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### 80th Commemoration of D-Day

Whoops - we lost 5 years in our front page heading to the picture of the lady who won the raffle first prize at the Kingston Bagpuize House event. It was of course the 80th Commemoration of D-Day not the 75th.

Following on from the 80th Commemoration of D-Day at Kingston Bagpuize House where the Standing with Giants silhouettes were displayed, I have been privileged to be part of the team to deliver 147 Airborne silhouettes to Arnhem in preparation of the 80th Commemoration of "Operation Market Garden" 17-23 September.



Kerry Hastings handing over the silhouettes  
in Holland

### October 5th marks World Teachers' Day.



It is an international day held annually to celebrate the work of teachers. Hidden somewhere inside the News is a picture of a teacher. Can you find it?



### Anti-Social Behaviour

Over the last month comments on social media have referred to:

- Children 'playing' Dare or Chicken games by running into the Faringdon Road as vehicles approach.
- An elderly lady taking her dog out for its last exercise of the day being harassed by four youths. The lady was reportedly very shaken by the experience.
- Doorbells being rung / Doors being knocked disturbing sleeping young children but no one present when the doors were opened.



Thames Valley Police's Website describes Anti-Social Behaviour at [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/what-is-antisocial-behaviour](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/what-is-antisocial-behaviour). This website includes definitions of Anti-Social behaviour. **If you observe or become aware of Anti-Social behaviour described in the above call 101.**

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## Chairman's Chat

**OCTOBER.....Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness...has already crept up and caught us by surprise!**

Hard to believe that it was just over a month ago that the village hall was filled with all the summer fruits and flowers at the Gardening Club's annual show. It was at the show that I spoke to our new MP – Charlie Maynard who came across as a very likeable and personable young man (to me everyone short of fifty....or even sixty come to think of it...comes across as a 'Young person'!!) intent on doing his best for all his constituents. At present he has an office in Portcullis House over the road from the Houses of Parliament - but no staff - and neither a constituency office nor staff in Witney...but once all the immediate problems are sorted out he intends to keep us updated on all matters affecting Oxfordshire and the Vale in particular.

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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>OCTOBER</b>			
St John the Baptist Parish Church, Kingston Bagpuize Services. – See full details on the Church Pages			5
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> 7.15pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club, David Endacott 'Bats in the Garden'	13
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm	Working towards a Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting – Swallow Room, KBSVH	10
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Free safety tests for electric blankets Wantage Fire Station	6
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> 7.00pm	KBS Film and Music Night. Charlie Wilson's War starring Tom Hanks. St Johns Church KB	14
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day to buy Early Bird Tickets for Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group 'Calendar Girls'	28
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> 11.00am - 3.00pm	Apple Blossoms WI. <b>KBS Community Mall</b> KBSVH	22
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am	Kingston Bagpuize Village Art and Craft Club, St. John the Baptist Church Hall, KB	20
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	Parish Council Monthly Meeting – Swallow Room, KBSVH	10
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Apple Blossom Women's Institute. KBSVH	22
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> 9.00am	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club. Group visit RHS Wisley	11
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> 7.00pm	Longworth Hist Soc. Dr. Katharina Ulmschneider "The Ashmolean Tang Camel" KBSVH	12
<b>Monday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> 4.00pm</b>	<b>Last Date / Time for copy to KBS News for the November edition</b>	<b>2</b>
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> 12.00noon – 4.00pm	Riding for Disabled Surrounding Villages Treasure Hunt from Riding Centre	14

<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	KBS News Publication Day	
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> 12.30pm	Village Lunch Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall	7
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Applications for John Blandy School primary school places opens	24
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	Parish Council Monthly Meeting – Swallow Room, KBSVH	10
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	24
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group 'Calendar Girls' Southmoor Village Hall			23 & 28

REGULAR EVENTS - Please check with the event organiser to confirm			
In Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall		In Scout Hut, Faringdon Rd (Term Time Only)	
Apple Blossoms WI	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 9.00 – 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)
Table Tennis (Over 55's)	Tuesday 11am – 12 noon Info email: <a href="mailto:bobsouthmoor@hotmail.com">bobsouthmoor@hotmail.com</a>	KBS Art and Craft Friendship Club	Alternate Mondays 9.30am - 12.00 noon
Yoga Classes	Tuesday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (intermediate) Wednesday 10.30am - 11.15am (seniors) Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (beginners)	Village Voices	Men - Alternate Mondays 9.30am Ladies – Alternate Tuesdays 9.30am
<b>In Hinton Waldrist Village Hall</b>		<b>In Longworth Village Hall info at <a href="http://longworthvillage.org.uk">longworthvillage.org.uk</a></b>	
Cedar Community Club	Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30 - 3.00pm	IYENGAR Yoga class (Term Time Only)	Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm Tuesday 11.45am – 1.15pm
		KARATE	Little Ninjas (3-5yrs) at 4pm - 4.30pm Kids Class (6-12yrs) 4.35pm - 5.25pm Mixed Class (6yrs+) 5.30pm - 6.30pm
		PILATES	Tuesday 9.15am & 5.45pm Thursday 9.15am & 6.30pm
		ZUMBA	Thursday 10.30am



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## OCTOBER BIN COLLECTION

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

<b>Wed 2nd</b>	Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items	 +  + 
<b>Wed 9th</b>	Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin	 +  +  + 
<b>Wed 16th</b>	Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items	 +  + 
<b>Wed 23th</b>	Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin	 +  +  + 
<b>Wed 30th</b>	Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items	 +  + 



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



<b>Sunday 6th</b>	<b>9.00am</b> - Holy Communion <b>10.30am</b> - Morning Worship Children's Church in Church Room
<b>Sunday 13th</b>	<b>9.00am</b> - Holy Communion <b>10.30am</b> - Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<b>9.00am</b> - Holy Communion <b>10.30am</b> - Morning Worship <b>6.00pm</b> - Prayer and Praise in Church Room
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	<b>9.00am</b> - Holy Communion <b>10.30am</b> - Village Communion

### October Highlights

**Sunday 6th** - Children's Church 10.30am in the Church Room

**Sunday 20th** - Prayer and Praise 6pm in Church Room



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

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## VILLAGE VOICES

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### Community Transport?

**Having spoken with many people in the village lately, it seems there is a real need for some community transport, for two specific locations.**

Every Thursday 9.00am – 12 Noon in the Village Hall, the dynamic duo of Caroline Ashby and Ruth Hastings organise the KBS Café, on behalf of St. John the Baptist Church, with a group of other volunteers. This is a warm place where people can meet, chat, enjoy a cuppa for £1 and a slice of homemade cake for another £1. It is usually really well attended in dry weather but when it rains, or is windy, some older members of the community find it too hard to battle the elements. There are also other people who, whatever the weather, are not able to leave their home unaided. To have some form of Community transport on a Thursday morning would be wonderful as some people are feeling isolated in their own home.

There is also the wonderful Cedar Community Club in Hinton Waldrist, run by Claire, Helen and Sandra, with the help of volunteers, on a Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30am – 3.00pm. There are volunteer drivers who help with transport, but potentially more people could access the club if there was transport.

It is felt that we need to gauge the level of interest in the possibility of having community transport before we go any further as this will not be easy to organise. In fact it may not be possible but nothing ventured, nothing gained!

**Could you either email, or phone me, if you think it is something you could benefit from?** Could you also indicate if you have mobility issues which would make it difficult to access a minibus?

Many thanks, **Margo Evans 01865 820900 or [margoevans@mac.com](mailto:margoevans@mac.com)**



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**This year's free safety tests for electric blankets will again be available at Wantage Fire Station – Ormond Road, Wantage OX12 8DU - on Friday 4th October.**

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### Out & About in Dubai



Harrison taking a well needed break from the Atlantis Waterpark in Dubai.

### 2024 Poppy Appeal



**My son said to me when he was 12, "Daddy, you say time gets faster as you get older, that is because a year represents a much smaller percentage of your life as you get older!!!!". Smart lad.**

This brings me onto the Annual Poppy Appeal which feels as if it was only yesterday when we were undertaking it in 2023. We have a team for our villages, but as we continue to expand, we would welcome additional helpers. If you can help, please contact me at [Kevin.hadley@hotmail.com](mailto:Kevin.hadley@hotmail.com) or **07770 748027**.



## KBS Café



Every Thursday 9am to 12pm  
• Southmoor Village Hall

This is a very friendly Café whether you live in the Village or 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.

- 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

If anyone would like to make a cake occasionally, please contact Caroline on 820936 or Ruth on 821386.

On Thursday 3rd October we have invited a lady from "AGE UK Oxfordshire" to come to the Café. On Thursday 17th October the "Village Voices" are coming to sing at the Café. We look forward to seeing you! Caroline Ashby



### Village Lunch

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Please come and join us in the Village Hall at 12.30pm. To book your place, cost £5 per person for a two course hot meal and good company, please contact, by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, Hazel Brennan (821358), or sign up with Audrey at the KBS Café.

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September started with a smash of the course record which now stands at 7 minutes and 29 seconds for the 2km route. But it was equally fantastic to see some of our youngest runners now making it round the course without stopping and running the whole way too.



**What is a Junior Parkrun?** It is for children aged 4 to 14 (and their families) to run a timed 2km run every Sunday morning at 9.00am. It is free and it is fun and there is no time limit to complete the course. It's easy to register with Parkrun, just head over to their website <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/> and you can complete a free registration form in a matter of minutes. You will then have a unique barcode which is scanned each time you run so you can track your progress. You can earn wristbands for completing a specific number of runs (11, 22, 50, 100, 250) and you can take your barcode to any other Parkrun in the country (and abroad) and take part in another junior parkrun or even join the adults on a Saturday morning (providing a parent or family member can run and keep up with you).

Too old to be a junior runner but want to volunteer? We welcome volunteers to help each week and we always need marshals, time keepers, barcode scanners and people to set up and clear away. If you register with Parkrun as well then we can book you in and you can earn volunteer credits for t-shirts for all the times you volunteer. Plus you get to be part of a happy band of volunteers who like to get up and out on a Sunday morning and cheer on our amazing runners.

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**Next Meeting: 7th October (Monday) and 4th November (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 2nd September. The minutes of the 29th July were agreed by Councillors as an accurate record of that meeting 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 Steve Smith, Cllr Behnoosh Sabah and Cllr Dianna Swale. District Councillor Jill Rayner and County Councillor Juliette Ash.

**Apologies** from Cllr Kim Kousari.

Minutes of the meeting and appendices on <https://kbsparishcouncil.org.uk/document-category/minutes>.

**Report from District Councillor Jill Rayner:** VWHDC has published a rejection of Thames Water's plan for a mega reservoir. Joint local development plan will be ready for submission in December 2024.

*24 Businesses have signed up for 'Ask for Angela' campaign – a community initiative in the hospitality industry for anyone receiving unwanted attention.*

**Public Participation:** Parish Council asked if it could organise the Bonfire Night fireworks.

**Planning Applications:** P24/V11637/HH Burnside Beggars Lane Longworth – conversion of garage to habitable room – Planning committee voted no objections. P24/V1817/HH 4 Stone House Close, first floor side extension over existing ground floor kitchen - Planning committee voted no objections. P24/V1832/HH 2 The Paddock, Longworth – entrance porch extension - Planning committee voted no objections. Single storey rear extension, two windows north facing at ground floor, replacement and reinstatement of 2 dormer windows and 2 rooflights - north and west facing. Repositioning of modern staircase. Council voted no objections.

**Recreation and Play Facilities:** Michael Carter of Sports & Play Consulting has drawn up and will manage the tender process - Council also voted to appoint him as project manager.

**Bench Trail:** Additional benches funded by s106 monies now being considered

**Remembrance Sunday 10th November:** clerk to order 5 wreaths.

**Road Safety/speeding update:** For previously requested work for both a feasibility study for speed humps /buildouts at Spring Hill and the Danger zone for road crossing at Petypher House the Parish Council has to make new requests to OCC highways for the 2025/26 budget. An uncontrolled crossing at the east end of the Faringdon Road remains on the list for consideration in 2025-26 but there is no guarantee of inclusion. New signage at the Draycott/Hanney/ Faringdon crossing is scheduled but date not known.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan - preparation for:** Meeting on Tuesday 23rd July was attended by 14 members of the public. See below for minutes from the meeting on Wednesday 4th September.

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## Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Development Plan



**3rd October (Thursday) at 6:30pm • Swallow Room, Southmoor Village Hall**

4th September 2024 6.30pm, Swallow Room, Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Virginia Grant (PC chairman), Cllr Robert Barnett, Cllr Natalie Clements, District Cllr Jill Rayner, 9 members of the public. Sarah Bates (parish clerk)

**Formation of steering group:** Virginia Grant (parish councillor), Robert Barnett (parish councillor), Stuart Martin, Greta Leonaviciene, Graham Harris & Jill Rayner all put themselves forward for the steering group.

Jill Rayner confirmed that £10,000 is available to apply for from the national government on confirmation of NDP application going ahead.

**Actions:** Defining of settlement boundary: a settlement boundary is a designation of the built-up area of a village/town, rather than the wider parish boundary. Various features to be shown such as





conservation areas, listed buildings, local businesses and services, schools, recreation areas, historical information and any other features agreed on as the plan progresses.

- Jill Rayner to provide KBS data/info from Joint Local Plan
- Clerk to send link to Vale's interactive map and maps to steering group members.
- Greta Leonaviciene to identify listed buildings and conservation areas.
- Margo Evans to investigate the work travel habits of the employees of businesses on Faringdon Rd.

Next meeting provisionally agreed for Thursday 3rd October at 6.30pm. Date to be confirmed to PC, members of the steering group and residents who have asked to be kept updated.



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## Coach trip to RHS Wisley Sunday 13th October

Tickets are just **£21 per person** including entrance to RHS Wisley, **return coach travel** from Southmoor and temporary club membership. (This is a bargain as standard entry to the garden is £18.50.) For further info or to book a space call Joan on 07814 988941 or email [skbgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:skbgardeningclub@gmail.com)

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## Nature Notes - Major House Building Needed

Last month I made a bit of a request for any sightings of breeding House Martins and I'm pleased to report that I had a few positive email responses including one with a very nice video clip of the birds flying up into their nests. So it is good news to hear that in what feels to have been a generally poor year for them, we do at least still have a few pairs nesting in the village. By September most had their young out of the nests and were feeding up for their long southward migration. Several times in the last few weeks my eyes have been drawn skyward as I heard their chattering calls as they circled overhead but as soon as the weather calmed by mid month they were off and things quietened down.

I've been hearing the shrill kee-kee-kee calls of Kestrels fairly regularly of late. This is pleasing because my garden backs onto farmland and last year I put up a nest box for them (picture left). Back in the spring I had high hopes that they



would use it this summer but a pair of Stock Doves took a liking to it and won possession for a while, although in the end, even they didn't breed there. My feeling is that the Kestrels may do better next season as they seem to be staking their claim early, so fingers crossed. Looking around the

house and garden I counted up that I have seven nest boxes of various shapes and sizes but the birds could always do with more. Three are for Blue Tits which take readily to them. One, on the house, has been in regular use for well over 30 years. Another, on the back of the shed, is used intermittently and as the hole has become enlarged it is more often favoured by Great Tits but this year there was nothing. The box that I built for Swifts also got occupied by Great Tits before the Swifts were even back in the country. So with the darker evenings coming along I plan to spend some time knocking up a few more boxes, of various shapes and sizes, from bits of scrap wood. Perhaps if you have places you can put them up, you might consider doing the same.



As always I am keen to hear about your local wildlife sightings and can be contacted as usual at [kbsnaturenotes@gmail.com](mailto:kbsnaturenotes@gmail.com). **Peter Pool**



## Longworth & District History Society

17th October (Thursday) at 7pm  
• Southmoor Village Hall • Dr. Katharina Ulmschneider: "The Ashmolean Tang Camel"

Our next meeting is on Thursday 17th October when we have Dr. Katharina Ulmschneider (Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries) of the Institute of Archaeology in Oxford, coming to tell us all about "The Ashmolean Tang Camel", a symbol of the Silk Roads linking East to West.

This is a camel with history .... Come and hear this fascinating story. We meet at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start in Southmoor Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there. Members free, visitors £4. There will be refreshments from the bar, and books to browse, borrow or buy. **Pam Woodward**



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Kingston Bagpuize  
Gardening Club**



**1st October (Tuesday) at 7:15pm • Southmoor Village Hall**  
• David Endacott will talk about 'Bats in the Garden'

**As the nights draw in, our next talk has a suitably spooky theme...**

**Bats in the Garden! David Endacott will be talking to us about these little, often misunderstood, creatures and - if we're lucky - we may get to meet one. Hopefully we'll be finding out how and why we should attract them to our gardens. Cute or scary? You decide. The talk is at Southmoor Village Hall on Tuesday 1st October. Doors open 7.15pm for a 7.30pm kick-off.**

Our following event is a trip to RHS Wisley on Sunday 13th October. Entry is free for members and the cost of the coach is £17 each. Non members are welcome to take out temporary membership at a cost of £4 subject to availability. We expect this trip to be popular so contact us early on [skbgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:skbgardeningclub@gmail.com) to avoid disappointment. The coach will depart at 9.00am from Southmoor Village Hall and return by approximately 6.00pm.

If you fancy joining us for this trip, rather than pay for temporary membership, you may also consider joining the club at the knock down price of £6 for the rest of the year. This will mean that you also get free entry to our AGM with cheese and wine on Tuesday 5th November as well as free entry to the talk on 1st October (depending on the circulation date of the KBS News). Tea or coffee and biscuits are included in the cost.

**If you'd like to do something practical, we're planning a working party for 2pm on Sunday 29th September to do some maintenance on our borders at the back of the Village Hall.** We'll be cutting back the lavenders, weeding, edging, cutting back, possibly planting some more Iris depending on weather conditions and generally giving the borders a good tidy. If you're not yet a confident gardener, this is a good opportunity to come and have a go and pick up some tips. If you're a seasoned gardener, it's fun to be part of this ongoing project, see it develop and meet people in a relaxed environment. No charge to attend – just turn up. If you're not on our mailing list and want to come along, please email us and let us know, just in case the details change at short notice. For more information, see our website [www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk). *Sharon Cooper (Chair)*



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## KBS Badminton Club

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We're currently welcoming new players in all sessions. The Mondays tend to have the highest standard of play with the Wednesdays being a bit gentler. The Saturdays are mixed ability, but you should be a fairly competent player or prepared to work hard if you want to win! Times are 9am – 10.30am on Saturdays (and Sunday 13th), 6.30 – 8pm on Wednesdays and 6.15 – 7.30pm on Mondays. All sessions take place at Southmoor Village Hall.

All of the sessions are run on a not-for-profit basis, so costs are very reasonable. It's a fun, friendly environment with mixed play and members of all ages. Sorry we're not able to accommodate complete beginners. If you fancy coming along to try it out, please get in touch first - *either sharon@cherrytree21.plus.com (01865 820399) (Sat or Mon sessions) or Jenny jenny.frame@live.co.uk (Wed sessions) as applicable. Note that you'll need your own racquet. Sharon Cooper*

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## KBS Film and Music Night

4th October (Friday) at 7pm  
• Church Room • Charlie Wilson's War

Our next Film Night will be on Friday 4th October (note earlier date) in the Church Room when we will be showing *Charlie Wilson's War*, starring Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts and Philip Seymour Hoffman. It is the outrageous true story of how one congressman who loved a good time, one Houston socialite who loved a good cause and one CIA agent who loved a good fight conspired to bring about the largest covert operation in history. 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. Many thanks. Peter Beer 01865 820805 or Margo Evans 01865 820900 or [margoevans@mac.com](mailto:margoevans@mac.com)



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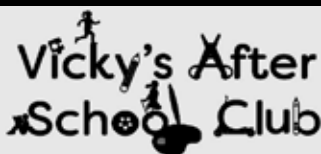
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## Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club Celebrates a Remarkable Season

The Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club (KBCC) is proud to announce an outstanding season filled with triumphs, dedication, and memorable moments. Here's a recap of our accomplishments across various teams.

### Senior Teams

**First Team Highlights.** Our first team had a commendable season, finishing 3rd in Division 4B of the Cherwell League. The team secured 10 victories, faced 5 losses, and had 1 draw. We are delighted to announce the award winners: Best Batter: Jonny Warner, with a remarkable 352 runs. Best Bowler: JJ Smith, who took an impressive 44 wickets and also earned the prestigious Players' Player of the Year award.

**Second Team Triumph.** The second team showcased resilience and skill, winning Division 6C on the last day by narrowly surpassing West Ilsley by 3 points. The team achieved 11 wins, encountered 3 losses, and had 2 draws. Key performers include: Best Batter(s): Nigel & Jim Lovell, sharing the honour by each scoring 359 runs. Best Bowler: Jim Lovell, with 27 wickets. Players' Player of the Year: Jim Lovell, for his exceptional all-round contributions.

**Third Team Achievements.** Our newly formed third team also had an impressive season, finishing 3rd with 10 wins, 4 losses, and 2 draws. This team had earlier won the Keith Crump Memorial Cup just over a month ago. The award recipients for the third team are:

Best Batter: Joey Edwards, with an impressive 310 runs in 6 innings (we encourage you to play more!).  
Best Bowler: Nick Walker, taking 25 wickets. Players' Player of the Year: Kavi Thakore.

**Midweek T20 Cricket Successes.** This summer, we also ran two midweek T20 cricket teams. The first T20 team finished 2nd in their league, narrowly losing to Didcot in the final game of the season. The second T20 team had mixed results, but it was fantastic to see many juniors stepping up to play midweek and gaining valuable experience.

**A Heartfelt Thank You.** Off the field, we owe a massive thank you to everyone who contributed to the successful running of this season's cricket for both adults and juniors. While we can't name everyone individually, please know that your unwavering support is immensely appreciated.

**Looking Forward to Next Season.** Although next summer may seem far away, Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club is always on the lookout for new players, both adults and juniors. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates.

**Junior Nets.** Our junior nets sessions take place in October/November and then again in February/March 2025. These sessions are designed to give our younger players the best possible start to the 2025 season. Thank you once again for a fantastic season. Let's look forward to another successful year of cricket at Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club!

**Junior Section.** Owzat... the Junior Season has ended and what better way to finish it off than with an end of year Presentation evening and celebration.

We had over 50 juniors at the evening where we celebrated the performances of all players and teams and provide a number of them with medals and Awards for the Most improved and Players of the Season. A huge congratulations to all the Winners. Each one of these players has shown incredible dedication, improved their skills remarkably and contributed significantly to their respective teams.

### The Winners are:

**U11s Softball Most improved Player of the Year:** Ben Siviter; **Manager's Player of the Year:** Austin Lewis.  
**U11s Hardball Most improved Player of the Year:** Oliver Hicks; **Manager's Player of the Year:** Louie Warne.

**U13s Most improved Player of the Year:** Jacob Launder; **Manager's Player of the Year:** Josh Antoniou.

**U15s Most improved Player of the Year:** Ryley Fathers; **Manager's Player of the Year:** Theo Antoniou.

**We also announced 2 special awards: Outstanding Junior Prospect of the Year:** Jack Walton. A rising star to watch!

**Club Person of the Year:** Emily Walton whose contribution to our club goes beyond the cricket field. Each of the award winners and the players who represented KBCC have made the Club and Committee immensely proud this season.

One of the parents commented to me during the evening – *'What we like about the club is that everybody feels welcome and feels like they matter and are part of a team. Tonight was not just a celebration of those that received a medal, but a recognition of the achievements of all the players'*. If you want your child to be part of this type of club reach out to me @ kbcc.juniorcoordinator@gmail.com





## Restaurant Review

 **The Cherry Tree, 33 High Street, Steventon. OX13 6RZ**



**The Cherry Tree is a 150-year-old pub with a bar and restaurant. It also has rooms and is a 20-minute drive from KBS via the Hanneyes.**

There was ample parking at the back of the pub (don't go into the next-door Fox pub car park by mistake!). There is a large courtyard/ patio area for eating and drinking in the warmer weather.

We had previously booked a table by email on [cherrytreesteventon@gmail.com](mailto:cherrytreesteventon@gmail.com). Kayley welcomed us warmly and showed us to our table. We had attentive service throughout our stay. The pub is olde worlde with wooden beams and an open fire. I imagine it to be cosy in the winter.

There are a couple of steps on the way from bar to restaurant, so assistance would be required for people with certain disabilities. The staff



Baked camembert

were very friendly and would help out accordingly. Advance notice could be given by email.

The pub has three real ales on offer as well as other beers. There is a

short wine list and a number of spirits and soft drinks.

The menu is comprehensive and reasonably priced and there is a children's menu and a Specials board.



Prawn cocktail

I had the garlic and rosemary baked camembert to start. It was amazing! More than enough for two as a starter and sufficient as a main course. Delicious! Another guest had the prawn cocktail which was nicely presented and tasty - better than those we used to get in the 80s and 90s!

For mains, we had beer-battered fish and chips (£16.95), butternut and beetroot wellington (£14.95) and the home-made beef burger (£16.95). Two of us were pleased with our choices. The battered fish was said to be disappointing with thick batter and tasteless fish. One guest had the sticky toffee pudding with toffee sauce and ice cream which was enjoyed by all of us!

*By Wilrich, Two KBS Foodies*



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## KBS Tennis Club

We have recently held our KBS Tennis Junior Club Tournament weekend.

The u18 yellow ball players kicked things off with some great tennis played and also some awesome sportsmanship - well done everyone.

Next up were some of our younger players and again we saw great standards of play, stamina, determination and positivity with lots of smiles and some monster rallies.

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u18 players



u18 players



Younger players



Younger players



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

**Each year 4 billion toothbrushes are thrown away; enough to circle the earth 12 times.**

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Bamboo manual toothbrushes are available from many everyday retailers these days. It is also now possible to buy a recyclable electric toothbrush from a company called SURI. Their brush heads are made from plant-based corn starch and the bristles are made from castor-oil. Using these materials makes them bio-based and reduces reliance on petroleum-based plastics. They also provide a service to recycle the heads for free in the UK and US. The body of the brush is made from aluminium which makes it long-lasting and easily recycled. It's a neat product, recommended by dentists and you can find out more at [www.trysuri.com](http://www.trysuri.com)





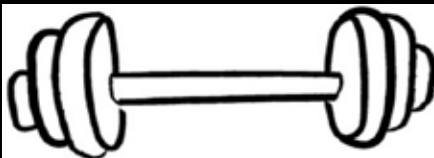
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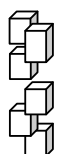
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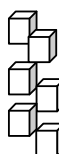
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## Magnus Macfarlane Apocryphal or almost entirely true?



**In the days of Walter de Merton, founder of Merton College, 1264, he was also Chancellor of the University and well aware that the behaviour of students within Oxford was somewhat unruly. Merton laid down a statute of behaviour, which has never in reality, been repealed.**

20 years ago, a student attending their examinations in the examination hall, requested a free pint of beer from one of the adjudicators just before his exam. The adjudicator started to

admonish him that this was the most important exam of his life and here he was talking about beer. The student informed him that he had read the statutes of the University, and they stated that he was indeed entitled to a free pint of beer to calm his nerves for his exam. The adjudicator said he would look into it and told the student to take his seat. In the meantime, he phoned the proctor's office (they are a bit like a cross between the police force and the lawyers of the University), they consulted the statutes and sure enough, the student was indeed entitled to a free pint of beer. The beer was delivered to the student.

At the end of the exam, the adjudicator asked him

whether he had enjoyed his free pint. The student responded that he had and it had made him most free with his answers. Before the student was able to leave the adjudicator asked him whether he had indeed read all of the rules. On confirmation, the adjudicator asked him to show his socks. The student revealed that he was wearing checked socks. "Oh dear oh dear", said the adjudicator, "the rules say that you must wear plain black socks. That will be a fine. Please show me your shirt". The student revealed that he was wearing a lightly checked white shirt. "Oh dear oh dear", says the adjudicator again, "the rules say that you must wear a plain white shirt. That will be another fine".

They continued in this manner until the student had amassed fines of £116 — the most expensive pint of beer he will have in his life. And the last rule that he broke? The student was not wearing his ceremonial sword — a requirement back in the day. The moral of this story is that you cannot pick and choose from the University rules.



Examination Hall



## Kingston Bagpuize Village Art and Craft Club



**7th October (Monday) at 9:30am • St. John the Baptist Church Hall • The Art of Jaipur Block Printing**

**August and September have gone past quickly as we spent time on our own projects and as we chatted away. A new member, Morag, joined our group, so we welcome her.**

October will see us firstly welcoming The Art of Jaipur to show us Block Printing followed two weeks later with a talk on 'Colour' to help in recognising how different colours can complement each other, but also help an individual to choose what is best for them to wear.

The club is intended as a meeting place for making new friends, with crafting skills; not a necessity as there are a range of hobbies that other members are happy to share. If you are interested in arts and crafts, 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 7th October 2024** and we look forward to welcoming new members.

**Jean Allsworth 07397 530144**



**- KBS Village Art and Craft Club**



Block Printing



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6th October (Sunday), 11am - 3pm • Southmoor Village Hall • KBS Community Mall  
8th October (Tuesday) at 7:30pm • Southmoor Village Hall

**The KBS Community Mall is on Sunday 6th October and promises to be another successful day. Please do come along to see what services and products people are providing in the village.**

Our next meeting is in the Village Hall and open to visitors on Tuesday 8th October at 7:30pm. Our October meeting is traditionally run by our members giving the committee a night off. These are always good fun, so please do come along and see what they will have us doing. 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.

At our September meeting, the charity 'Medical Detection Dogs' came along and gave a fascinating and emotional insight into the work this charity undertakes. 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. They also train Medical Alert Assistance dogs, who can warn their human of dangerous blood sugar levels, alert those with serious allergies, and

they can tell their humans they are about to suffer a POTs episode. They also work with humans who have severe neurological conditions.

These dogs are nothing short of awe inspiring and we were delighted that the charity was able to give up their valuable time to come and speak with us.

Follow us for more news and photos:



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## Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group



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

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KBDG's aim is to provide high quality, value theatre on your doorstep. Newton's sponsorship enables us to maintain our ethos of keeping ticket prices as low as we can, to ensure that a fun evening out is accessible to as many people as possible in our village. We are very grateful to be supported again by an organisation that understands the value and impact of the arts to local communities like ours.

Rehearsals for **Calendar Girls** are gathering apace, the actors are 'off the book' and blocking is nearly complete. October will be a busy month for us. In addition to evening rehearsals, we have two weekends dedicated to set construction and decoration, prop finding / making and rigging the lighting - which just on its own takes four complete days to achieve. **Calendar Girls** has a large (predominantly female) cast. For this production, all our backstage crew will also be female, and we are a little short of helping hands behind the scenes. **We would welcome any (female) support for the myriad of quick costume changes the production requires.** If this is something you may be interested in getting involved with, then send an email to [emilyvjoyce@hotmail.com](mailto:emilyvjoyce@hotmail.com) or pop along to one of our rehearsals or contact us via our Facebook page. Helping backstage is a great way to enjoy the buzz and camaraderie of being involved with a production - with none of the nerves or fear!

**Dates for diaries (and calendars): 28th to 30th November**, including a Saturday matinee performance.

Early bird offers available until 6th October. Age guidance 12+, Licensed bar, teas and coffee, free parking.

**Adult: £14 (early bird £12); Under 16 £10 (early bird £8); Group of 4 adults £50 (early bird £45)**

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This amateur production of "Calendar Girls" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)



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## John Blandy Primary School



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

### Welcome Back!

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year; the children all returned with great excitement to meet their new teacher and see their new classrooms after their summer holidays! As you walk through the school, there is an air of enthusiasm and readiness to learn in all of the classrooms. This September, we have welcomed many new children to the school both in our Reception classes and across the school. The children have all settled in beautifully; you'd have never known that they were new to the school!

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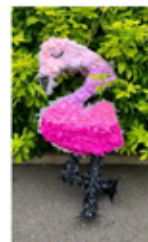
As many of you may have known, since 2013, John Blandy Primary has been part of the Faringdon Learning Trust. However, as of 1st September 2024, Faringdon Learning Trust became the Cambrian Learning Trust and on 1st October The Vale Academy Trust will also merge into this new Trust. Cambrian Learning Trust will consist of 18 schools, including 3 secondaries, 14 primary schools and one all through primary to secondary. There are going to be many exciting opportunities for the children and staff as our two Trusts merge. We will keep you updated on many of the activities that the schools will take part in over the next academic year.

### John Blandy Open Day

Is your child turning 5 during the academic year 1st September 2025 - 31st August 2026? 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.cambrianlt.org](mailto:office@jbl.cambrianlt.org). **Applications for primary school places opens 4th November 2024 and closes 15th January 2025.** To make your application, visit: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications>

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## The Lighter Shade of Pale

Sue Lacey Bryant

I have been wanting to share the recent adventures of 'our' toad. 'Our' toad is (almost) certainly a Common Toad, which means that "despite its warts and ancient associations with witches" it is a gardener's friend, "sucking up slugs and snails." So says the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust: <https://www.bbowt.org.uk/>.

It's also protected in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981, which is especially good to know in view of the time it took for us to protect this errant amphibian and return it to the relative comfort of its habitat in our garden in KBS.

Let me give you an unexpurgated account of the travels of 'Our' toad one sunny Saturday, sharing 'live' updates from the family WhatsApp group.

**To family:**

16.10 "I'm trapped in Dad's car with a toad. Send sympathy."

16.11 "I'm holding my feet up. Unsure how this will help. [Pause]. "My teeth are gritted."

16.17 "Dad says he feels the presence of the toad behind his back in the driving seat."

16.18 "The journey home from the tip is further than I remembered."

16.28 "I am released. As yet the toad is not."

16.29 Younger son: "Glorious". [No sympathy there then]

16.31 Daughter in Law: "This is so funny." [Nor there]

16.33 "Dad is using the dustpan and brush as a toad hunting implement. It's now pouring with rain, and neither he, nor the toad, are abounding with joy."

16.34 YS: BAHAAHAHAHAHAHAH

16.35 YS: Amazing

16.36 DiL: "Has the toad been located?"

16.37 "I daren't ask. I don't know how it feels about its round trip to the osteopath and the tip. It was on the ledge of the car at the tip but there wasn't anywhere safe to put it."

16.38 DiL: "This poor toad has a story to tell its friends too."

16.39 "Dad's taking a photograph now. .... I've been told to 'Go Away'. I am gone."

16.40. "It's under the driver's seat apparently."

16.52 Better half: "Toad extracted"

16.52 DiL: "Looks much happier there!"



What enticed our toad to go wandering? We have a hunch that in the hullabaloo of loading the car for the tip (destination 2 on our outing), it quietly concealed itself in the foot of a grimy disused water feature which we were throwing out. Toads are, though, genuine adventurers. The first warm damp evenings of the year, often in mid-February, find toads heading out en masse, travelling back to their breeding ponds. They face a perilous journey as our roads and towns pose a real threat. In fact some 20 tonnes of toads are killed on the UK's roads each year. Gruesome! Where more than 1000 toads are known to favour a particular spot to hop across a road, it is called a 'toad crossing' and help may well be at hand. Right across England, local volunteers, known as 'Toad patrols', gather to help them cross the road safely.

Remembering that you may have to kiss a lot of frogs to find your Prince Charming or Cinderella, you might try for a romantic adventure of a different kind next Valentine's day? Find out more about the active Toad Patrols within 10 miles of KBS at <https://www.froglife.org/>. Sue

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An essential item in our household is the dog paw washer cup. You can buy them through Amazon and other sites and I wouldn't be without it. Let me know if you would recommend other dog coats or accessories so we can pass on that information to others. On a light note, my dog has thoroughly enjoyed foraging for blackberries along the old Oxford Road in the past few weeks. He does this every year but we've really had a bumper crop this season, enough for everyone to enjoy.



If you have fun summer photos of your furry friends, please send them through to me at [jackson.anne51@gmail.com](mailto:jackson.anne51@gmail.com) and I'll pick a winner for the November KBS issue!



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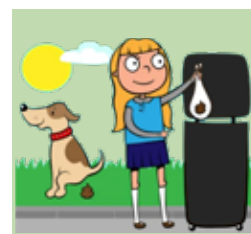
## Pest Corner

**Wasp stings can catch you by surprise!**



Even this Pestie, whilst putting on her Bee suit, was subject to a nasty sting on the back of her neck this month. My first and probably not my last!

Wasps sting when they feel threatened and as we near the end of the season, they start to become more aggressive before their life cycle (up to 35 days depending on the species) comes to an end. To treat a sting, wash it with soap and water and apply a cold compress, like an ice pack, for at least 10 mins. It can be itchy, try not to scratch it! But a bite or sting cream is a good idea as is taking an antihistamine if you can. *Hannah Godfrey, RSPH Level 2 Award Pest Management*



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## The Village Show



**The Village Show took place at the Village Hall on Saturday 31st August and what a fantastic day it was!**

We had around 50% more entries than last year across a range of categories: fruit, vegetables, pot plants, flowers, floral art, baking, jams & preserves, arts & crafts and photography. There were even special sections just for children. There was lots of hustle and bustle in the morning with everyone bringing their entries to the hall then all went quiet for a couple of hours while the judges made their decisions. In the afternoon the hall was open for everyone to come and look. Lots of people had smiles on their faces when they found they'd been awarded first, second or third places and a few lucky people even went home with cups! In a repeat of last year, Penny Meacham took the coveted trophy for Gardening Club member with the most points across all categories and Paula Chandler won the cup for non-member with the most points. There was much whooping! The rest of us had to console ourselves with tea and delicious home-made cake.



The Show is a huge undertaking and wouldn't happen without all the organisers, helpers, the people who are brave enough to enter things and everyone who comes on the day so a heartfelt thank you to you all. Also to Chris & Julie Carpenter who did a grand job of awarding the prizes. Biggest thanks of all go to Penny Meacham who took on the role of Chair of the Village Show for the first time: the results of her efforts speak for themselves. Finally, we'd like to thank the following local companies who very generously donated raffle prizes to help support the event: Aquarius Hair, Art of Jaipur, Blenheim Palace, Bampton Plants, Corne Motors, Crocodiles of the World, Edwards Vehicle Services, Fitness at the Farm (Leah, Lucy & Martin), Kingsmoor Clinic (Katie Morse & Klair Price), Millets Farm, One Stop, Southmoor Co-op, The Trout Inn, White Horse Leisure Centre. It was truly a day to remember! Sharon Cooper (SKB Gardening Club Chair). The Show is ready - Pictures by KBS News Paparazzi (Nigel Beale)



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