph gave birth to a baby girl during the holiday. Both Miss Joseph and Martha are well and we are looking forward to Martha's first visit to the school.

The internal building work was completed before

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR WI

Many apologies to those of you who were expecting to see an article in the September issue of KBS news. For whatever reasons, the article that had been prepared did not get included, so hopefully this one will be! ***[KBS Editor: Sorry we forgot to include your items last month - will try harder]***

Many thanks are overdue to Angela and Doug Ovenden, who kindly let us have the use of their beautiful garden for our WI garden party back in July; the weather was a little chilly, but we all enjoyed a challenging gardening quiz set by Sue Melling, and a delicious spread provided by the Committee. We had a very interesting talk at our September meeting about Papua New Guinea, and in particular about the Huli Wigmen. If you have access to a computer be sure to Google them as their way of life and culture is fascinating. Did you know for instance that the men live separately from the women, in their own huts? I think they are onto something there!

Our October meeting will have a slightly different slant to it, as it's the turn of the Members to organise a speaker and run the meeting. It's also the Committee's chance to have a night off, kick-back, and relax.

Don't forget that all our meetings take place on the **2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm** in Southmoor Village Hall, and don't forget to check out our very own website - www.bagpuizewi.co.uk that gives details of all our future meetings, photographs of visits we've been on, and links to the NFWI website, amongst others. You can also follow what we get up to on Facebook.

Mel Gulliford

the end of the holiday thanks to a marvellous effort on the part of the builders. Many thanks are also due to members of staff who gave up some of their holiday time to help clear affected areas before work started and to reorganize upon completion. Also thanks to those governors and parents who have helped so much to ensure that everything went smoothly; in particular Chair of Governors John Disley who has dealt with all of the paperwork and liaising with the Local Authority and Vice Chair Jonathan Shorter who has project managed the work on our behalf. The work would not have taken place if not for the efforts of these two governors.

As we get used to the new arrangements we are assessing further storage and furniture needs and further structural improvements using the devolved funds left to us. By using these constructively we are not only improving the school but avoiding any chance of funds being clawed back by the Local Authority.

We are looking forward to many exciting events and activities in the new academic year.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The KBS Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 5th. September in the Swallow Room of the Village Hall, together with seven members of the public.

Public Participation.

Some residents of the Spring Hill area, formally in Longworth Parish, attended, in order to register complaints that they felt they had not been consulted regarding the suggestion in the recently published Parish Plan, that any future development should be restricted to their area, namely to the West of the Village.

Further complaints were registered regarding:

1. The apparent large amounts of litter on the Faringdon Road, probably as a result of the operations of the kebab van.
2. The encroaching vegetation on a public footpath where it crossed the A420.
3. Perceived excessive speed on the section of the Faringdon Road between Springhill and the Charney Basset road.

Mr. Weston enquired as to developments regarding the proposal for the erection of a war memorial. A public meeting is to be arranged for those with an interest in developing the proposal.

Mr. Green reported on improvements to the Village Hall heating system, shortly to be operational, and a proposal to enlarge the Swallow Room by removal of a portion wall

Matters Arising.

Southmoor Childrens' Centre. Re. Parking. Clr. Mitchell, Leader OCC., had responded placing great reliance on future operation of the residents and operators liaison committee, who should hold this next meeting in October.

Planning.

Objection was lodged to Hanson's application for sand extraction mining at a site at Pinewoods Road, Longworth following a special meeting on 23rd. August. Earliest date for consideration by OCC Planning Committee is 24th. Oct

Accounts.

Annual Return. The external audit has been completed. There are no matters of concern. Completion of the audit will be advertised on the Parish Notice Board.

Donations. Longworth History Society(S 137) (£100): Oxford Association For the Blind (£100): Oxfordshire Carers' Forum (£50). were approved.

Parish Plan.

One resident had thanked the Parish Council for a "well-produced and thought out" plan. The "Open Spaces Society" were particularly pleased to see article on Green Spaces.

Village Amenities.

Recreation grounds. Mr. Forster showed a proposal from Kompan for improvements to the small recreation ground equipment. Proposals from other suppliers will be sought to facilitate consultation with users before a scheme is selected. He also noted that the Millennium Green Trust is willing to support a development of the existing shed on the adjoining Parish Council land as a teenage shelter. A meeting with representatives of the village youthful community to discuss this idea will be arranged.

Faults. The Chairman commented that flood water had accumulated recently at the junction of Larch Close and Blandy Av, and Fir Tree Close with Laurel Drive. After a rapid response to our earlier complaint about the lack of street cleaning and gully emptying, nothing further had been seen of the VWHDC contractor in the Village. The Clerk will send a strong reminder.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **TUESDAY 4th. OCT 2011**, in the Swallow Room at the Village Hall at 7 P.M. (**note time and DATE**). Members of the Public are welcome, and may raise questions during the "OPEN SESSION" at the beginning of the meeting.

For more information about the Parish Council, or to view minutes of past meetings, visit the Village Web Site www.kbsonline.org.uk

Brian Forster Chairman. Sept. 2011



LONGWORTH & DISTRICT HISTORY

Our next meeting is in Southmoor Village Hall on **Thursday 20 October** when Bill King is coming to give us a talk. Many of you may remember his previous visits in 2003 when he spoke to us on the Other Dad's Army and also in 2007 when his subject was Yesterday's Runways when he showed a very detailed knowledge of all the local wartime airfields. This time his topic is the River Thames at War. He comes from a naval family and has had a lifetime interest in military history and more specifically in World War II. He is an authority on the war within this region. All are welcome, members free and visitors £2. Come at 7.15 for a 7.30 start.

Janet Keene 01865 820522

ANNIVERSARY CORNER

QUOTE

Welcome to the October Anniversary Corner in which we highlight interesting events that have shaped our local and wider world.

October is very rich in local associations to events of National and International importance -

- **on 14 October**, it will be 945 years since local Saxon landowner Turkill was killed alongside King Harold on Senlac Hill, near Hastings, and our village and Sceptred Isle became Norman possessions. Norman-French became the language of the Court for the next three centuries - but our Saxon names prevailed and our English language gradually absorbed the French it felt comfortable with - and transcended the invaders tongue.

- **on 21 October**, it will be 206 years since Admiral Nelson and Vice-Admiral Collingwood led their respective Divisions on to break the enemy line off Cape Trafalgar, giving the Royal Navy domination of the seas for the remaining years of sail. 'Our Villages' (KBS and Longworth) are possibly unique in the Land in having in their midst families related to both heroes - Nelson and Collingwood. More on this in another column - but do take special pride this coming Trafalgar Day.

- this month it will also be 120 years since a revival of Nelsonian values - Duty, Bravery, Patriotism ('England Expects...') - led nearly 3 million people to visit the 1891 Royal Naval Exhibition, Chelsea. It will also be 120 years since part of Southmoor, then housing 25% of the local population, was named Trafalgar Square.

During the month we can also celebrate -

- **180 years** since physicist Michael Faraday demonstrated the Dynamo, laying the foundation for electricity to be transformed from a scientific curiosity into a powerful new technology that would forever benefit humanity.

- **130 years** since Wyatt Earp's Gunfight at the OK Corral, in Tombstone, Arizona.

- three notable birthdays, one of them 'just down the road' -

-- **on 23 October**, it will be the 80th anniversary of the birth of the 'English blond-bombshell', Diana Dors - born Diana Mary Fluck, in Swindon (asked why she had changed her name, she famously explained 'I suppose they were afraid that if my real name was in lights and one of the lights blew...')

-- **the 200th anniversary** of the births of Franz Liszt, piano virtuoso, in Hungary and of Isacc Merrit Singer, inventor of the 'one in every home' sewing machine (the Singer family lived at Milton Hill in what is now known as Steventon House Hotel...making them nigh-on locals).

UNQUOTE

Rob Belk



KINGSTON COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB

It's all systems go again with the football season now in full-swing and our teams back in competition. Most of our teams played pre-season games in preparation for the big kick off which was on the weekend of 10th & 11th September. This season we again have 4 teams playing competitive football in the Witney & District League and our 2 younger teams playing matches but not entered in a league. Our teams:

U13s – Our most senior team are now playing in the highly competitive “A” league under Jim Marks & Dom Rowland. They had a harsh introduction to this level of football in their first game losing 9-2 at Brackley but they are struggling with a small squad - If you know of any year 8 boys who would like to play competitive football, please let me know.

U12s – Playing in the “C” league this season the U12s Had a great start to the new season with a very well deserved 2-1 win away at Brackley. Still managed by Marc Gorham and with Jerry May as coach, they are hoping for a successful season.

U11s – In their first season of 11-a-side football the U11s are playing in the “B” league this season. Still managed by Tony Thomson they made a great start with a 5-1 win, away at Charlbury.

U10s – In the “Green” league this season and managed by Trev Baxter. Lost their opening game 3-0 at Garden City, but played well and they should have a good season.

U8s – Only playing friendly football again this season but their results are monitored by the Witney League, which will help towards seeding for next season. Managed by Mark Stuart, with Coach Chris Green.

U7s – Managed by Carl McKno the U7s are also playing friendly games this season and have a full fixture list of games planned.

Mini-kickers – Anything up to 25, 3-6 year olds turn up for training every Monday under coach Sal Hambidge and these boys and girls are the future of our Club. As you can see from above, we travel to the extremes of the county and beyond to take part in football matches. The convoys leaving the village for these destinations can be long and often end up in confusion with cars going off in all different directions – all part of the fun. There is usually a match at our Sportsfield on the Abingdon Road on Saturday mornings at 1030am and Sunday afternoons at 2pm, please feel welcome to come along and support your local youth teams.

For more information on our Club please go to www.kingstoncolts.co.uk .

Andy Gardner, Chair

Zedex - the Model Railway Exhibition

A convention of 2 gauge (scale 1:220) railway modellers and exhibition of layouts depicting English American and Continental railways in 2 and Nm scales

Sunday 9th October 2011

10.30 – 4.00

in the **Village Hall**

16 layouts

modelling demonstrations specialist traders refreshments

Admission £4 - or £3 with this advert - accompanied children free

More info: oxfordmrc.org.uk

Peter McConnell 820559

In aid of Breast Cancer Awareness month

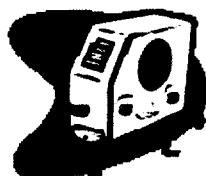
Aquarius Hair Studio and **Your Marks & Spencer Oxford**

Bring to you

On Tuesday the 18th October from 6.30-9.30_{pm}

In Southmoor Village Hall

**Measure up for
Breast Cancer**



Our aim of the evening is to get you to know your breasts!!

80% of women wear the wrong sized bra, are you one of them?

For a donation come along and have an M & S bra fit!

Other fun things on the night include;-

- Raffle
- Silent auction
- Boob cake making competition
- Mini manicures
- Kinesiology
- M&S bra amnesty

Raffle tickets are available from Aquarius Hair studio prior to the event or in the village hall on the night.

Bring along your old M&S bras for our amnesty and receive a **£5 voucher** to spend in store, vouchers can only be used when spending **£35 or over in store**.

SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL



Family Photo Shoot – Saturday 1st October at Southmoor Village Hall

We're sure that everyone who booked a slot last year was delighted with the results of the family photo shoot. Slots are for 10 minutes and you only pay for the images you wish to purchase. A timetable will soon be available to book your place.

Bags2School Collection – Friday 14th October

Back by popular demand. Bags can be collected from the Pre-School and all proceeds will be split between Southmoor Pre-School and John Blandy

Primary School.

Shopping and Pampering Evening – Friday 11th November. If you are a local business and would like to open a stall during the evening, please contact us on the email address given below; stalls will cost £15 each. Look out for more information about this event closer to the time.

Further information about all of the above events can be requested by emailing:
southmoorpsc@hotmail.co.uk

After School Club

From September, Southmoor Pre-School will be running an after school club 5 days a week in the new premises. Sessions cost £10.00, from 3 - 6pm. All children of primary school age are welcome and a healthy snack will be provided. If you would like to register your child for a place, please visit the website for a registration form:

Quote - Unquote

'The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.'
Albert Einstein, 03/14/1879 - 04/18/1955 Nobel Prize Laureate (Physics)

'If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange apples then you and I will still each have one apple. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas.'

George Bernard Shaw, 07/26/1856 - 11/02/1950 Erse dramatist, author and Nobel Prize

BOWLS CLUB



We have come to the end of the Season where we play away on grass but we carry on all year due to our artificial mat. Final league positions find us in second place in Division three of the Kennet KL (Men) which means Promotion to Division two next year a good result in our first season back to this league. In the Kennet LX (Men over sixty) League we finished third in a tight league, another three points here would have seen us in division one. The Ashley Baker (Mixed league) was also very close in that one more point would have seen KB as champions. The Ladies Ridgeway League Team also excelled and finished runners up.

The finals Weekend over the 3rd and 4th September ended with the following winners:

Greengage Triples: Chris Vail, D Ash and Clive Le Tuffnell: **Davidson never won Singles:** Mick Fuller: **Beeson Pairs:** Peter van de Mortel and Tony Blackler: **Gordon Cobb:** Peter van de Mortel and Yvonne Cox: **Archer mixed Singles:** Jaq Ash: **Don Woodward men's Singles:** Peter van de Mortel: **Ladies two wood Singles:** Penny Moorley: **Ladies four wood Singles:** Hazel Abraham. Well done to all winners who will receive their Trophies at our Annual Dinner at Carswell Golf Club. The weather held for the short Mat Gala played outdoors. Play went on from 10.00am-5.00pm Harwellended as winners with our 'A' team fourth. The Captains Plate fixture between the Ladies and Men ended in a close victory for the Men.

Mick Fuller (Men's Captain) 01865820818

Oxfordshire Village Shops of the Year Competition 2011

The ORCC Oxfordshire Village Shop of the Year Competition is run by ORCC every two years and aims to

- boost the profile of village shops in Oxfordshire
- highlight the invaluable role that a village shop plays in the community
- give local people an opportunity to show appreciation for their local store

It is open to all village shops in Oxfordshire and judging will be in two separate categories – independently run stores and community owned shops. Past winners include stores from across the county including Adderbury, Stonesfield, Goring, Sibford Ferris, Checkendon, Appleton, East Hendred, Islip, Ascott and Ewelme.

Voting slips should be available in your local store from the end of September or you can cast your vote via the ORCC's website NOW by clicking the following link: Vote Now.

<http://www.oxonrcc.org.uk/news-and-events/>

The closing date is November 18, so there is plenty of time for you to vote.

We look forward to receiving your nominations and hearing about why your village shop deserves to be the best!



KINGSTON BAGUIZE DRAMA GROUP

Our 'Murder At The Village Hall' event in September, a murder mystery supper evening, proved very popular - it was lovely to see so many people in attendance and the feedback has been very positive. Our charity raffle on behalf of Riding for the Disabled and Help for Heroes raised £200 to be divided between both charities. A big thank you to all the local businesses who kindly donated prizes for the raffle.

Work has commenced on **November's production (24-26th) 'Tales from the Whispering House'**, a Ghost Story evening, built around a suitably creepy one-act play called **The Monkey's Paw**. The evening will include some VERY local ghost stories which The History Society has helped us with as well as some other spooky goings-on ... we dare you to come along **tickets available from 01865 736913**.

On a lighter note, next year is the **25th anniversary of the Village Hall** and to help form part of the celebrations, Susi Dalton, well known for her village pantomimes, is hoping to direct a version of **Wind in the Willows** for us to be performed next **June (22-23)**. The production will be based in the village hall and will also utilize some of the outside space. We see this very much as a village production, so fingers crossed that lots of people, including children, fancy getting involved.

Our first meeting was on **20th September** – if you missed that but wish to be included then please get in touch with **Susi Dalton: susi606@btinternet.com**.

Sally Lacey

POLICE UPDATE

Faringdon East – September 2011

Welcome to the September update for the Faringdon East area. We have had a productive month with great success at recent “Have your say” events. “OP MOJITO” the summer anti social behaviour (ASB) operation has served us well by providing a swift response to ASB issues and has allowed us to plan ahead with the implementation of additional resources at peak times. An overview of crime that has taken place on your area is provided for your review:

Hatford Quarry had two generators stolen between the 6th and 7th August and the combined worth of these items amounts to £15,000. In addition to this a number of miscellaneous garden items were also stolen in the neighbouring Faringdon West area. The priority crime team have been made aware of this.

The Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Ground fell victim to an attempted break-in between the 9th and 11th August.

Winters Lane, West Hanney suffered the theft of a cockerel and damage to hen house 14th August.

An abandoned child’s bike was found in School Lane, Kingston Bagpuize around 10th August and this was reported to the police. If anyone has any knowledge of this or has lost their bike please call 0845 8 505 505 and quote reference number: URN 759 14/08/2011.

For all of you who have paid your respects to Britain’s war heroes at the repatriation that follows a course from RAF LYNEHAM to the JR2 hospital in Oxford, our thanks goes out to you. I bring you the news that as of the 31st August 2011 RAF Lyneham will have fully closed and the handover of these duties will fall to RAF Brize Norton from 1st September 2011. If you wish to continue paying your respects, new arrangements have been made for this in the very near future. We have conducted several have your say events in

the past months and have also got new dates booked

for the coming month. Please make yourself aware of the dates and locations and let us know your concerns.

Please find the dates below.

Recent HAVE YOUR SAY(HYS) events:

HYS Longworth 15th and 16th August. No issues were brought to our attention.

Forthcoming HYS consultations:

- Wednesday 5th October, Kingston Bagpuize (Door To Door) from 17:00 - 20:00hrs

Community Messaging is a free service which provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour.

More information can be obtained via our website, and you can sign up by following this link:

<http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx>

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 0845 8 505505 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999.

You can also contact us via email:

LittleworthShellingfordNHPT@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 Crime stoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk



A HARVEST WELCOME!

As we hear of the famine in East Africa, and the rocketing food prices in many parts of the world, and as we feel the pinch in our own country, perhaps we may be prompted to take Harvest less for granted. Einstein is said to have observed that if all the bees in the world died, humanity would follow them inside three years. It's a sobering thought and reminds us how delicate the natural world we rely on is. The East African famine shows us how easily human misgovernment and violence can cause great suffering.

In such sobering times, it's good to take time to thank God for kindnesses that we may in the past have taken for granted. It's also very good to share with those in need, and our Harvest festival gives us a chance to do just that. Paul's letter to the Galatians uses the images of Harvest to teach of the harvests of the spirit: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to reap the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Let us not become weary in doing good, in this village and beyond, in these difficult times. Our country and our neighbours need no less.

With best wishes, do come and join us for Harvest

David Pickering



HARVEST SERVICES AND SUPPER

Come and join us at Harvest to celebrate God's goodness:

Sat 8th October -- Village Hall, Southmoor

6.00pm Harvest Supper: starts with a children's quiz round: then supper, and a break after supper for children to be taken home, before the rest of the quiz and perhaps even a couple of rounds of Call My Bluff. Cost £3 adults, £1.50 children. Please book tickets from Hazel Brennan (821358).

Sun 9th October -- St John the Baptist, Kingston Bagpuize

10.30am All-Age Harvest Festival Service - with drama, songs, prayers and two mini-talks from curiously different angles. All Harvest gifts will be given to the Kingsmoor Day Centre.

See the KBS News for details of our other services.





Friday 4th November

John Blandy School

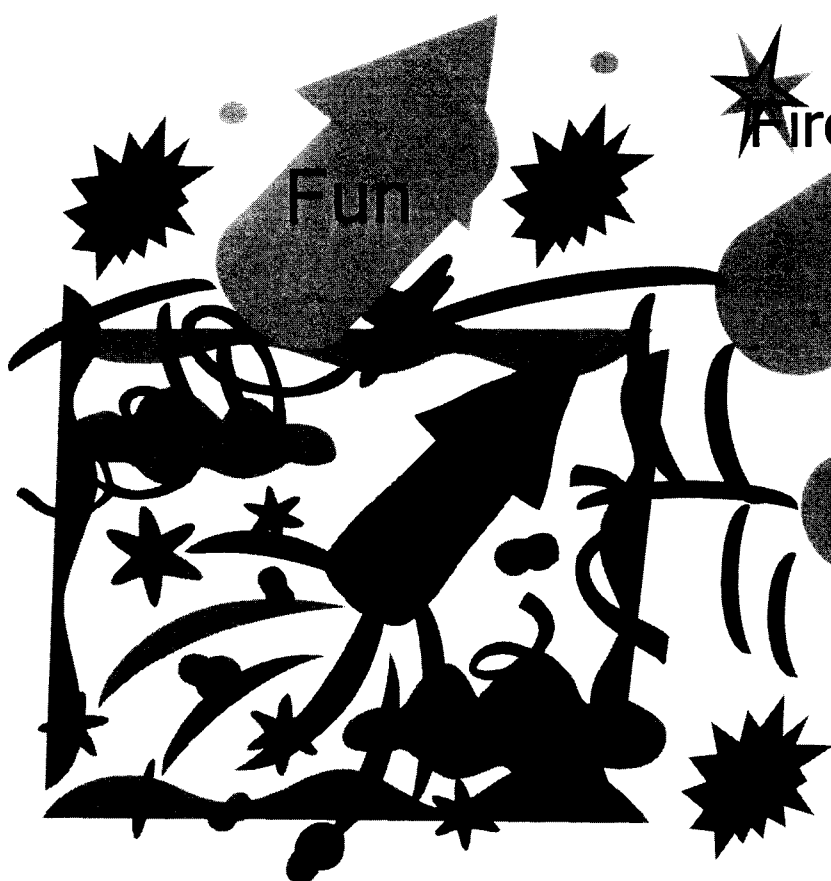
Southmoor

Gates open for hot food and refreshments at 5.00pm

Fireworks display 6.00pm

Bonfire 6.30pm

£2.50 per person



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