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Southmoor Village News

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ODE FOR LANCE

*Former editor of KBS News for his exceptional
dedication and contributions to our community*

Oh Lance, truth's scribe with a noble hand,
In tales of light and youth, you made your
stand.

Your words gave voice to stories bold and clear,
Bringing joy to all who drew near.

As KBS News' leader, steady and true,
Each headline penned with care, no task too few.
In ink, you wove our daily tale,
With insight that will forever prevail.



Your editorial prowess, a radiant guide,
Through darkness and light, you were our pride.
With wisdom's touch, you shaped our view,
A guardian of truth, steadfast and true.

Though you depart, your legacy lives on,
In every article, your brilliance is drawn.
For your service, Lance, we give thanks and
praise,
And bid farewell with gratitude, in countless
ways.

To Lance, esteemed editor, our hearts extend,
In gratitude, our friendship will never end.
For all you've done, for all you've been,
Thank you, dear friend, again and again!

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK (May 20th - 24th)

Get moving and encourage
kids to be more active during
Walk to School Week. The
5-day challenge takes place
from the 20th to the 24th of
May and is designed to help
children reach their minimum
**60 minutes of exercise per
day.**



The week-long challenge is
not just about walking. Any type of exercise
is encouraged, including **cycling, riding your
scooter or even running.**

Although it may not be possible for every child
to walk the distance from their house to their
school, parents are encouraged to **'drive and
stride'**, parking further than they normally would
and walking the rest of the way. This also means
that **traffic congestion and pollution is reduced**
around school gates.

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May 20th also marks Bee Day. Hidden somewhere
inside the News is a drawing of a BEE. Can you
find it?

Hey KBS people!

My name is Greta and this is my first KBS News issue as a new editor. I hope you will enjoy a fresh and new look of our local newsletter. Whether you have good or bad comments, please share them with us at editorkbsnews@gmail.com. Your feedback really matters to us! **So, grab a cup of your favourite drink and dive into the news. Enjoy!**

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The Cedar Community Club - where older people meet with friends old and new 01865 686472				
Community Issues - contact District Councillor Jill Rayner at jillrayner@whitehorsedc.gov.uk				

Village Diary

Village Hall Booking Details tel: 07771 539901 email: southmoorvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk

	Day/ Date	Time	What &Where (KBSVH = Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall)	Page
MAY	St John the Baptist Parish Church, Kingston Bagpuize Services. – See full details on the Church Pages			5
	Thursday 2 nd	7.30am – 10.00pm	Police Commissioner Elections at KBS Village Hall	14
	Thursday 2 nd	KBS Cafe Closed due to Election		
	Tuesday 7 th	6.30pm	Parish Council Annual Meeting & Monthly Meeting – Swallow Room, KB & S Village Hall	13
	Tuesday 7 th	7.15pm	S & KB Gardening Club: John Green 'Creating a Community Garden' KBSVH	18
	Thursday 9 th	9.00am	KBS Café be entertained by "Village Voices" KBSVH	7
	Friday 10 th	7.00pm	KBS Film & Music Evening 'The Green Man' Kingston Bagpuize Church Room	10
	Sunday 12 th – Saturday 18 th	Christian Aid Week		5
	Monday 13 th	12.30pm	Village Lunch KBSVH	
	Tuesday 14 th	7.30pm	Apple Blossoms WI. Marea Brown 'Indian Block Printing workshop' KBSVH	12
	Thursday 16 th	7.15pm	Longworth & Dist History Soc: Owen Green	22
	Friday 17 th	4.00pm	Last date / time for copy to KBS News for the June edition	2
	Saturday 18 th	10.00am – 5.30pm	Abingdon Air & Country Show, Abingdon Airfield, OX13 6BX	24
	Saturday 18 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Grand Rummage Sale and Cream Tea event raising funds for Cancer Research	10
	Sunday 19 th	2.00pm	S & KB Gardening Club: Member's Open Garden	18
	Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th	Walk to School Week		1
	Monday 20 th	7.00pm	Annual Parish Meeting: Local groups update the PC about their organisation. KBSVH	13
	Wednesday 22 nd	7.30pm	Christians In Sport Quiz. Waggon & Horses, Faringdon Rd	23
	Thursday 23 rd	10.45am	Home Improvement Agency talk at the KBS Café KBSVH	8
JUNE	Thursday 6 th	D-Day 80 th Anniversary Celebrations from 6.00pm at Kingston Bagpuize House		28
	Friday 14 th	Free Concert at St John the Baptist Parish Church, Kingston Bagpuize		27
	Saturday 29 th	St John the Baptist Church Village Summer Fete at Kingston House		
✓	Saturday 13 th July	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group: Murder Mystery – 'Dressed to Kill' KBSVH	4

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MAY	Wed	1st	**** Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items ****
	Thurs	9th	** Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin **
	Wed	15th	**** Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items ****
	Wed	22nd	** Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin **
	Thur	30th	**** Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items ****

REGULAR EVENTS - Please check with the event organiser to confirm

In Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall			
Apple Blossoms W I Clubbercise	2nd Tuesday each month 7.30pm Monday 8.00pm - 9.00pm	Apple Quilters	2nd & 4th 9.30am – 12.30pm New Members always welcome
French for Fun	Wednesday (Term Time only) 9.30am - 11.00am	KB Drama Group	3 rd Tuesday at 7.30pm & when it occurs 5 th Tuesday 7.30pm (see Church Hall for other days)
KBS Badminton Club	Mixed Ability Sessions (not Learners) Saturdays 9.00 - 10.30am Improvers, Intermediate & Returners Wednesday 6.45 – 8.15pm		Intermediates to Advanced Monday 6.15pm - 7.30pm
KB & S Cafe	Thursdays 9.00am - 12 noon	KB & S Gardening Club	1st Tuesday monthly 7.15pm for 7.30pm
KBS Pilates	Thursdays 1.30pm – 2.30pm	KB & S Tennis Club	Tuesday 9-11am Men's Open Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm Ladies Open
Longworth & District History Soc	3 rd Thursday every month at 7.00pm	Southmoor Baby & Toddlers	Friday (Term Time Only) 10.00am -11.30am
Southmoor Exercise & Dance	email biserk46@hotmail.com for info		
Table Tennis (Over 55's)	Tuesday 11am -12pm e mail bobsouthmoor@hotmail.com for more info		
Yoga Classes	Tuesday 6.00-7.00pm (intermediate) Thursday 6-7pm (beginners) Wed 10:30-11:15am (seniors)		
In Scout Hut, Faringdon Rd (Term Time Only)			
1st Longworth Beavers	Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm	1st Longworth Explorers	Wednesday 7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Cubs	Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm	1st Longworth Scouts	Thursday 7.30pm - 9.00pm
At The Bowls Club, Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize		Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Tuesday & Thursday 1.30pm
Junior Park Run	Millennium Green	Kingston Bagpuize Cricket	Junior Training Every Friday
In St John the Baptist Church Hall			
KB Drama Group	1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month at 7:30pm (see Village Hall for other days)		
KBS Art and Craft Friendship Club	Alternate Mondays 9.30am - 12.00 noon		
Village Voices	Men - Alternate Mondays 9.30am	Ladies - Alternate Tuesdays	9.30am
In Longworth Village Hall info at longworthvillage.org.uk			
IYENGAR Yoga class (Term Time Only)	Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm	Tuesday 11.45am – 1.15pm	Zumba
KARATE	Wednesday Little Ninjas (4-6yrs) at 5pm-5.30pm	Family class at 5.30pm-	Thursday 10.30am
PILATES	Tuesday 9.15am & 5.45pm . Thursday 9.15am & 6.30pm		
In Hinton Waldrist Village Hall	Cedar Community Club	Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am - 3:00pm	



Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group 2024

 **13th July (Saturday), 2:30pm & 7:30pm**
• Southmoor Village Hall

By the time this month's edition of the KBS news lands on your doorstep, our April production will be done and dusted. A big thank you to all those who came to see our evening of four one act plays, we hope you enjoyed them.

This year we celebrate our **75th anniversary**. The group was formed in 1949 and has been performing plays in the village for the local community ever since. We normally put productions on in April and November but to celebrate 75 years (and to raise money for our lighting fund, more below) we are adding in an **interactive murder mystery evening and afternoon this July**. There will be a different murderer for each performance. Our Murder Mysteries allow the audience to quiz the suspects and try to decide who the killer is! We have a compere; a two-act scripted play and then an audience question and answer session before the 'big reveal'. This year's production guarantees a lot of laughs and some showstopper moments.

DRESSED TO KILL

Synopsis

It's 1983 and the Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group are getting ready to perform their first ever 'Fashion/Musical Show' to raise money for new stage lighting in the Village Hall. The latest in high street fashion will be 'modelled via performance' by some of the group's members to a ticket paying audience. It's an ill-thought-out hybrid mess of a production and as the clock ticks towards 'curtain up' tension is mounting. Before the audience have taken their seats rivalry, discord, and conflict bubbles over and one of the drama group members ends up murdered

So, get together with friends to form a team (6 max per team) and come back to the 1980s with us for some sleuthing fun. 1980s dress is encouraged but optional. Prizes for the winning team and best dressed at the event.

Dates for diaries: **Saturday July 13th**

2.30pm – Murder Mystery with cream tea (£TBC but will be great value!)

7.30pm Murder Mystery with hog roast, salad, dessert, tea / coffee (£TBC but will be great value!)

Doors will open half an hour before each performance, with a fully licensed bar, teas and coffees and free parking. Please note tickets must be purchased in advance and by 5th July at the latest (so we know numbers for ordering food) – follow us on Facebook for booking details and pricing details ahead of the next edition of the KBS news, www.facebook.com/KingstonBagpuizeDramaGroup

The Lighting Fund

Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group is a not-for-profit group and while many things have changed since 1949 the struggle to fund productions remains constant. The cost of script licences, rehearsal spaces and venue hire are our biggest outgoings and mean we just about break even most years. Our biggest challenge now is replacing our current lighting system (last upgraded in 1986) with an energy efficient, sustainable LED system. We need to raise IRO £40,000 to do this. It's a huge challenge but a necessary one we are determined to achieve to ensure the group continues for the benefit of both current and future members and the community moving forward. **So, get together with your friends to form a team for Dressed To Kill as every ticket sold will move us closer to that goal.**



KBS NEWS is still looking for passionate individuals to join us in shaping the future of KBS News!

Together, we'll collaborate, innovate, and explore new ideas to make KBS News the best it can be. If you can use InDesign, that's a big advantage! If you are interested, let's have a chat! editorkbsnews@gmail.com

Love, Greta



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Sunday 5th	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship Children's Church in Church Room
Sunday 12th	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship
	6.00pm	Prayer and Praise in Church Room
Sunday 19th	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship with live band
Sunday 26th	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Village Communion

May Highlights

Sunday 5th Children's Church 10.30am in the Church Room
Prayer and Praise 6pm in the Church Room



Coffee and biscuits after all our services – a good time to chat and make new friends.

YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH IS HERE TO HELP

Services are continuing as usual during the interregnum till the next vicar arrives, with help from visiting vicars.

Please contact the churchwardens re baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

If you'd like to find out more about our services and resources, or discuss spiritual matters, contact the churchwardens Chris Carpenter cw3.sjbchurch@gmail.com 07860 583740 and Ian Blelloch ianblelloch@chaco.com.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th to 18th MAY 2024

We are delivering envelopes but are unable to collect them in the whole village this year. **We would be grateful if you would place any contribution** you wish to make in a sealed envelope, authorising Gift Aid if you can, and deliver it to One Stop, the Crossroad Co-op, Susan Green 22, Laurel Drive, Hazel Brennan 3, Rimes Close, or donate online at www.christianaid.org.

Thank you! Peter Beer and Hazel Brennan, your local organisers.

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VILLAGE VOICES

Send your views to editorkbsnews@gmail.com



Dear Editor

It would appear that a certain number of villagers who walk their dogs do not or cannot comprehend the system whereby they are required to **collect and bag the doo** **doo their pets deposit** in public areas. They don't seem to twig that they are meant not only to bag the stuff but deposit it in the dog bins that are situated throughout KBS at great expense to the public or take it home. **It is not meant to be strewn on roadside verges or thrown in bushes** and trees as would seem to be the case at present. I am sure most dog walkers adhere to the spirit of the law but for the remainder who perhaps have difficulty in understanding long words let me put it in simple terms -

Bag it and bin it or take it home.

EXCITING NEWS COMING SOON



The Parish Council is planning to **replace some of the equipment in the playground at Fir Tree Close** and will be giving the community the **chance to choose between 2-3 proposed schemes**. Details will be posted on the Parish Council website (www.kbsparishcouncil.org.uk) from mid-May onwards with links from Facebook so you can vote for your preferred option. For those not on-line there will be information available at the Annual Parish Meeting on 20th May.



PLEASE pick up after your dog and use the bins provided!



BONE CANCER STAMP APPEAL

I'm collecting stamps for the bone cancer stamp appeal. Any stamps, used, new and international are welcome. You just need to cut them off the envelope leaving approximately 1 cm border around it.

The stamps are then sold to raise funds, and just 1kg of stamps can help fund one hour of

life-saving research. Many thanks to the **post office at the (Hinds Head) Coop** where there is a collection box on the shelf at the back of the store by the post office counter. Thank you! *Catherine*

THE KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHARITIES TRUST

Do you know anyone in the village or immediate locality who is in financial need or hardship? They may be young or elderly, suffering from ill-health or otherwise housebound. These are the people who might benefit from the KB Charities: perhaps they are already in receipt of Social Security payments, but nevertheless find themselves in difficulty, unable to meet unexpected or recurring expenses. These are exactly the situations where the Trustees can step in with small one-off grants which might make all the difference to someone who is worrying unduly as to whether or not they can meet some immediate payment. For further information contact jandicharlton@yahoo.co.uk or visit the **Kingston Bagpuize Charities Trust stand at the Fête on the 29th June**. We will be selling second-hand books, CDs and small bric-à-brac items - all receipts towards the Charities' funds.

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Customers at the KBS Café on the 28th March were entertained by Faringdon and District Strummers and the Hendred Ukulele Group. On Thursday **9th May the "Village Voices" are coming to sing at the café.** We serve tea, coffee and hot chocolate, orange and blackcurrant squash, cheese scones and of course cake. We have a few gluten free options as well.


- A mug of tea or coffee is £1.00
- A piece of cake or a cheese scone is £1.00
- A glass of squash is 10p

The café is a great place to make new friends and learn about the village. If anyone would like to make a cake occasionally, please contact Caroline on 820936 or Ruth on 821386. **We look forward to seeing you!** *Caroline Ashby*



Thank you to all KBS readers that supported the **Race Night at Riding for the Disabled** in the Barlow arena, at the top of the Hanney Road, on Saturday

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The Home Improvement Agency is dedicated to **helping older, disabled and vulnerable residents** within the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils to live safely and independently in their own homes for as long as possible. The agency service is available to people who are vulnerable and need **help repairing, maintaining or adapting their home**. They offer small repair services, assistance with energy grants, as well managing applications for the Disabled Facilities Grants for major home alterations such as level-access showers and stairlifts.

A person from the Agency has offered to come to the **KBS Café on Thursday 23rd May at 10.45am** to explain about the Agency, what they do and which support they can provide. They will give a talk entitled "Home is where my couch is – keeping independent and safe with the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils home improvement services".

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Prescriptions from the White Medical Practice in Faringdon



It appears that we only gave you half the information needed when ordering your prescriptions from White Horse Medical Practice in last month's KBS news.

We have since discovered that when you order a prescription you will later receive an email directing you to **Engage Consult**, the GP's online consultation system. From there you will be able to read the message telling you, 'Your prescription is ready for collection'. To use Engage Consult you must first register on that system. Our apologies for not providing this extra detail last month.

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MP David Johnston

Along with the other Conservative MPs in Oxfordshire, I wrote to the CEO of **Thames Water to demand that more action is taken to tackle sewage pollution** in our waters, and have secured a meeting with him. The Government has taken decisive action to address the sewage issue, including putting in place the strictest ever legally binding targets, which I was proud to vote for; increasing the monitoring of sewage discharges in England to 100% (up from 7% in 2010 under Labour); ensuring fines against water companies are unlimited; and requiring Thames Water and other water companies to deliver the largest ever infrastructure investment of £56 billion to fix this problem. However, people are rightly very angry about this issue, as am I, and I expect Thames Water to act with far greater urgency - which I will make clear during my meeting with the CEO.

I met with the **Roads Minister** to discuss my campaign to **improve our roads** and the results of my Local Roads Survey. The Government has given Oxfordshire County Council millions of extra pounds (a 30% funding increase this year) to improve our roads and fix our potholes. We discussed how they should use this money effectively, including filling potholes correctly and not in a way that means they reappear within weeks, as we all know often happens on our local roads.

Autism Family Support Oxfordshire provides vital support to parents across my constituency. Local families wrote to me after Oxfordshire County Council announced they were going to cut their funding which would have had a huge impact. I wrote to them on behalf of all my constituents who rely on this vital service and was glad to hear that the Council have (finally) listened and reversed their funding cut which will be a relief to many families.

As ever if I can help with anything please contact me at david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk

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Sue Lacey Bryant enjoying life in the Village.



I love orchids. Our kind neighbour gave us an orchid, a phalaenopsis, as a housewarming gift. With its exotic, long-lasting flowers that last for months, it is stunning – and years later it flourishes to this day. Associated with good luck and prosperity, orchids are often given as a housewarming present.

If you're also an orchid fan, May is a great month to get outdoors, looking for early orchids around Oxfordshire. There's a fabulous, highly informative travel blog by a local naturalist at ramblingsnscibblings.com/2023/05/19/a-personal-orchid-odyssey-in-oxon-and-bucks-may-and-june-2023

Oxford Botanic Garden and Arboretum, the UK's oldest botanical garden, has plenty for orchid lovers to enjoy: www.obga.ox.ac.uk. In fact, orchids are the largest flowering plant family.

Any regular reader will have long guessed that my fingers are rather more pallid than green. My t'other half is 'chief in charge' of growing things. Fortunately most orchids are easy to look after and so are very popular indoor houseplants. You can find out the basics of how to care for them at: www.aboutorchids.com/blog/2020/01/18/more-from-oxford-botanic-garden

I've always been curious about the traditional meanings associated with flowers. It's a gentle interest and one that informs my 'reading' of paintings too. You can still catch a BBC Radio 3 essay in which Prof. Fiona Stafford from Somerville College Oxford explored the symbolism, importance, topicality and surprises of the Orchid: www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b09c05vm

The flower symbolism associated with the orchid is love, beauty, refinement, fertility, thoughtfulness – and what I've seen described as "mature charm".

Consequently, an orchid is also very appropriate as a retirement present. In a moment of inspiration, one of my colleagues recently presented me with a Lego orchid in favour of the more customary bunch of flowers. I am positively 'made up' at this combo of two of my favourite things. Now the 'boys' are long decamped from KBS, the pleasure of playing with small bricks is all mine.

KBS Film and Music Evening



10th May (Friday), 7pm
• St John the Baptist Church
• The Green Man

Our next Film Night will be on **Friday 10th May** when we will be showing **The Green Man**. Alastair Sim plays Hawkins, a timid watchmaker with a part time job as a professional assassin who bumps off people we love to hate!

Sir Gregory Upshott (Raymond Huntley) is the intended target, bungling vacuum cleaner salesman (George Cole) and Hawkins' new neighbour repeatedly get in the way. The intended victim is finally tracked down to a dilapidated seaside hotel called The Green Man. This is an entertaining farce that dutifully ticks all the boxes - mistaken identities, compromising positions, panic and chaos.

It is a **free evening** organised by members of St John the Baptist Church and **tea, coffee, popcorn and chocolates will be provided from 7.00 pm with the film beginning at 7.15pm**. We do ask you to let either Peter Beer or Margo Evans know if you will be joining us so that we can ensure there are sufficient chairs for everyone. Many thanks.

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📍 14th May (Tuesday), 7:30pm
• Southmoor Village Hall
• Indian Block Printing workshop

Last month we welcomed Helena McBride from "The Space Maker" who spoke of her experience of going into people's homes to help them organise their clutter and how she manages their emotional connections to their belongings. Helena also demonstrated and made some useful suggestions on how to store clothes, and fold fitted sheets. Many of us had a go, and the fitted sheet folding still got the better of us!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th May at 7:30pm in Southmoor Village Hall. Our guest speaker is Marea Brown from Art of Jaipur. Marea will be running an **Indian Block Printing workshop** for us.

During the evening you will learn the ancient craft of Indian Block Printing and be able to print your own beautiful designs using a wide range of hand carved blocks. You will first have a demonstration and then you will practise on old fabric until you are ready to create your own designs. Please bring



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own tea towel or gift bag. Also wear old clothes or bring an apron! Visitors

are very welcome for a small charge of £4 for your first visit.

We made the national news!

The **knitted and crocheted poppies** made by the WI, which was coordinated by our secretary, have left for Normandy. Our target was to provide Standing with Giants 22,442 poppies, to represent every personnel that died during D-Day and the battle of Normandy. **The final total was 35,782 poppies.**

To keep up to date with our news and what we are up to, please use the QR Code:



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News from The Parish Council



7th May 6.30pm (annual meeting of the Parish Council) •
20th May 7.00pm (Annual parish meeting) • Swallow Room,
KBS Village Hall.

The Parish Council met in Kingston Bagpuize Village Hall on 8th April. For a full account the minutes and appendices are available on the Parish Council website at kbsparishcouncil.org.uk/document-category/minute and on Parish Council notice boards.

Present: Cllr Robert Barnett, Cllr Oyebola Bello, Cllr Natalie Clements, Cllr Brian Forster, Cllr Virginia Grant (Chairman), Cllr Behnoosh Sabah, Cllr Steve Smith, Cllr Dianna Swale. Apologies: Cllr Kim Kousari was unwell and 6 members of the public. Apologies received from District Councillor Jill Rayner.

Public Participation: Question raised about damaged wall adjacent to footpath from Town Pond Lane. Advised to put on FixMyStreet.

Clerk's Report: Thanks received for the grants/donations awarded in March.

Planning Applications: The planning committee met on April 4 and advised Council they had no objection to any of the 3 applications for consideration. P24/V0394/LDE; P24/V0461/HH; P24/V0387/HH.

Full details of all Planning applications and decisions taken by the Parish Council and VWHDC Planning are listed on the website. The KBSPC Planning Committee will next meet on Tuesday 30th April in the Elkins Room at 6.00pm. This meeting is open to members of the public.

S106 Art Monies - Bench Trail: Update with preliminary designs shown to Cllrs and members of the public. Council considered quotes for installation of concrete pads for 2 benches and accepted quote from Drayton Construction.

Burial Ground groundworks: Council considered quotes for ground works to provide additional areas for burials and interment of ashes and installation of a shed. The quote for £4,948.09 from Muddy Spades was accepted. While this sum is higher than the amount budgeted for, council considered the work essential and the finance committee will decide to extend the budget from either general reserves or CIL monies.

Sports Field Association: Council voted to accept the proposal from Cllrs Grant and Swale to contribute £1000 towards works to improve the footpath and road surface for the benefit of pedestrians and cars.

Parish Council Website: kbsParishCouncil.org.uk

Parish Clerk email: Clerk@kbsParishCouncil.org.uk

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 20 May, 7pm • Swallow Room, Village Hall

This is a chance for you to meet your Parish Councillors, hear what the Council has been doing on your behalf and to let them know what matters to you. If you are a member of a local group and would like to represent its interests to the Council or report on recent triumphs or tribulations, this is your chance!

Anyone wishing speak should get in touch with Parish Clerk Sarah Bates on **07908 472827** or at clerk@kbsparishcouncil.org.uk



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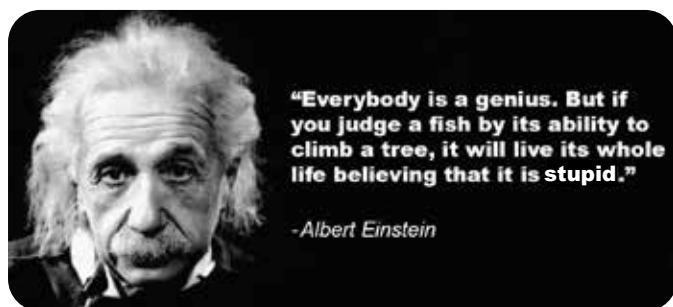
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The distance from Frax Close to the Green Co-op on the corner of Draycott Road is just under 1.5 kilometres.

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KBS Badminton Club

Our regular sessions take place at KBS Village Hall. In May we'll be playing at **Improver level and above** on **Saturday mornings from 9.00am**

– 10.30am and **Intermediate level and above every Monday evening from 6.15pm – 7.30pm** including the two bank holidays.

The Monday sessions are close to capacity, but there is space for a couple more players on Saturdays. If you're interested in joining, please do contact me first. The first couple of visits are free and after that we ask you to pay a share of the monthly court hire costs. For more information or if you have any questions, please email me at sharon@cherrytree21.plus.com or call on **01865 820399**. Note that Jenny's Wednesday evening improver sessions are currently full. Sharon Cooper

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections 2nd May 2024

More information on the Candidates: choosemyppcc.org.uk/area/thames-valley

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I'm sure we are aware that road works are a necessary evil & also sure the recent temporary traffic lights on Faringdon Road Kingston Bagpuize have been causing a huge headache for motorists & commercial vehicles alike. I had noted that approximately 25 vehicles were going through before the lights changed, causing huge tailbacks stretching in all directions. This I felt was totally unacceptable. With this in mind, I telephoned the VWHDC to request an adjustment to the lights to for example, 10 vehicles to pass, not 25. Maybe then tempers would not be so frayed.

My first call, even though a promise to adjust the lights amounted to nothing, I telephoned a second time. This time the assurance to pass my request & complaint to the relevant department was taken more seriously. I explained the frustration of the road users & did inform this person that I would be phoning again if no change was made.

I was informed the road works would conclude on the 10th which I remarked was hardly the point. If major issues that are important to most of us are not reported, one cannot complain if nothing is done. Mrs Barbara Johns





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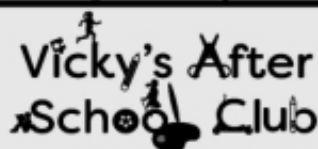
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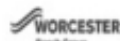
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Recipe of the month

Sticky lime & honey wings

www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/sticky-lime-honey-wings

May 20th is the World Bee Day and the recipe this month celebrates sweet and delicious honey and its ability to elevate any dishes!

Ingredients – Serves 4

- 1kg chicken wings
- 1 tbsp reduced-salt soy sauce
- 1 tsp chilli flakes (optional)
- 2 tbsp honey
- 1 lime, zested and juiced
- 300g cooked rice, to serve

For the slaw

- 2 carrots
- 1 small cabbage (about 300g)
- 1 small red onion
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 15g coriander (optional)



Method

Step 1: Tip the chicken wings into a large bowl and stir in the soy sauce, chilli flakes (if using), honey, lime zest and juice until the wings are coated. Set aside to marinate. Heat the oven to 210C/190C fan/6.

Step 2: To make the slaw, use a vegetable peeler to shave the carrots into strips, then finely slice the cabbage and red onion with either a sharp knife or mandoline. Put in a bowl with the olive oil and lime juice, and season to taste.

Step 3: Spread the wings out on a baking tray lined with baking parchment, then bake for 35 mins, turning halfway. Just before serving, stir the coriander, if using, through the slaw. Serve with the cooked rice.



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Restaurant Review

We are thrilled to announce the return of the restaurant review section in KBS News, where two local food enthusiasts will be exploring various pubs and restaurants in the area.



The Bear and Ragged Staff, Appleton Road, Cumnor, OX2 9QH

We visited The Bear and Ragged Staff on Easter Monday for an early supper. It is a 12-minute drive from KBS. Off road parking is available. Wheelchair access is good.

We were immediately welcomed into the bar and shown to our table in the restaurant, which had been booked online a few days before. We were glad we had booked as the restaurant was becoming busy from 19.00hrs onwards.

The restaurant was inviting – has an everyday gastro dining vibe with well-spaced tables and more intimate booths. The seating would suit couples, groups and families and single diners. Décor is modern and earthy with lantern style lighting. There was quiet background music. All age groups would enjoy the space and ambiance. There is **outside eating space** which is also non-smoking and non-vaping.



Staff were attentive and helpful. They offered us drinks and left us to mull over the menu. The drinks list is extensive. Lots of cocktails, non-alcoholic drinks and wines priced from £5.80-£7.90 for a 175ml glass to £26.50-£65 for a bottle.

The **food menu is wide-ranging** including vegetarian and vegan options. Starters were priced from £6.50-£11; mains from £16-£33 (sirloin steak) and puds and cheese from £7.25 to £9.80. The menu is seasonal. We had the spring menu – the crab cake and the courgette and artichoke starters were delicious, as were the main courses of Sri Lankan Curry and Pea and Broad Bean Risotto. The **food was beautifully presented** and **portions were generous**. It was lovely to see colour on the plates. The coffee was tasty.

The puds looked delicious and there was a good choice of ice creams and sorbets. Also, a mini pud with tea or coffee. **Children are welcomed** and they can have simplified versions of the menu or half portions.

At the point of payment the staff member was happy to allocate items to each of us and we paid for what we had consumed.

The restaurant is a member of the **Sustainable Restaurant Association** promoting environmental change within hospitality. Food and drink are sourced from suppliers with similar ethics.

It may be worth noting that the restaurant has nine bedrooms, including a suite and family rooms. They have facilities for private functions.

Well worth a visit!

by Wilrich, two KBS foodies.

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District Councillor Jill Rayner's Report



Water in the Vale - the Leader of the VOWH Cllr Bethia Thomas met with the Green Party to discuss the new Water Advisory Group which will focus on SESRO (The proposed and much opposed reservoir). With Farmoor Reservoir at such low levels whilst the surrounding areas are underwater it certainly raises the question of why a new reservoir should even be considered when this one can not be maintained or river water used to fill it as the sewage levels make this impossible.

Did you know - the week after Easter showed Thames Water had been discharging sewage into Kingston Bagpuize Brook for 89 hours?

Homelessness - following the government's proposals to criminalise homelessness the leader of VOWH sent a letter to the Secretary of State urging them to reconsider their position as we believe it would make our job in preventing homelessness locally even more difficult.

Good news for those of us that use Marcham Road Health Centre - The Cabinet has approved a request from Marcham Road Health Centre to draw down £966,097 of funding from the Vale of White Horse District Council healthcare CIL allocation.

Climate Action Fund opens 3rd May - The Climate Action Fund opens on 3rd May to help fund climate-related projects in the district. Previously grants have gone to EV chargers at a village hall, solar panels on a preschool building, creation of a wildlife habitat and carbon literacy training - to name just a few. The total funding available will be £100,000. The size of individual grants has doubled to a new maximum of £10,000 (minimum is £250). **Please help spread the word so that local groups and organisations have plenty of time to get their information ready when we begin taking applications on Friday 3rd May.**



**Southmoor &
Kingston Bagpuize
Gardening Club**



7th May (Tuesday), 7:30pm • Southmoor Village Hall
• **Creating a Community Garden**

In our next talk on **Tuesday 7th May**, when **John Green** will be talking to us about **'Creating a Community Garden'** and, in particular, how Barracks Lane Community Garden in Oxford was developed and continues to grow. We hope to follow up this talk with a visit later in the year. The talk is at **Southmoor Village Hall** and doors open at 7.15pm for a **7.30pm start**. There will also be a raffle and complimentary refreshments for members. Visitors are welcome for a fee of £4.

We have our first **Member's Open Garden on Sunday 19th May at 2pm**. Entry is free of charge for Gardening Club members and the address and full details will be provided nearer the time. This is a great chance to look around a large, established kitchen garden located just outside the village. You'll be welcome to ask questions, compare techniques and chat with other gardeners. Guests / visitors may be allowed at the discretion of the owner in exchange for a small donation to the Gardening Club. Please contact us in advance if you are interested.

Our annual **Plant Sale will be coming up in June**. If you're growing or dividing anything this Spring, please put aside something to donate to the sale! Established herbaceous perennials and shrubs always go down well, as does anything that is in flower. Any donated plants should be in good condition, free from pests and diseases and well-rooted by the time of the sale please. If you need any pots, please get in touch with us and we can drop some off.

Membership costs £15 for the year and offers free entry to our talks for the year as well as various other perks. Our full 2024 Programme is available on our website www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk. If you'd like any further information, you can email us at skbgardeningclub@gmail.com. *Sharon Cooper (Chair)*



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Sunday 21st April, saw more than 50000 runners take on **the London Marathon**, including KBS resident Joe Kidd, who has **raised over £5,000** for Thames Valley Air Ambulance by completing the 26.2 mile course in a time of 3hrs 8min 39sec.

Thames Valley Air Ambulance is very special to both Joe, his dad Dave and the rest of their family. Last September, Dave raised over £5,000 for Thames Valley Air Ambulance by completing the Thames Path Challenge and the London to Brighton Bike Ride in the same weekend.

Joe says:

"Thames Valley Air Ambulance just do the most incredible work and knowing that all funds go towards supporting the charity that helped save my Mum's life... well there's no better cause. It certainly kept me going on the day."

"Thames Valley Air Ambulance operate across Oxfordshire and the rest of the region, relying solely on charitable donations. So, if you're able to donate it really means a lot."

There is still time to donate, so please visit Joe's JustGiving page where you can read his story: **www.justgiving.com/page/joe-kidd-marathon**. **Thank you!**

Editor's note: Well done Joe and Dave. The Air Ambulance is such an amazing facility for any of us, should we need their help.

Oxford Flower Club

 **Fourth Thursday of the month at 1.30pm**
• **Cumnor Village Hall**

We were so lucky to welcome back the wonderful **Mig Kimpton** to our meeting in March. Mig is so popular with our members, it was no surprise to see a large gathering for the afternoon.

Mig is not only a very talented flower arranger, but also a wedding organiser as well as a wedding Registrar. He has won no less than 12 prestigious **awards at the RHS Chelsea Flower Shows** and is the Creative Floor Manager for Blenheim Flower Show again this year.

He loves to create naturalistic displays, which seems to be the current trend with his clients. How lovely to see this carried through his designs 'In the Floral Potting Shed' themed afternoon. He prides himself in providing beautifully fresh flowers and complimentary foliage.

It was a great pleasure to be entertained by such a talented florist. Stunning displays accompanied by amusing stories that lifted our spirits on a miserably wet day. Members were invited to bring along a spring display. Well done Angela for your Easter sphere which looked fabulous.



In May, our demonstrator Jennifer Allen Thompson, invites us to 'A Good Read', and in June we have our summer outing. **Guests and new members are always welcome.** We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month in **Cumnor Village Hall at 1.30pm.**

Karen Mole 07967 555750



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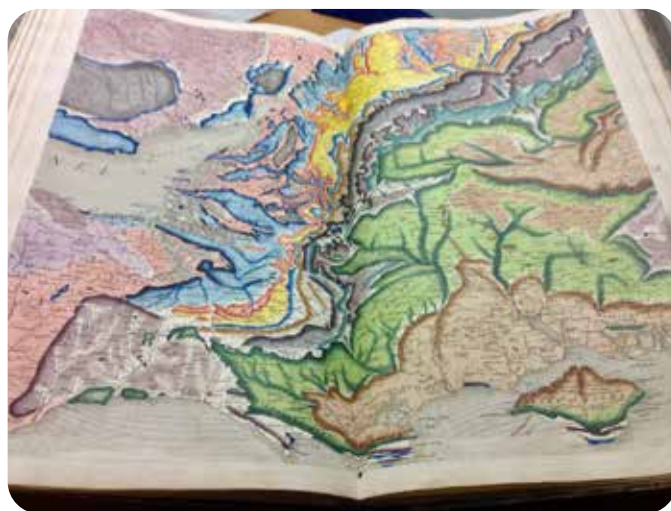
 **16th May (Thursday), 7:30pm • Southmoor Village Hall • Life and Legacy of William 'Strata' Smith**

Our April meeting was held in Kingston Bagpuize Church (as the date coincided with the Drama Group's production in the village hall) when Tim Healey came to talk about May morning in Oxford ("Pagans and Puritans"). Tim is always an excellent speaker, like our own Paul Whitton who, at the March meeting, gave us another insight into the royal connections with Hinton Waldrist!

Owen Green will be our guest speaker at the upcoming May meeting, which will be held at the village hall. He will be presenting on the captivating topic of **"Life and Legacy of William 'Strata' Smith and his Geology Map. It all started in Oxfordshire!"**

This promises to be an engaging discussion, and we eagerly anticipate your attendance. Members can attend for free, while visitors are kindly asked to contribute £4. The meeting will take place at **Southmoor Village Hall, starting promptly at 7.30pm on Thursday, May 16th.** Refreshments will be available at the bar, and there will be an opportunity to browse books in the library.

Pam Woodward



*More than two hundred years ago, a man called William Smith did something extraordinary. He became the first person to map the geology of an entire nation. Not only was this scientifically significant, but in the process he produced something rather beautiful. **Come along to Southmoor Village Hall on May 16th at 7:30pm and hear all about it!***

Standing with Giants

Dan Barton, a former villager, along with his wife Janette and sons Josh and Luke, has created this tribute to the fallen on D-Day, the 6th June 1944.

Poul & Matt Christenson, Kerry, Ruth & Adam Hastings, Chris Carpenter, Keith Graham, Toni Briggs and members of Apple Blossoms WI from KBS have helped in the project, working every day for 6 weeks to collect the thousands of crocheted poppies to be used in the display.

A convoy of 4 articulated vehicles, escorted by more than 300 members of the Harley Davidson Owners Group, left Blenheim Palace on Friday 5th April for Fort Nelson in Portsmouth, followed by the ferry crossing to Caen that night.

NORMANDY 80

Standing with Giants will install a staggering 1,475 silhouettes across the wild meadow fields of the British Normandy Memorial called 'For Your Tomorrow' in April 2024 - Mid August 2024. The 1,475 giants reflect the number of servicemen who died serving under British command on D-Day itself. The public will be able to see this installation as part of the D-Day 80 commemorations throughout Spring and Summer 2024. Standing with Giants, a registered charity: www.standingwithgiants.co.uk/support-us



Easter Egg Hunt on the Millennium Green



One of the highlights of the village year (at least for children) is the Giant Easter Egg Hunt at the Millennium Green. Easter was quite early this year so we didn't get the full beauty of the Green in leaf but there were plenty of eggs popping up all over. The whole of the Green is a safe space for children so we could hide the eggs

pretty much anywhere except for the pond, which is the fullest it's ever been. There were 350 eggs on offer and every year, however hard we try to hide them, almost all of them are found. This year only 17 eggs went unclaimed. The committee found ways of disposing of them. As usual we had lots of volunteers to help out especially with the crucial role of pointing out likely locations of eggs to struggling searchers. A big thanks to all the parents and families who donated money toward the eggs and to maintaining the Green. It's such a beautiful place to have in the middle of the village. Let's keep it that way!



Sports Quiz Night

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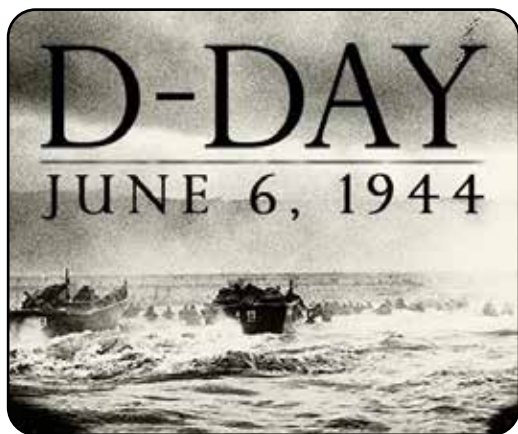
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D-DAY..... 6th June 1944/2024

Are you able to complement the events in the grounds of Kingston Bagpuize House, celebrating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings?

The event will include a display of contemporary photographs of the village as it was in 1944, also depicting the airfield and the camps with their personnel of British and American forces. KBS News readers with reminiscences from the time, or stories that they may have heard from parents or grandparents, are invited to send anything of interest - relating not just to D-Day but to life in general during the war years eighty years ago - to us at the KBS News (editorkbsnews@gmail.com). We will pass them on to the event organisers.

Ian Charlton and his recollections of the D-Day as an eight-year-old schoolboy, 80 years ago ...

D-DAY.....AN ELDERLY SCHOOLBOY REMINISCES

In May of 1944, I was just approaching my 8th birthday. I attended a preparatory school in Sunderland run by Mr Cheshire. He and most of his male teaching staff were all veterans of the Great War – 'The War to end all wars'. We were all very much in awe of him, but his greater claim to fame was his nephew – Group Captain Leonard Cheshire VC. Group Captain Cheshire did not receive his VC until later in the year, after the completion of 100 missions, and was rather disappointed that on the 5th and 6th of June, 617 Squadron was not strafing the landing beaches in Normandy, but was overflying the Pas de Calais dropping 'Window/chaff' which spooked the German radar operators into thinking that a large amphibious landing force was approaching from the English Channel. We schoolboys were equally disappointed when he visited the school - not in uniform wearing his medal, but in a suit and overcoat!!

One day, towards the end of May 1944, a long column of trucks arrived in our village – Seaton, in County Durham about five miles inland from the mining town of Seaham Harbour. To us children it seemed as if they had arrived just out of the blue, but perhaps the powers that be and the local residents had some form of warning. Our house was at the top of a crest, approached by a drive with a small paddock on the right. Previously this field's only tenant had been my pony, Battleship, a retired pit-pony named after the winner of the 1938 Grand National. This small field soon became full of bell tents and a mess tent for the dozens of soldiers swarming round everywhere – very exciting for small boys who were just getting into the Biggles books and fascinated by everything to do with the military! It would seem that we had become a staging post for a Scottish Artillery regiment en route to the south of England in preparation for D-DAY, although of course we were unaware that that was the plan! A large marquee was erected on our back lawn, which became the officers' mess. On the other side of the garden wall, on the village green, the trucks were drawn up together with the guns that they were towing. Only ten years later, when I was a National Serviceman, did I discover that the guns were in fact Bofors anti-aircraft guns which were also to be used as anti-tank guns in the Normandy 'Bocage (mixed woodland and pasture)'.

The Colonel and some of his senior officers slept in our spare bedrooms and I believe they also ate in the house. Surrounded by farms, there was an endless supply of milk and eggs for all ranks, and the ladies of the WI rallied round baking cakes and scones. Officers were identified by their Glengarry bonnets and tartan trews, but all insignia had been removed so it was not possible to identify the regiment. On the morning of the second day, in the early hours we were woken up by the revving engines and by breakfast time it was as if they had never been there ... and as far as the records go, they never were! I have since tried to follow up the Council records to find out which regiment they were and where they were from but there is NO RECORD ... so we will never know ... *Ian Charlton*



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Magnus Macfarlane about Oxford

Five Weathervanes walk

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Start your walk at the bus station at Gloucester Green. Atop the Chinese restaurant there is **the school teacher teaching children** at their desks. It's slightly bent at the moment! The best view of this vane is looking back from the road that leads to Walton Street. Be sure to look at the wonderful frieze above the door, which depicts a nun teaching girls to the left and a king teaching boys to the right. Probably culturally inappropriate in today's world.

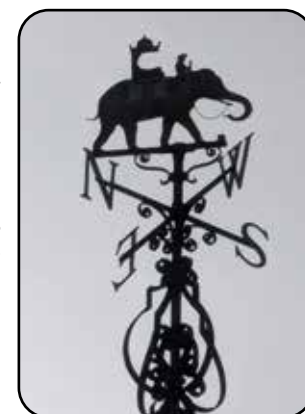


Our second is atop Lloyds bank on the corner of Cornmarket Street. It is a magnificent **galleon in full sail**. Note the beehive frieze above the door, the symbol for Lloyds before the black horse.

The third is atop the Town Hall just down St Aldates. Here flies **the Ox of Oxford**. Do look just in the entrance steps and see the Oxford coat of arms - an Ox over water.



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Lastly at Harris Manchester College on Mansfield Road find the magnificent vane on the Siew-Sngiem clock-tower, depicting **a student late for a lecture** powering along on his bicycle with his cape flying behind him. The inscription underneath reads "it's later than you think, but it's never too late". The wonderful pastiche classical architecture also incorporates the Suku Navapan Gate and provides a beautiful photo for the last stop on your walk.



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Has your child thought about playing cricket?

We are always looking for new players as we look to expand and offer greater opportunity to the youngsters of Kingston and surrounding areas. Why don't you drop me a note **kbcc.juniorcoordinator@gmail.com** and turn up for training on a Friday? **We are a friendly welcoming club that believes in opportunity for all.**

While your child trains you can enjoy a drink and snack from the club house. Perfect when the sun is shining! 😊



KBS Tennis Club

With (hopefully) some warmer, drier weather in sight we are looking forward to some enjoyable and competitive tennis.

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Locally made Ice
Cream



BEACON LIGHTING
9.15PM



Bouncy Castles
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Parking in Garden Park via Rectory Lane.



Guide Dogs only.