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## The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village News

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### Licensing of Rev. Catherine Schneider!

Rev. Catherine Schneider was licensed as Priest in Charge to St John the Baptist Church by the Bishop of Dorchester on Wednesday 14th August to a packed Church, with many villagers and fellow ordinands from Cuddesdon College, as well as visiting local clergy.

A reception followed at Kingston Bagpuize House at the kind invitation of Mrs Grant.



Our photograph shows Catherine (centre) with Gavin, Bishop of Dorchester, and many of her fellow ordinands.

### Cycle to School Week 2024

23rd- 27th September

Cycle to School Week can be a great way to kickstart active travel at your school and encourage a healthy school run for all students.



### Kingston Bagpuize House D-Day 80th Commemoration

Following on from the Kingston Bagpuize House D-Day 80th Commemoration back in June, the lucky winner of the raffle first prize was Tracey from the village and she was able to take her flight around the area and over our villages. Of course, on hand was a copy of the KBS News.



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**21st of September marks The World Peace Day.** It is dedicated to world peace, and specifically the absence of war and violence. Hidden somewhere inside the News is a white dove with an olive branch that is a symbol of peace. Can you find it?



**This is a second edition of KBS News being international and written in Lithuania!** Five weeks back home in Lithuania has gone by very quickly, but KBS News kept me entertained and been handy even when going for an evening swim or to watch a beautiful sunset by the Baltic Sea in my home town Palanga! Hope you all had a great summer! *Love, Greta.*

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# Village Diary

Village Hall Booking Details - email: [southmoorvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:southmoorvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk)

Day/ Date	Time	What & Where (KBSVH = Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall)	Page
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
St John the Baptist Parish Church, Kingston Bagpuize Services. – See full details on the Church Pages			5
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> 6.30pm	Parish Council Monthly Meeting – Swallow Room, KBSVH	10
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> 7.15pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club, Rachel Siegfried 'The Cutting Garden'	13
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	Working towards a Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting – Swallow Room, KBSVH	10
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> 12.30pm	Village Lunch Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall	
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Apple Blossoms Wl. Medical Detection Dogs. KBSVH	22
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	St John the Baptist Church Harvest Festival at the Millennium Green	5 & 28
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> 4.00pm	<b>Last Date / Time for copy to KBS News for the October edition</b>	<b>2</b>
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	KBS Cafe <b>NOT OPEN</b> today	7
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> 7.15pm	Longworth & District History Society Antonia Keaney "A Passion for Fashion" KBSVH	12
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> 7.00pm	KBS Film and Music Night. Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, CATS. St Johns Church KB	14
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> 10.00am - 5.00pm	Abingdon Air & Country Show, Abingdon Airfield	23
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> 3.00pm	St John the Baptist Church Hymns and Pimms, tea and cakes, St Johns Church Room	28
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> 9.00am – 12Noon	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Southmoor Village Hall	18
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> 1.30pm	Oxford Flower Club 'Out of Africa' with Vijay Bhatia at Cumnor Village Hall	8
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> 4.00pm – 7.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Longworth Scouts Family Open Event, Millennium Green, Kingston Bagpuize	24
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> 7.15pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club, David Endacott 'Bats in the Garden'	13
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> 11.00am -3.00pm	Apple Blossoms Wl. <b>KBS Community Mall</b> KBSVH	22
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	Parish Council Monthly Meeting – Swallow Room, KBSVH	10
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club. Group visit RHS Wisley	13
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> 7.15pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club, AGM with cheese & wine	13
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am- 10.30am	John Blandy School Open Morning for September 2025 New Starters	27
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>		Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group 'Calendar Girls' Southmoor Village Hall	18

<b>REGULAR EVENTS - Please check with the event organiser to confirm</b>			
<b>In Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall</b>		<b>In Scout Hut, Faringdon Rd (Term Time Only)</b>	
Apple Blossoms Wl	2nd Tuesday each month 7.30pm	1st Longworth Beavers	Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm
Apple Quilters	2nd & 4th Monday Each Month 10am – 2pm New Members always welcome	1st Longworth Cubs	Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Clubbercise	Monday 8.00pm – 9.00pm	1st Longworth Explorers	Wednesday 7.30pm - 9.00pm
French for Fun	Wednesday (Term Time only) 9.30 – 11am	1st Longworth Scouts	Thursday 7.30pm - 9.00pm
KBS Badminton Club	Improvers & Above Saturdays 9 – 10.30am Improvers & Returners Wednesday 6.30 - 8pm Intermediates & Above Monday 6.15 – 7.30pm	<b>At The Bowls Club, Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize</b>	
KB Drama Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7.30pm & when it occurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm (see Church Hall for other days)	Bowls Clubs Roll Up	Tuesday & Thursday 1.30pm
KBS Cafe	Thursdays 9.00am - 12 noon	<b>At Millennium Green Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize</b>	
KBS Gardening Club	1st Tuesday monthly 7.15pm for 7.30pm	Junior Park Run	Sunday 9.00am
KBS Pilates	Thursdays 1.30 – 2.30pm See KBS News Ad	<b>At Jubilee Sports Field, Edward Strauss Park</b>	
KB & S Tennis Club	Tuesday 9 - 11am Men's Open Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm Ladies Open	Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club	Junior Training Friday 6 – 8pm
Longworth & District History Society	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month at 7.00pm	<b>In St John the Baptist Church Hall</b>	
Southmoor Baby & Toddlers	Friday (Term Time Only) 10.00 - 11.30am	KB Drama Group	1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month at 7:30pm (see Village Hall for other days)
Southmoor Exercise & Dance	Info email: <a href="mailto:nbiserk46@hotmail.com">nbiserk46@hotmail.com</a>	KBS Art and Craft Friendship Club	Alternate Mondays 9.30am - 12.00 noon
Table Tennis (Over 55's)	Tuesday 11am – 12 noon Info email: <a href="mailto:bobsouthmoor@hotmail.com">bobsouthmoor@hotmail.com</a>	Village Voices	Men - Alternate Mondays 9.30am Ladies – Alternate Tuesdays 9.30am
Yoga Classes	Tuesday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (intermediate) Wednesday 10.30am - 11.15am (seniors) Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (beginners)	<b>In Longworth Village Hall info at <a href="http://longworthvillage.org.uk">longworthvillage.org.uk</a></b>	
		IYENGAR Yoga class (Term Time Only)	Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm Tuesday 11.45am – 1.15pm Wednesday
		KARATE	Little Ninjas (4-6yrs) at 5pm - 5.30pm Family Class at 5.30pm - 6.30pm
		PILATES	Tuesday 9.15am & 5.45pm Thursday 9.15am & 6.30pm
		ZUMBA	Thursday 10.30am
		<b>In Hinton Waldrist Village Hall</b>	
		Cedar Community Club	Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30 - 3:00pm



## SEPTEMBER BIN COLLECTION

(late changes will be updated by Email to readers who have joined the KBS News Information email service)

<b>Wed 4th</b>	Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items	 +  + 
<b>Wed 11th</b>	Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin	 +  +  + 
<b>Wed 18th</b>	Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items	 +  + 
<b>Wed 25th</b>	Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin	 +  +  + 



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### SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Sunday 1st	9.00am -	Holy Communion
	10.30am -	Morning Worship Children's Church in Church Room
	6.00pm -	Prayer and Praise in Church Room
Sunday 8th	9.00am -	Holy Communion
	10.30am -	Morning Worship
Sunday 15th	9.00am -	Holy Communion
	10.30am -	Harvest Festival on <b>Millennium Green</b>
Sunday 22nd	9.00am -	Holy Communion
	10.30am -	Village Communion
Sunday 29th	9.00am -	Holy Communion
	10.30am -	Café Church in Village Hall

#### September Highlights

**Sunday 1st** - Children's Church 10.30am in the Church Room

**Sunday 1st** - Prayer and Praise 6pm in the Church Room

**Sunday 15th** - Harvest Festival 10.30am on Millennium Green, please see back page for details

**Sunday 22nd** - Hymns and Pimms 3pm Church and Church Room, please see back page for details

**Sunday 29th** - Café Church 10.30am in the Village Hall with croissants and bacon baps, come and meet our new vicar, Rev. Catherine Schneider



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## VILLAGE VOICES

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### Village Litter Pick



**A HUGE thank you to the fifteen litter pickers who came out to do some clearing up on a beautiful sunny Sunday August morning.**

A big thank you also goes to the folks of Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor as it felt as if in many places there was much less litter to collect which is great. Sadly, there still seems to be quite a bit on the roads in and out of the Village much of which is food wrappers, empty drink cans and broken bottles from drivers passing through. Hey ho, one day the world will be perfect especially with keen members of the younger generation who you can see joined us today. Even before they had finished their 2 hour stint they were asking when the next litter picking session would be.

In all 12 bags of rubbish were collected making it safer to get around and for the wildlife to sleep easier.  
Joan Cooper

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- Beyond Abingdon, the service continues to Oxford via Dunmore Road and Hinksey Hill, through to Oxford Rail Station.

Find the Time Tables X1 X15 booklet sept24 v2 web.pdf ([passenger-website.com](http://passenger-website.com))



#### YOUTH MATTERS!

We are looking for a young people to write a few words on the Youth Aspect of the village.  
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## KBS Café

Every Thursday 9am to 12pm  
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**The Café will be closed on THURSDAY 19th SEPT due to Electrical work in the Village Hall.**

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not. We welcome everybody whatever their age. It is a great place, if you are new to the Village, to get to know other people, and learn about what goes on in the Village. We serve tea, coffee and hot chocolate, orange and blackcurrant squash, homemade cheese scones and homemade cakes. We have a few gluten free options as well.

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- A piece of cake or a cheese scone is £1.00
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Caroline Ashby



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## Oxford Flower Club

 **26th September (Thursday) at 1.30pm • Cumnor Village Hall**  
• 'Out of Africa' with Vijay Bhatia

What a treat to welcome the chairman of BB&O area of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS), Jackie Page, as the demonstrator for our meeting in July. The theme for her demonstration was very appropriately named 'The Flower Arranger'.

Jackie's journey into flower arranging started when she was 17, just after her engagement. The aim for her was purely to help with the flowers at her own wedding. Well, what a journey she has made since then. Jackie now has a very successful career within NAFAS, while managing to find time to demonstrate flower arranging for other clubs, as well as organising workshops and judging other potential demonstrators.

It was clear to see through her arrangements that she enjoys working with a themed colour pallet, demonstrated so beautifully for us. Like many demonstrators she puts together her own mechanics. Who thought you could make a stylish display with a bag of kindling or some tree bark!

Our meeting in September is 'Out of Africa' with Vijay Bhatia which we are really looking forward to. New members are always welcome, so if you are interested in joining us and would like more details on our events programme, call Karen on 07967 555750.



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**Next Meeting: 2nd September (Monday) and 7th October (Monday) at 6:30pm • Swallow Room, Southmoor Village Hall**

**Parish Council Website:** [kbsParishCouncil.org.uk/](https://kbsParishCouncil.org.uk/)

**Parish Clerk email:** [clerk@kbsParishCouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kbsParishCouncil.org.uk)

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall on 1st July and on 29th July. The minutes of the 3rd June and the 1st July meetings were agreed by Councillors as an accurate record of those meetings and are available on the Parish Council boards and on the Council's Website.

**Present:** Cllr Robert Barnett, Cllr Natalie Clements, Cllr Brian Forster, Cllr Virginia Grant (Chairman), Cllr Kim Kousari, Cllr Steve Smith. District Cllr Jill Rayner.

**Apologies** from Cllr Behnoosh Sabah and Cllr Dianna Swale.

**Report from District Councillor Jill Rayner:** Proposal for MP's surgery in KBS in addition to Faringdon. VWHDC is awaiting details on the new Government housing policy. VWHDC has asked the local MP for a meeting with the government regarding Thames Water sewage and the proposed reservoir.

**Public Participation:** Renewed complaint about noise from generator at sewage treatment plant off Town Pond Lane. Thames Water informed the Clerk.

**Planning Applications:** P24/V1382/HH & P24/V1383/LB. Lamb and Flag House, Faringdon Road, Longworth OX13 5HN – Single storey rear extension, two windows north facing at ground floor, replacement and reinstatement of x 2 dormer windows and x 2 rooflights - north and west facing. Repositioning of modern staircase. Council voted no objections. P24/V1195/FUL E:440909 N: 198283 Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize (corner plot in south-west corner of Kingston Park). Construction of a single storey 'Young Persons Centre' building providing activity spaces and facilities to support local scout groups and young people. The Council voted no objections.

**Recreation and Play Facilities:** 1: Bark under Jubilee fort needs topping up. 2: Proposal by Clerk to engage Michael Carter of Sports & Play Consulting to draw up and manage tender process - Council accepted proposal and Clerk will set up arrangements.

**Burial Ground:** Ground work at the eastern end now completed, creating further capacity for interment of ashes. Work at western end is in process and will create 15 additional grave plots.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan - preparation for:** Meeting on Tuesday 23rd July was attended by 14 members of the public. The 'Settlement Boundary' now needs to be decided. Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4th September at 6.30pm in the Swallow Room of the Village Hall**. Your views are welcomed but if you cannot attend please email the Parish Clerk at [clerk@kbsparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kbsparishcouncil.org.uk) putting NDP in the subject box.

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## Working towards a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)



**4th September (Wednesday) at 6:30pm • Swallow Room, Southmoor Village Hall**

After discussions with VWHDC Parish Councillors voted in September 2023 to begin the process of applying for a Neighbourhood Development Plan. This is an 8-step process, which ultimately allows a Parish Council to respond on behalf of residents to applications for future development within the Parish.

The 1st step is now completed and was the designation of the area the NDP might ultimately cover. On the next page is the existing Parish Boundary plus the area of land between the Kingston Business Park and Fyfield Wick Road. (Area shown on the map edged by a blue line).

On 23rd July 2024 the Parish Council led a meeting to discuss the potential application for a Neighbourhood Development Plan. The impact of the changes in planning policy by the new government to Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor village are not yet clear, and in particular the merit of an NDP. None the less there are topics within an NDP which it would be beneficial to consider with information gathered held by the clerk for future reference.

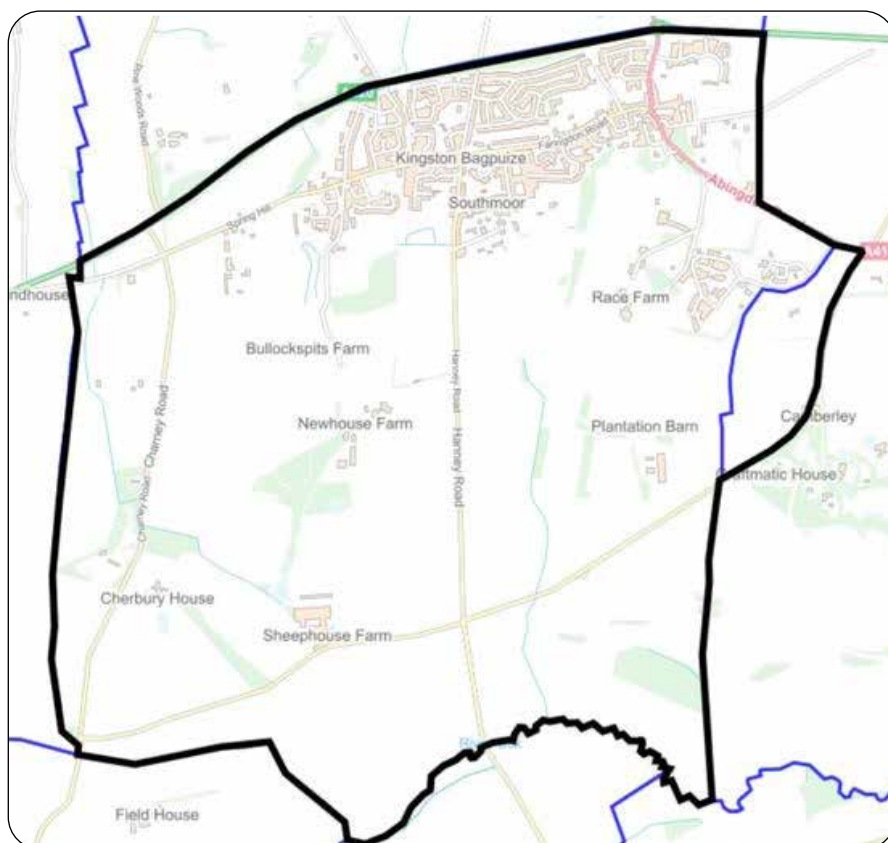
Some of these topics fall within the scope of the 2nd step, which is the most time-consuming, requiring planning and drafting after consultation with residents. The first objective is to decide on the 'Settlement



Boundary' previously known as 'Village Envelope'. It is a line drawn on a plan around the village, reflecting its present built form and will define, amongst other things, what can and can't be built and where it should or should not be built. The Parish Council believes it is appropriate to pursue this topic irrespective of any forthcoming government clarification on the role of an NDP.

**The next meeting for the NDP project is on Wednesday 4th September at 6.30pm in the Swallow Room at the Village Hall. Please come, your views are important!**

For all queries or comments about the NDP please email [clerk@kbsparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kbsparishcouncil.org.uk) putting NDP in the Subject line. There will be regular updates listed on the Parish Council's website at [www.kbsparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.kbsparishcouncil.org.uk) and posts on Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council facebook page.



Above map shows the existing Parish Boundary plus the area of land between the Kingston Business Park and Fyfield Wick Road. (Area shown on the map edged by a blue line).

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## Nature Notes

Last month I mentioned in this column the dearth of insects this year, but also tempered my concerns by suggesting that with an improvement in the weather things might perhaps pick up. Sadly, from my own observations since then, and from those of others I speak to, there is a strong feeling that things haven't really improved as hoped.

Also, a few months ago, I wrote about Common Ragwort and how it has spread so widely. This year, presumably due to damper conditions it seems to have flowered profusely, but the orange and black Cinnabar moth caterpillars that normally feed on it are nowhere to be seen - at least, not in the places I've been looking.

So let's have some positive news. I received a nice little description from a reader on Hanney Road who has for the past few years managed his mother's front lawn as a flower meadow, which he tells me has attracted good numbers of pollinators this summer. Comments like this raise the hopes that if we all did a little, we could help turn around what is undeniably a concerning situation.

On the home front, I had cause to nip up in our loft the other week. Being an old cottage with gaps in the eaves, we have over the years had mice getting in - and squirrels, but that's another story. We had been seeing what I'd assumed were occasional mouse droppings and suspected that they were back. So



imagine my surprise when a bat was suddenly flying around my ears. Talking with a friend who is an expert on the subject, I am told that by the location and the behaviour this is probably a Long-eared Bat and it is using my loft as a summer roost. In the evenings lately we've seen bats flying around the garden. I am hoping to set up my trail camera to get some shots of it, but in the meantime here is a photo sent to me of the flowers in the Hanney Road garden.

Lastly, I've not heard any reports of nesting Swifts or House Martins, so once

again, if you have them on your house, then please share the good news. I can be contacted as usual at [kbsnaturenotes@gmail.com](mailto:kbsnaturenotes@gmail.com). **Peter Pool**

## Longworth & District History Society

 **19th September (Thursday)**  
• Southmoor Village Hall • Antonia Keaney: "A Passion for Fashion"

We are back in Southmoor Village Hall for the start of our Autumn meetings, and the September meeting will be a talk by Antonia Keaney: "A Passion for Fashion" – an amusing look at some of the clothes, underclothes, shoes and accessories worn by many of the more colourful characters in Blenheim Palace's 300-year history.

The meeting, on Thursday 19th, starts at 7.30pm, with doors open at 7.00pm. There will be refreshments at the bar, and books for sale. All welcome – members free and £4 for visitors. We look forward to seeing you. **Pam Woodward**



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**3rd September (Tuesday) at 7:15pm • Southmoor Village Hall**  
• Rachel Siegfried will talk about 'The Cutting Garden'

**By the time you read this, the Village Show on Saturday 31st August will either be about to take place – in which case do get yourself along to have a look round and a piece of home-made cake! – or will have just taken place.**

The annual show is a fun event and a celebration of village life. Anyone living in the village (children and adults) can take part and it provides an opportunity for the whole village to come together to share their horticultural, artistic and culinary achievements. We hope that many of you will have taken part or been along to see what other people have grown, baked, made or created. The Show entails a huge amount of planning and hard work and special thanks go out to Penny Meacham who chaired this year's Show along with the Show Committee.

Thanks also to the many volunteers who gave up their time to help out either with the preparations or on the day in various ways, as well as those of you who put in entries or came to visit. Hopefully, you had an enjoyable time and some of you will have gone home with prizes or cups and big smiles on your faces!

To take us through to the end of the year, the Gardening Club is offering an amazing deal on membership. The cost for the rest of 2024 is just £6 – a snip if you fancy coming along to see what we're all about. We're a friendly bunch and, as long as you have an interest in gardening, nature or wildlife, you'll fit in. You don't have to be an expert!

**For your £6 you will get:**

- **Free entry** to our next talk on **Tuesday 3rd September** when Rachel Siegfried will talk about 'The Cutting Garden',
- **Free entry** to our talk on **Tuesday 1st October** when David Endacott will talk about 'Bats in the Garden',
- **Free entry** to our **AGM with cheese & wine** and lively discussion on **Tuesday 5th November**,
- **Free entry** to our group visit to **RHS Wisley** on **Sunday 13th October** (£17 coach fare payable – subject to availability)

Seems like a very good deal to us, so we hope to welcome some new faces. Our regular talks take place at Southmoor Village Hall. Doors open at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Entry is free for members or £4 for visitors and includes complimentary refreshments. Contact us on [skbgardeningclub.org.uk](http://skbgardeningclub.org.uk) for more information or see our website [www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk). **Sharon Cooper (Chair)**

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If you're a competent player who likes quite a fast game, you'll enjoy the Saturday mornings and Monday evenings. If you like a slightly gentler game then the Wednesday evenings are ideal. We don't teach so, unfortunately, our sessions are unsuitable for complete beginners but we welcome adult players of all ages as well as mature juniors. Whilst we aim to win, the focus at all sessions is on having fun and it's a friendly environment.

We currently have space for a couple more players in all sessions. However, we only have one court so, if you're interested, please get in touch with us beforehand to check if there is still space. The first couple of visits are free. After that, we ask you to pay a share of the monthly court hire costs. Please contact either me [sharon@cherrytree21.plus.com](mailto:sharon@cherrytree21.plus.com) (01865 820399) (Sat or Mon sessions) or [Jenny.jenny.frame@live.co.uk](mailto:Jenny.jenny.frame@live.co.uk) (Wed sessions) as applicable before coming along. *Sharon Cooper*



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**20th September (Friday) • Church Room • CATS**

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It is a free evening organised by members of St John the Baptist Church and tea, coffee, popcorn and chocolates will be provided from 7pm 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 – we were at full capacity in July! Many thanks. *Peter Beer 01865 820805 or Margo Evans 01865 820900 or [margoevans@mac.com](mailto:margoevans@mac.com)*

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## Recipe of the month

### Beetroot Veggie Burgers

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This juicy beetroot burger is topped with hummus and avocado with a halloumi and sweet potato salad.



**Preparation time:** 30mins to 1 hr

**Cooking time:** 10 to 30 mins

#### Ingredients for the beetroot burger

(Serves 6)

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 raw beetroots, peeled and grated
- 1 courgette, grated
- 2 large carrots, peeled and grated
- 100g/3½oz porridge oats
- 400g tin chickpeas, drained
- 1 large free-range egg yolk
- 4 spring onions, thinly sliced
- 3 tbsp finely chopped fresh coriander
- sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



#### To serve

- 6 wholewheat sourdough buns, halved
- 230g/8oz hummus
- 2 avocados, sliced
- ½ red cabbage, shredded

#### Preparation

**Step 1:** To make the beetroot burger, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large frying pan over a medium heat. Fry the onion and garlic for 4–5 minutes, or until soft. Add the grated vegetables and cook, stirring often, for 5 minutes, or until soft. Drain away any excess liquid released by the vegetables.

**Step 2:** Place the oats, chickpeas, tahini and egg yolk in a food processor and pulse to combine. Tip the mixture into a bowl and stir in the grated vegetables, spring onions and coriander. Season generously with salt and pepper.

**Step 3:** Divide the mixture into six and shape into burgers. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes (or up to 24 hours).

**Step 4:** Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in a frying pan over a medium heat. Cook the burgers, in batches if necessary, for 2–3 minutes on each side, or until golden and hot through.

**Step 5:** To serve, lightly toast the sourdough buns and top each base with hummus, avocado, red cabbage, a beetroot burger and the bun lid. Serve each burger with a handful of salad leaves topped with the griddled sweet potatoes and halloumi. **ENJOY!**



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## Restaurant Review

### **Lula's Ethiopian and Eritrean Cuisine, 21 Park End St, OX1 1HU**



On an early Tuesday evening we headed into Oxford on the S6 bus. A short walk from the bus stop we arrived at Lula's Ethiopian and Eritrean Cuisine.

We were unaware that they had recently introduced a booking system so had not booked and although quite busy already, we were given a table at the back of the restaurant. The tables that overlook the street in the brighter side of the restaurant had been reserved so booking is probably a good idea and can be done online.

The restaurant is open Tuesday to Saturday from 9am to 3pm and then again from 6pm until 10 pm. The restaurant also has jazz evenings and does breakfast too. The vibe is a cross between a bistro and a cafeteria with well placed tables decorated with roses. There was jazz music playing in the background.

We were intrigued to sample the food having never sampled Ethiopian food and this restaurant is very well regarded.

The menu, although not huge, has an interesting selection of food and a good choice of vegan and vegetarian food and the meat options were either lamb or chicken. We ordered Lula's Gold Plate Vegetable platter to share.



The staff were attentive and friendly and asked if we wanted plates and cutlery as food is traditionally eaten directly from the sharing plate with the injera used to scoop the food and mop up the juices and sometimes used as a plate as well. We were not feeling that adventurous so went for the option of plates and spoons. We read up about injera as we waited and learnt that it is a sour fermented pancake with a slightly springy texture made with teff flour which is a healthy 'supergrain filled with complete proteins, fibre, magnesium and iron'.



The food came promptly and we enjoyed it as it had a variety of spiciness and flavours but with a similar soft texture. The injera had an unusual texture and although quite sour on its own, when eaten with the food it complemented

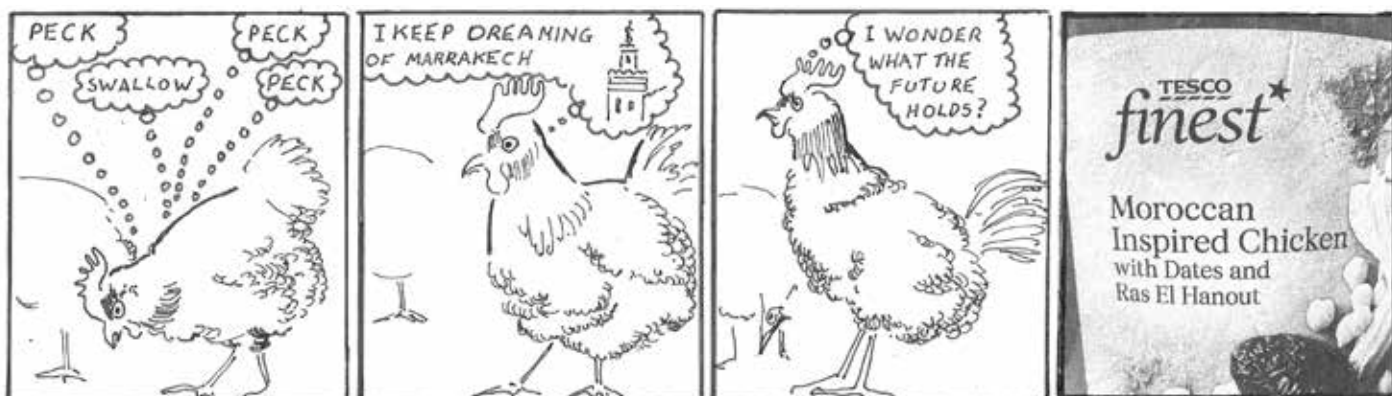
it well, and it was also entertaining eating it the traditional way. Everybody around us seemed to be enjoying themselves and had a buzzy feel.



The puddings were more routine. The carrot cake was tasty and the lemon cake quite sweet.

Of course, we finished our meal with Ethiopian coffee, cappuccino and americano, both delicious and a lovely end to an unusual, tasty meal at a good price in central Oxford served by friendly staff.

*Wilrich, Two KBS Foodies*







## Kingston Drama Group



28th to 30th November • 'Calendar  
Girls' • Southmoor Village Hall

## Bagpuize

### Rehearsals for Calendar Girls based on the Miramax motion picture by Juliette Towhidi and Tim Firth have started!

We had an open audition evening and were delighted to welcome two brand new members to the group as well as to see familiar faces return to join us.

Calendar Girls will end our very busy 75th anniversary year. The play has been cast, we have started blocking and the actors are busy learning their lines. Behind the scenes a set has been designed, costumes are being figured out and the lighting and sound requirements are being thought through. We've also chosen the charity we will support, which this year will be Anthony Nolan. All the proceeds from collections post each performance will be donated. Last year we raised over £1000 for Oxford Colon Cancer Trust.

Calendar Girls has a large cast leaving us a bit short on people to do everything else so we would welcome anybody interested in helping backstage, with make-up, lighting and sound, set building / painting / prop making. We always welcome new members. If you would like to find out more, please send an email to emilyvjoyce@hotmail.com or pop along to one of our rehearsals or contact us via our Facebook page. You do need to be aged 14+ but no experience is required, and anyone is welcome.

**Dates for diaries (and calendars): 28th to 30th November.** Tickets will be going on sale via Ticket Source very soon with some early bird offers on prices. Follow us on Facebook for more updates ahead of the next KBS news.



- Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group

### Tip of the Month from Environment & Climate Group

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**Two old fashioned type tips are offered for September:** either take yourself for a walk or investigate a thought-provoking book about the current state of our planet.

Despite the odd weather, it's harvest time providing a great opportunity to pick some of the blackberries which are gradually ripening on bushes in many of our nearby country lanes and even along Faringdon Road.

No need to get in your car, enjoy a walk or bike ride and don't forget your empty container(s). If you are lucky, along the way you might find some surplus cooking apples have been left out by those whose apple trees have been generous. Once home, you can then make a succulent fruit pie or crumble.

The Biggest Footprint by Rob and Tom Sears is a simple tale of our planet's 800 billion humans turned into a clumsy big giant. It was the Winner of the inaugural 2022 Wainwright Prize for Children's Nature Writing and if you wanted to just investigate online you can go to [www.thebiggestfootprint.com](http://www.thebiggestfootprint.com).



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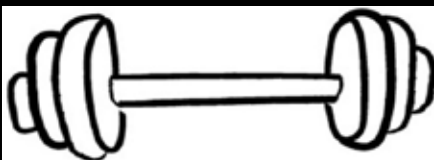
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## The Lighter Shade of Pale

Sue Lacey Bryant

Playing Mölkky in the garden with friends and family has been one of our pleasures this summer. With our eldest living in Finland, we were introduced to this Finnish throwing game last year at Midsummer. Think skittles with a little bit of Maths... Each player takes a turn to throw the Mölkky skittle aiming to knock over the various numbered pins. The aim is to score exactly 50 points to win the game. It's a gentle pastime – inevitably accompanied by cake. It has proven a real winner here for all the family, generating lots of laughs.



I love to laugh out loud, of course. The finding that some 27% of Brits think they could qualify for the next Olympics in the USA in 2028, if they started training right now, didn't fail to press my funny bone. In a YouGov survey 30% of men and 25% of women answered that they would definitely or probably qualify for at least one of 25 events listed. Overall, the same survey showed 39% of those aged 18-24 years tapering down to 15% of those aged 65+ definitely or probably thought they would qualify. <https://yougov.co.uk/sport/articles/50301-a-quarter-of-britons-think-they-could-qualify-for-the-2028-olympics>

Perhaps you take these findings a tad more seriously than I do? If so, it will be bound to be because of the number and variety of sports activities that we can access on our doorstep in KBS. Leafing through this very newsletter you will find details of Badminton, Tennis and Table tennis clubs and if you're less confident you're destined to be an Olympian, choose instead from Bowls, Pilates, Yoga, Exercise and Dance too. Meanwhile we can find swimming pools in Abingdon, Faringdon, Wantage and Witney Leisure Centres.

Ever respectful of the runners and joggers I encounter, and dog walkers too, I'll be ever on the alert now and quizzical as I potter to and from the Co-op, permanently on the lookout for burgeoning athletes.

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## Aurora Borealis over Kingsmoor Clinic, Kingston Bagpuize

I thought I would send you this photograph that I managed to capture of the Aurora Borealis behind Kingsmoor Clinic, here in Kingston Bagpuize.



The Northern Lights were visible across most of the UK on the night of 12th August when I took this photograph. This is following a previous spectacular display on 10th May.

Glenn Wheatley runs the Northern Lights-UK Facebook group and he has explained in simple terms why we are seeing this incredible spectacle this year:

*"Roughly every 11 years the magnetic poles on the sun flip. About 3 years before they flip, the sun catches a cold (so to speak), so starts sniffing and gets a sore throat, this is where the runny nose starts as Snot rises from the sun's core, which looks like acne on the sun's surface (sunspots). Eventually, all hell breaks loose and gets a full head cold. (Very near Solar Max), sometimes Sneezing up to 20 times a day. Maybe only one or two of these sneezes contain snot. In May the Sun*

*sneezed constantly for 24 hours, sending about 7 showers of Snot our way. Some pushed others faster and squashed up against others, making it feel like a blanket of snot, giving us epic displays. These really big sneezes or fits happen on average every 21 to 22 years. Once the Cold comes to a head, it eases a bit, then the sneezing gets bad again. After that it takes 2 to 3 years for it to shake off the cold. Then it goes quiet for about 5 years (Solar Minimum) it still can get an irritated nose and sneeze during Solar Minimum. It's just rare". Klair Price, Kingsmoor Clinic Owner*



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## Kingston Bagpuize Village Art and Craft Club



9th September (Monday) at 9:30am • St. John the Baptist Church Hall

**Unfortunately the meeting on the 12th August had to be cancelled and our next meeting will be working on our own projects and chatting over tea and biscuits.**

The club is intended as a meeting place for making new friends, with crafting skills not a necessity as there is a range of hobbies that other members are happy to share. If you are interested in arts and craft, or you would just like to meet people who are, why not come along to one of our meetings. We now have a Facebook page 'KBS Village Art and Craft Club' for anyone wanting to see things members have made.

The club meets on alternate Mondays throughout the year in the St. John the Baptist Church Hall, Kingston Bagpuize, starting at 9.30am and finishing at midday with the first meeting being free. **Our next meeting is Monday 9th September and we look forward to welcoming new members.**

*Jean Allsworth 07397 530144*



- KBS Village Art and Craft Club



## Apple Blossoms WI



10th September (Tuesday), 7:30pm • Southmoor Village Hall • Medical Detection Dogs  
6th October (Sunday) • Southmoor Village Hall • KBS Community Mall

**Our next meeting is in the Village Hall and open to visitors on Tuesday 10th September at 7:30pm. We will be joined by the charity 'Medical Detection Dogs'.** They train dogs to

detect the odour of human disease with the aim of developing faster, more efficient, and less invasive diagnostics that lead to better patient outcomes. This will be a fascinating insight into their work, so please do come along.

Visitors will be made very welcome for a small charge of £5 per visit. Bring some extra pennies for the raffle and for tea/coffee/wine. Our August meeting was for members only as it was our summer social, 'Puddings and Fizz'. It was such a lovely evening, sitting around chatting and consuming far too many calorific homemade puddings. We played a couple of games and discovered what strange objects some of our ladies keep in their handbags! We also celebrated seven of our members who received their 25-year certificates.

Our next big news is that due to popular demand, the Apple Blossoms WI are once again hosting the KBS Community Mall event on Sunday 6th October 2024 in the Village Hall for local businesses. This is a great opportunity for people in and close to the village to showcase the products/services you provide locally to the residents of Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor.

If you are a local business and would be interested in having a table (which we will provide) at this event to promote your products/services? The price to have a table is £15.

The event will be free entry to get plenty of customers through the door. We will be providing hot and cold food and refreshments throughout the day. The event will start at 11am and finish at 3pm.

Please email [appleblossomswi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:appleblossomswi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk) for details of how to pay the £15 to secure your place. It will be on a first come first served basis and if it is as successful as last year, tables will be snapped up quickly. Follow us for more news and photos:



- Apple Blossoms WI



- apple\_blossomswi



- Toni Briggs, [appleblossomswi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:appleblossomswi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)







## KBS Tennis Club

Summer league matches continue apace with the end of season fast approaching. Special mention to the Men's C team who are currently top of their league The Ladies A team are second in theirs and our mixed team top of their division.

Summer camps have been taking place over the last few weeks - we are trying to discover the next Andy Murray or Emma Raducanu!!

For details of our junior coaching programme please take a look at 'Excel's' website.

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## 1st Longworth Scouts - Beavers



**28th September (Saturday) 4-7pm • Scouting Olympics • Millennium Green**

As I reflect on last year with my Beaver colony, I look back at the array of things we've done with fond memories. 1st Longworth started a second Beaver colony in September 2023 and we've loved our Scouting journey and all the fun places it's taken us so far.

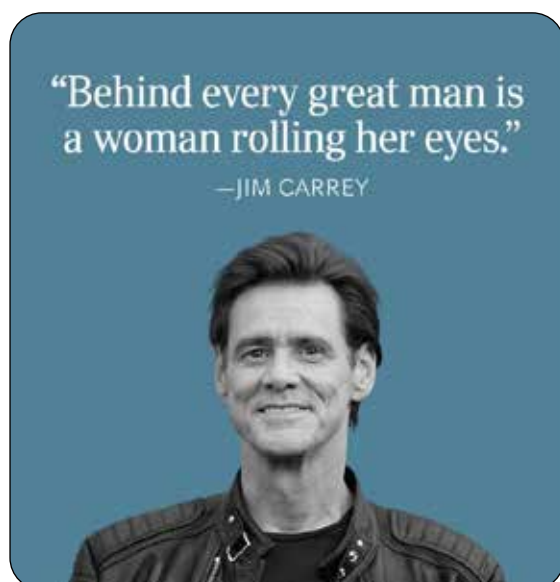
We have been rock climbing and learnt about topics from first aid to healthy eating to gardening; we've joined up with our fellow colony for circus skills and St George's Day celebrations, den building and we have handed out a whopping 80 badges!!

I began this journey as a parent helper when my son joined because I've always believed that if I can help I should. Activities like this can only run with support from adults, so in I went and I have to be honest - I've loved every week as much as my son Charlie! Learning about topics together, testing our resilience, learning new skills and experiencing new things has been both enjoyable and rewarding. The children never cease to amaze me and I feel privileged to be a part of their childhood. I can't wait to see where next year takes us. The team I work with are caring, fun wonderful people - we aren't experts in every area and are always keen to accept help when it's offered. If you have a hobby or job that means you could help us deliver our badge work, please let us know. If you'd be interested in helping out regularly or occasionally or maybe you have a skill or some expertise that could benefit the children one evening, please do get in touch. I promise you won't regret it! Get in touch at [gsl@1stlongworthscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@1stlongworthscouts.org.uk).



We have had an exciting end to the year including our first hike out and going to the Royal International Air Tattoo!! We are also holding an open family event 28th September at the Millennium Green, if you have any interest in getting involved in Scouting, or you have children who would enjoy some fun activities, please do come along and meet the team.

*Jenny King*





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## Magnus Macfarlane

### The store corner

**From time to time, I ask you to look up in Oxford. This time I'm going to suggest that you go up.**

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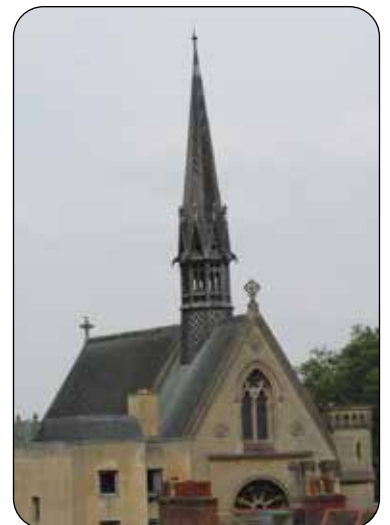


There is something magical about being able to look down on vistas that we normally only see from the ground. Views from above open up a whole new perspective, so that one can appreciate things in a different way. Sometimes seeing things that one would not normally see at all: the enormous copper beech in St John's; Balliol College laid out just under your nose; and the four statues on the tower of Trinity College Chapel – so much more impressive from this angle. The four female statues represent astronomy, geometry, medicine and theology, the key subjects studied in the mid 1500s. Spot the golden flame in the foreground.

Further down Broad Street are the Hermes – the messengers of the Gods circling in front of the Sheldonian, and a surprisingly good view of Exeter College chapel and spire.

Recently, I undertook an exercise with the Westgate shopping centre. The Oxford Guild of Tour Guides has now provided a Spires and Towers guide for visitors. If you go up to the roof today, you're in for a big surprise. The QR code on the window names each tower or spire.

Other high points you may wish to consider: St George's Tower, Carfax Tower, the Varsity Club bar, Saint Michael at the Northgate Tower, the Ashmolean Rooftop Restaurant, the Sheldonian and Saint Mary the Virgin Church. If you manage to accomplish these over the next year or so I will tell you of another, which could turn out to be a stunner.



- Balliol College - top right
- Trinity Statues - top left
- The Hermes - lower left
- Exeter Chapel - lower right



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## John Blandy Primary School



**7th November (Thursday) 9.15am-10.30am • Open Morning**

Is your child turning 5 during the academic year 1st September 2025 - 31st August 2026? If the answer is YES, we will be holding our annual Open Morning on Thursday 7th November 9.15am-10.30am.

This is a chance for you to meet Mrs Elliott (Headteacher) and to hear what our wonderful school has to offer your child. It will also provide you with the chance to tour the school and see our school in action. To book a place, please contact the school office - [office@jbl.faringdonlearningtrust.org](mailto:office@jbl.faringdonlearningtrust.org)

Applications for primary school places opens early November 2024 and closes January 2025 (dates to be confirmed by OCC). To make your application, visit: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications)

### Community Governor

We are very lucky to have a thriving and dedicated Local Governing Committee within the school. However, we currently have two spaces on the Governing Body for a Community Governor. This can be anyone outside of school, ideally without links to the school and with skills outside of education, who could add to our committed team to help continue to drive our school forwards. If you are interested in becoming a John Blandy Community Governor, please do get in touch via the school office – [office@jbl.faringdonlearningtrust.org](mailto:office@jbl.faringdonlearningtrust.org).

### Lettings

Did you know that you can hire out areas of the school such as the school hall or school field? If you are interested in taking out a hirer's agreement for longer term lettings, please visit our website [www.johnblandyprimary.org.uk/lettings/](http://www.johnblandyprimary.org.uk/lettings/). Please contact the school office if you wish to find out more information: [office@jbl.faringdonlearningtrust.org](mailto:office@jbl.faringdonlearningtrust.org)



## Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club

Howzat.... The Cricket season is coming to the end with all Junior competitions completed and the last adult league games happening on the weekend of the 7th September. All of our Junior Teams, U11s Softball & Hardball, U13s and U15s Hardball, were highly successful in their leagues, finishing near the top. During August, they continued to do outdoor training and will have their end of season celebration and presentation evening on Friday 6th September. I apologise in advance to any houses near to the club house that hear the constant clapping and cheering as we celebrate the individual and team performances.

In October we will begin our winter nets at St Hugh's School. If your child is interested in joining cricket, please get in touch with me at [Kbcc.juniorcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:Kbcc.juniorcoordinator@gmail.com). We have various abilities from the ages of 9 - 14, so do not worry about ability.

As I write this, all 3 adult teams are towards the top of their respective leagues and fighting hard to get promoted. 3 more games per team, hopefully 3 more wins and then lots more celebrations, cheering and clapping – again I apologise in advance to residents near the club!

Apart from the League successes, the adult 3rd Team won the Keith Crump Memorial Cup at the start of August. This secured the Seniors 2nd Trophy of the Season, after winning the Indoor League back in April. The Keith Crump Cup win was a great win for a Team that was mixed with Seniors and Juniors. The Team, led by the Chairman David Warner, triumphed over Marston St Lawrence, winning by 65 runs. Special mention to Man of the Match Josh Antoniou, one of our promising Juniors who took 4 wickets on the day.  
**Michael Walton**



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**All Welcome from age 8 to 80+ years**

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## Celebrating Harvest



Hi! I have now moved in and am beginning to find my way around the village - thank you for your welcome! In some ways it feels strange to be talking about harvest now - a season when crops are gathered in, having been planted or tended and gathered or picked, usually involving significant effort. I don't feel I have much to gather in this year, though I have brought my pots of tomatoes and courgettes with me and there are apples, raspberries, currants and herbs in the vicarage garden.

For most of us the nearest we get to food production is a vegetable patch. But with fresh produce readily available in our supermarkets, now apparently independent of season or the elements, we generally find ourselves distanced from its source – and perhaps also from any sense of dependence on God for all that he gives us.

I'm just starting to meet people in the community, including a retired farmer, and I'm very aware of the crucial role the farming community plays in our everyday lives - usually unseen, unless we get stuck behind a tractor or a hay lorry, or notice the harvesting machines in the fields. However, for every mouthful we consume we are utterly dependent on the labour of agricultural workers in this country and overseas, and it can be very easy to forget that and to take them for granted.

So this harvest perhaps we can remember our farming community, pray for them and give thanks for them. And as we tend our gardens and vegetable plots with love and care may we encounter God in the goodness of his creation. And wherever we earn our living – in business or academia, in schools or in healthcare, in retirement or wherever – may we indeed know that 'all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above' – and 'thank the Lord, yes thank the Lord, for all his love'.

But I also hope our response doesn't end there – true gratitude overflows into generosity – so perhaps we could think a bit more about how we can care for those who are in need, and to care for our world and its fragile eco-systems – entrusted to us by God, and on which all our lives depend.

Catherine Schneider



Harvest Service – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10.30am

Millennium Green

Come and join our Harvest Thanksgiving; everyone is invited to donate non perishable items for the Abingdon Foodbank to help those in need and celebrate God's goodness. Please bring your own chair or rug to sit on and a picnic for after the service, cake will be provided for everyone to enjoy. There will be games for the young and young at heart.



Hymns and Pimms, tea and cakes - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 3.00pm

Church and Church Room

We'd love to see all the family; come and sing some well known hymns and join us for Pimms, tea and cakes afterwards. Activities for children too. Free event.

