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Southmoor Village News

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Village Show Saturday 31st August

The Village show returned last year after a break and was a great success! We are hoping this year's will be even better and would encourage as many people as possible to enter so we have a colourful array of produce, flowers, art and crafts, cookery, and photographs. It is **your entries that will make the show spectacular!**



The schedule is available to download via the gardening club website www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk or using the QR code. It is a village event, you don't have to be a gardening club member to enter, and it is good fun taking part. There is something for all the family so please **encourage your children or grandchildren to take part and see if they can win a prize!**

We'd like to see more entries in the photography and cookery classes this year. So get snapping now so you have photos ready to enter! All those bakers in the village, start practising your favourite recipes and get ready to win! There are lots of different classes to choose from so have a go at baking a cake or making some jam. There will be lots to see, **tea and cakes on sale, a raffle, tombola, and a plant and produce stall.**

Penny Meacham



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday 16th June marks Father's Day. It is a special occasion that gives us the chance to honour and appreciate the remarkable men who have played a significant role in our lives. Happy Father's Day!



Village Fete on 29th June

More information on back page.

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June 5th is World Environment Day. It serves as a reminder for everyone to take action towards a healthier planet. Hidden somewhere inside the News is a drawing of a TREE. Can you find it?

Hello Summer!

Here are some interesting facts about sunglasses.

- The first pair of sunglasses can be traced back over 2,000 years ago to Eskimos, who used snow glasses to protect their eyes from the snow glare.
- Early sunglasses were made of wood or bone frames with horizontal slits cut out.
- National Sunglasses Day is 27th June.
- A new pair of sunglasses is bought every 90 seconds on eBay.
- Sir Elton John is reported to have the world's most extensive collection of sunglasses - more than 1,000 pairs!
- Christian Dior was the first fashion brand to license eyewear.



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Village Diary

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

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	J U L Y	Monday 1 st July		July Parish Council Monthly Meeting
Monday 8 th July		12:30pm	Village Afternoon Tea at KBSVH	22
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	Wed	19 th	** Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin **
	Wed	26 th	**** Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items ****

REGULAR EVENTS - Please check with the event organiser to confirm

In Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall

Apple Blossoms W I Clubbercise	2nd Tuesday each month 7.30pm Monday 8.00pm - 9.00pm	Apple Quilters	2nd & 4th Monday each month 10.00am-12.00pm New Members always welcome
French for Fun	Wednesday (Term Time only) 9.30am - 11.00am	KB Drama Group	3 rd Tuesday at 7.30pm & when it occurs 5 th Tuesday 7.30pm (see Church Hall for other
KBS Badminton Club	Improvers & Above Saturdays 9.00 - 10.30am Improvers & Returners Wednesday 6.30 – 8pm		Intermediates and above Mondays 6.15pm -7.30pm
KB & S Café	Thursdays 9.00am - 12 noon	KB & S Gardening Club	1st Tuesday monthly 7.15pm for 7.30pm
KBS Pilates	Thursdays 1.30pm – 2.30pm	KB & S Tennis Club	Tuesday 9-11am Men's Open Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm Ladies Open
Longworth & District History Soc	3 rd Thursday every month at 7.00pm	Southmoor Baby & Toddlers	Friday (Term Time Only) 10.00am - 11.30am
Southmoor Exercise & Dance	email biserk46@hotmail.com for info		
Table Tennis (Over 55's)	Tuesday 11am -12pm e mail bobsouthmoor@hotmail.com for more info		
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In Scout Hut, Faringdon Rd (Term Time Only)

1st Longworth Beavers	Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm	1st Longworth Explorers	Wednesday 7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Cubs	Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm	1st Longworth Scouts	Thursday 7.30pm - 9.00pm
At The Bowls Club, Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize		Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Tuesday & Thursday 1.30pm
Junior Park Run	Millennium Green Sunday 9.00am	Kingston Bagpuize Cricket	Junior Training Every Friday

In St John the Baptist Church Hall

KB Drama Group	1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month at 7:30pm (see Village Hall for other days)		
KBS Art and Craft Friendship Club	Alternate Mondays 9.30am - 12.00 noon		
Village Voices	Men - Alternate Mondays 9.30am	Ladies - Alternate Tuesdays	9.30am

In Longworth Village Hall info at longworthvillage.org.uk

IYENGAR Yoga class (Term Time Only)	Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm	Tuesday 11.45am – 1.15pm	Zumba
KARATE	Wednesday Little Ninjas (4-6yrs) at 5pm-5.30pm	Family class at 5.30pm-	Thursday 10.30am
PILATES	Tuesday 9.15am & 5.45pm . Thursday 9.15am & 6.30pm		

In Hinton Waldrist Village Hall

Cedar Community Club Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am - 3:00pm



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Extra copies are available from the One Stop, Hinds Head & Southmoor Co-ops.



Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group

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

We are now busy reading potential scripts for November's production as well as rehearsing for our interactive Murder Mystery production **DRESSED TO KILL** which will take place (twice) on Saturday July 13th.

Our Murder Mysteries allow the audience to quiz the suspects and try to decide who the killer is! We have a compere; a two-act scripted play and then an audience question and answer session before the 'big reveal'. There will be a different murderer for each performance. This year's production guarantees a lot of laughs and some showstopper moments.

Tickets can be purchased individually, and our online booking form then enables you to enter the names of friends also attending so we can seat you together. So, get together with friends to form a team - be that 2 or up to a max of 6 per team and come back to the 1980s with us for some sleuthing fun. 1980s dress is encouraged but optional. Prizes for the winning team and best dressed at the event.

Dates for diaries: Saturday July 13th

- 2.30pm – Murder Mystery with a cream tea served in the interval £17
- 7.30pm - Murder Mystery with hog roast, salad, dessert, tea / coffee £22

Doors will open half an hour before each performance, with a fully licensed bar, teas and coffees and free parking. **Please note:** tickets must be purchased online and in advance and by 7th July at the latest as there will not be tickets available on the door. Please book early to avoid disappointment as there are only 102 available for each performance.

Follow us on Facebook for booking details and book directly at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/oxfordshire/southmoor-village-hall/dressed-to-kill-by-sarah-currant/e-vlorzb>.

 - Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group

Dressed to Kill Synopsis

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

2024 marks our 75th anniversary and the Murder Mystery is to celebrate that as well as to raise money for our lighting fund, replacing our current lighting system (last upgraded in 1986) with an energy efficient, sustainable LED system. It's a huge challenge but a necessary one we are determined to achieve to ensure the group continues for the benefit of both current and future members and community moving forward. Over the past year via grants, donations, sponsorship, and ticket sales we have achieved £13,000 - a sum that was unthinkable to us twelve months ago given we just about break even most years. We've still got a long way to go but are hopeful we will be able to start replacing some of our kit this year and every ticket sold for this production will help us get there.



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

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

Love, Greta 

UHY Ross Brooke

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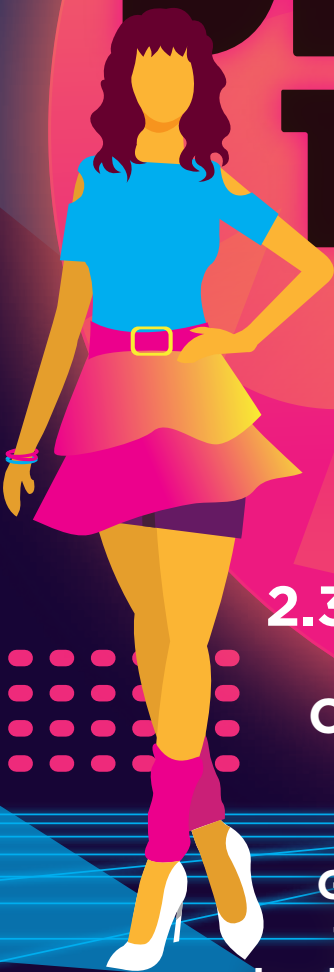
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KINGSTON BAGUIZE DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS

**AN INTERACTIVE
MURDER MYSTERY**
by Sarah Curran

DRESSED TO KILL



Saturday 13th July
Southmoor Village Hall

2.30pm: £17
with
Cream Tea

7.30pm: £22
with two course
Hog Roast

Get together with friends to form a team (6 max per team) and come back to the 1980's for some sleuthing fun

1980s fancy dress encouraged but optional
Prizes for the winning team and best dressed



Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets

Last date to book: 7 July

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/oxfordshire/southmoor-village-hall/dressed-to-kill-by-sarah-curran/e-vlorzb>

VILLAGE VOICES

Send your views to editorkbsnews@gmail.com

Lottie from Longworth wins Scouts competition



At the end of January, Scouts for all over the Thames Ridge district were invited to **design a badge for the St George's day** event and promise renewal. The winning design would then be made into an actual badge that would be awarded to everybody that attended the event. As part of their artist badge 1st Longworth cubs submitted 27 entries, 3 of these were shortlisted into the final 10 and then put to a public vote. There were a total of 100 entries, and we are so proud of Lottie Harris who won the competition from 1st Longworth. Congratulations Lottie!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Two members of our villages have been presented with long service awards for their work with The Royal British Legion.

Kerry Hastings has been involved with the Poppy Appeal for well over 20 years and is involved with many activities in our villages. Kevin Hadley has coordinated the Poppy Appeal in our villages for several years and, as the Oxfordshire County Rep for the Royal British Legion Riders Branch, has been involved with the Poppy Appeal for over 15 years.

Businesses and residents in Kingston Bagpuize, Southmoor and Longworth continue to make a significant contribution to the annual Poppy Appeal coordinated by the Abingdon RBL.

Do come and chat with Kerry and Kevin at the D-Day Anniversary at Kingston Bagpuize House on 6th June.



The Kingston Bagpuize Charities Trust

Do you know anyone in the village or immediate locality who is in financial need or hardship? They may be young or elderly, suffering from ill-health or otherwise housebound. These are the people who might benefit from the KB Charities....perhaps they are already in receipt of Social Security payments but nevertheless find themselves in difficulty, unable to meet unexpected or recurring expenses. These are exactly the situations where the Trustees can step in with small one-off grants which might make all the difference to someone who is worrying unduly as to whether or not they can meet some immediate payment.

For further information contact jandicharlton@yahoo.co.uk or visit the stand at the village fête on the 29th of June. We will be selling second-hand books, CDs, jigsaw puzzles and small bric-à-brac items. All receipts towards the Charity's funds. Please note: Cash only. **If you have any unwanted items to donate towards the stand, please drop them off at 6 DRAYCOTT ROAD SOUTHMOOR, OX13 5BY.**



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KBS Café

Every Thursday 9am to 12pm
• Southmoor Village Hall

On May 9th, customers visiting KBS Café enjoyed a lively performance by the singing group known as the “Village Voices.”



At KBS Café, we offer a selection of beverages such as tea, coffee, and hot chocolate, along with refreshing orange and blackcurrant squash. We also serve delicious cheese scones and a variety of 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

The café is a great place to make new friends and learn about the village. We have toys for the children so all ages are welcome. If anyone would like to make a cake occasionally, please contact Caroline on 820936 or Ruth on 821386.

We look forward to seeing you! *Caroline Ashby*

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The Lighter Shade of Pale

Letter from America from Sue Lacey Bryant

Suffering from 'itchy feet'? Finding life in KBS a little quiet? Then a trip to New York City might be just the thing for you.

It's certainly Louder than home but also rather more expensive than moving the living room furniture around, as my mother used to do when she wanted new horizons. A few days in NYC brings new sounds and sights and offers a fresh perspective on life in KBS.

On our month long journey to discover just one tiny stretch of the East coast of America, naturally we took time for a trip to the museum on Liberty Island. The iconic statue is breathtaking, inspiring. The sun catches her gold lamp, a shining beacon.



The tourist tatt belies a real sense of communal pilgrimage as we head out to the island in a succession of small boats. We hear about the reception centre for immigrants on neighbouring Ellis Island. Operational until 1954, this place is central to the living history of many families in the States. They return to it with tales of first impressions shared by their grandparents and great grandparents. After making a difficult and expensive voyage, some 4% were refused admission and deported. Of those admitted to the USA, a third later returned to their native country. It's an interesting history: www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/goldman-immigration-and-deportation-ellis-island/



Not surprisingly, looking back to family connections in 'the old country' (wherever that was) is a common topic of discussion. However, my grandfather was American so I'm on a different journey, looking the other way. I only have a sketchy view of my grandfather even though Will Lacey was famous for a time as a Vaudeville performer and American relatives had shared some information with my Dad. So, I wrote to NYC libraries ahead of the trip expecting to have to put in hours of research. Instead, they responded within 3 days, emailing a show poster with a short review of his stage act. Just as in our neighbouring public libraries in Oxfordshire, New York's library staff are amazing. Indeed, counter to what others might say, we found the people of New York unfailingly helpful.

Broadway is fun and Times Square is all about bright lights. The signs proclaim it as a Gun-Free zone - so that's good too. On the downside, I had imagined a faint aroma of pizza wafting across NYC. In fact the city reeks of weed and

pee. And a mental health crisis is being played out in plain sight on the subways and in the streets. We observe homelessness at a scale beyond that in Oxford - and if this is an issue you care about here at home, you might want to learn about the work of Emmaus Oxford: <https://emmaus.org.uk/oxford/>

TV programmes are interspersed with adverts for medicines - drugs for acne, cancer, diabetes, IBS. The ads run on, each ending with a list of dire health warnings. If ever you doubted that the universal healthcare from which we all benefit is worth fighting for, spend a day on the streets of New York and a couple of hours watching their TV.

Every city has its problems though. Despite the downsides we find NYC vibrant and upbeat. This was our second visit allowing us to dig deeper, visit more museums. We made it to two Broadway shows, the Tenement Museum and the Cuggenheim. We managed two visits to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. My 'other half' is an afficianado of Vermeer, which prompted our visit in the first place. Meanwhile I'm a fan of Mondrian. For me, his 'Broadway Boogie Woogie' captures the joy and the vigour that pulses through the city.



KBS Millennium Green
Village Nature Reserve

Annual Team Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 11 June
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• Swallow Room, KBS Village Hall.

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall on 7th May. For a full account the minutes and appendices are available on the Parish Council website at kbsparishcouncil.org.uk/document-category/minute and on Parish Council notice boards.

Present: Cllr Robert Barnett, Cllr Oyebola Bello, Cllr Natalie Clements, Cllr Brian Forster, Cllr Virginia Grant (Chair), Cllr Kim Kousari, Cllr Behnoosh Sabah, Cllr Steve Smith, Cllr Dianna Swale. District Councillor Jill Rayner and 2 members of the public.

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Election of Cllr Virginia Grant as Chair and Cllr Bob Barnett as Vicechair.

Confirmation of KBSPC committees and representatives, terms of reference and responsibilities.

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Report from District Councillor Jill Rayner: Sewage into Kingston Brook for 89hrs since Easter. Climate Action fund opened on May 3rd – open to all village groups.

Clerk's Report: New goal posts in Millennium Green donated by Kingston Colts.

Planning Applications: The Council did not object to any of the 4 applications being considered: P24/V0232/FUL; P24/V0774/LB, P24/V0902/HH & P24/V0883/S73. Full details of all Planning applications and decisions taken by the Parish Council and VWHDC Planning are listed on the website.

New Play and recreation equipment: Following a meeting of the finance committee in April and scrutiny of figures of general reserves and CIL monies as provided by the Clerk, the Council resolved to add a further sum of £59,000 to the £51,000 already allocated giving a total of £110,000 including a contingency fund as the maximum sum available for new play /recreation equipment. Following consultation with parents and children via the school/Facebook and the annual parish meeting, feedback will be presented at the 3rd June parish council meeting.

Neighbourhood Development Plan: Residents are invited to a meeting at 6.30pm on Thursday 20th June in the village hall to discuss policies and aspirations for inclusion in the application.

S106 ART Monies: 2 benches of the bench trial are now close to being completed. The carved boulders for the Wellington Way public open space are being installed on May 21st.

D-Day 80th Anniversary Thursday 6th June 2024: 2 unknown Tommy statues have been purchased for display on June 6th and thereafter at Remembrance Sunday events. Sorbus Garden Care generously donated one of the statues.

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MP David Johnston



I met with the Health Minister to again push my campaign for **better local health services** and for our infrastructure to keep pace with all the new housing that is being built. Improving our health services is a key campaign for me and I am pleased the Minister has agreed to write to the local health leaders on our behalf.

I met with the Water Minister to again raise constituent concerns about the proposed reservoir and to call for public scrutiny of the proposal. In December, I wrote to the Environment Secretary about this, echoing GARD's call for public scrutiny and have been regularly raising concerns with Thames Water and the Environment Agency, who I took to Steventon recently where I discussed it with them.

It was also great to welcome the Science Minister to meet with and take questions from our great local science and technology organisations at my latest Wantage and Didcot Science and Technology Forum. I was glad to hear the Minister confirm that the Government will spend £20 billion on investment in science and research this year which is welcome news for our local sector.

In other news, I had the pleasure of hosting a reception at Number 10 Downing Street for people working in our great early years sector and was pleased to bring Julie, a childminder from Didcot who spent 14 years fostering around 30 families, as my guest to recognise her incredible efforts.

Didcot TRAIN works with young people, especially those who are disadvantaged or vulnerable and provides various essential services including youth clubs, mentoring and outreach programmes. They are doing great work to empower young people. Visit their website at www.trainyouth.org.uk.

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📍 11th June (Tuesday), 7:30pm
• Southmoor Village Hall
• Style Acre

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th June at 7:30pm in Southmoor Village Hall.

We will be joined by representatives from Style Acre, who will give an interesting insight into the work of the Style Acre team, and their volunteers. Style Acre's aim is to provide supportive, creative, and dynamic environments for adults with learning disabilities and/or autism throughout Oxfordshire so they are valued as equals, can fulfil their potential, and live the life they choose. The work they will be telling us about ranges from supported living, community hubs, gardening projects and work programmes.

At our meeting in May, we had the lovely Marea Brown from 'Art of Jaipur' come and do an Indian Block Printing workshop for us. We got creative and a little bit messy and printed our own tea towels and gift bags.

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



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£50 - by never using a tumble dryer, so just taking advantage of the clothes line on sunnier days could save a reasonable amount.

£12 - with one less use of the dishwasher each week, ideally only running it when it is full (this one saves on your water usage too).

Do all of the above to possibly save a cool £169... which helps to pay for buying those new LED lights which don't need to be bought every year!

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Nature Notes
the Wonders of the Hedge Wide Web



If you've been out and about along some of the lanes surrounding the village lately, you might have noticed something surprising along the hedgerows. What look a bit like bedraggled white sheets or old lace curtains draped over individual bushes seem to have popped up almost overnight in a few locations.

There is quite a cluster of them if you turn off the A415 towards Stanton Harcourt after crossing Newbridge and I spotted a huge one along the A420 towards Faringdon, just before St Hugh's School. If you get the chance to stop and look closely at them it soon becomes obvious that these strange apparitions are in fact huge and complex webs, created not by spiders but by moths. Up close you will see that the webs are thronging with their tiny caterpillars. Unlike those spun by spiders designed to catch their lunch, these

webs are produced to protect themselves from the predations of birds which are avidly searching out food at this time of year to feed their hungry chicks. There are several species of moth involved and each is fairly tied to a specific tree host.

At the front of my house I have a pair of Rowan trees and a Spindle. Over the past few weeks I have been watching the parent Blue Tits back and forth to the Rowans to collect food to take back to the nest but never seeming to go to the Spindle tree which is steadily being enveloped in a fine webbing. The deterrent is clearly working for the moths. Each year the leaves of the Spindle are almost stripped bare, after which it is fascinating to watch the fattened caterpillars drop to the ground on tiny silken threads to seek out a place to pupate. Somehow, when the moths have done their worst, new growth including flowers returns to the tree and by autumn there is a healthy flush of berries. Hawthorns being abundant in the hedgerows seem particularly susceptible to attacks and it is noticeable that the hedges that have been intensively managed seem to be those most affected.

The adult insects are all in a group that are termed "micro" moths, many being just 1cm long but if examined up close are quite attractive with tiny black spots on pure white wings, justifying their name Ermine Moths. Perhaps there was a good reason why they were avoided earlier on, for by mid summer when they are on the wing and without their webs to protect them they will, despite their beauty, become a continuing food source for birds and other predators.

I'm always keen to hear of any interesting wildlife sightings from around the area @ kbsnaturenotes.gmail.com
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KBS Film and Music Night

- 21st June (Friday), 7pm
- St John the Baptist Church
- The Magic Flute

Our next Film Night will be on Friday 21st June at the slightly earlier time of 7pm. We will be showing **The Magic Flute**, a David McVicar's classic production from the Royal Opera House, which embraces both the seriousness and the comedy of Mozart's work. The audience is transported to a fantastical world of dancing animals, flying machines and dazzlingly starry skies. The setting provides a wonderful backdrop for Mozart's score, from the Queen of the Night's fireworks to Tamino and Pamina's lyrical love duets and Papageno's hearty, folksong-like arias. It features Siobhan Stagg, Mauro Peter, Roderick Williams, Mika Kares and Sabine Devielhe among others.

It is a free evening organised by members of St John the Baptist Church and tea, coffee, popcorn and chocolates will be provided from 6.45pm with the film beginning at 7.00pm. 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



KBS Badminton Club

In June we'll be meeting every Saturday from 9-10.30am (improver level and above) and every Monday evening (intermediate level and above) from 6.15 - 7.30pm at Southmoor Village Hall. There is currently space for a couple more players in both sessions. They're usually fast paced but friendly!

At long last, Jenny has room in her Wednesday evening 'improvers and returners' sessions, which run from 6.30 - 8pm. These sessions are slightly less competitive than the other sessions. Please note that none of our sessions are suitable for complete beginners.

Please contact either me sharon@cherrytree21.plus.com (01865 820399) or Jenny jenny.frame@live.co.uk first before coming along to make sure there's space. The first couple of visits are free and, after that, we ask you to pay a share of the monthly court hire costs. **Sharon Cooper**

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- Oprah Winfrey



- 4th June (Tuesday), 7:30pm • Southmoor Village Hall
- Grow your 5-a-day

Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday 4th June when Chris Day will be giving us a 'props-driven' guide to growing fruit, vegetables and herbs when time and space are limited. The talk is entitled 'Grow your 5-a-day' and I'm sure the criteria will apply to many of us! This talk is very well timed if you're thinking about growing anything for the **Village Show on August 31st** - a few tips from a professional will never go amiss...

On Sunday 9th June we're heading over to **Bridewell Gardens** for a visit. This is an acclaimed walled garden in Oxfordshire where the focus is on using gardening to help people with mental health issues. We'll be meeting there at 2pm so we can have a look around and those who want to can treat themselves to a cuppa and a slice of cake in the pop-up café. A donation of £5 is requested (refreshments not included) payable on the day. If you'd like to join us, please let me know in advance (or sign up at the June meeting) so we know to expect you.

Our second **Member's Open Garden** will be on Sunday 23rd June - free to members who will be advised of the address nearer the time. Visitors and guests will be welcome by arrangement - please email us if you're interested.

The annual event you've been waiting for takes place on Saturday 29th June when we'll be having a **Plant Sale at the Village Fete** at KB House. If you have any plants to donate, please get in touch so we can arrange drop off / collection. Plants should be well-rooted, good quality and preferably labelled to help us identify them! On the day, we hope to have a good selection of annuals, herbaceous perennials, shrubs and house-plants plus a few late vegetable plants for sale. All at very reasonable prices!

Our regular meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month (except for July and August when we do other things) at Southmoor Village Hall. Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Visitors are welcome for a fee of £4 which includes complimentary refreshments. Membership costs £15 for the year and offers free entry to our talks for the year as well as various other perks. Our full 2024 Programme is available on our website www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk. If you'd like any further information, you can email us at skbgardeningclub@gmail.com.

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Recipe of the month

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 Prep: 30min Cook: 15mins

Ingredients – Serves 4

- 50g walnut pieces
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 1 tsp black treacle
- 2 tbsp sherry vinegar
- small pack mint, leaves picked and half chopped
- 400g can green lentils, drained and rinsed
- ½ cucumber, chopped
- 300g radishes, some left whole, others sliced and chopped

Method

Step 1: Toast the walnut pieces in a large frying pan over a medium heat until fragrant and just starting to char at the edges. Tip into a bowl and set aside.

Step 2: In the same pan, turn the heat down to low and add 1 tbsp olive oil. Add the onion, fry gently for around 10 mins until soft, then take the pan off the heat. Add the black treacle, Sherry vinegar and the rest of the olive oil, then mix and leave to cool. Add the chopped mint to the pan, and season well.

Step 3: In a large bowl, mix together the lentils, cucumber and half the radishes, then pour over the cooled onion and mint dressing. Toss everything together and pile onto a serving dish. Scatter over the walnut pieces and the rest of the mint and radishes, then serve.

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Restaurant Review

The Plough at West Hanney, OX12 0LN



On a Tuesday evening we arrived at the Chequers at Charney Bassett where we had a reservation. We were greeted in the car park by the owner who told us they had no electricity so wouldn't be able to feed us that night. A quick call and we diverted to the Plough at West Hanney, OX12 0LN. We were feeling peckish so we were relieved they slotted us in. It's a pub with a good reputation and well known for its Sunday roasts.

We parked in the car park opposite the pub. At very busy times there is on-road parking but it may involve a bit of a walk. **We were greeted by the very friendly owner** and were seated at a nice table in the smaller bar and dining area. It was lively with people drinking and eating and felt snug and homely. Everybody seemed friendly

and animated. There was also a larger dining room, which seemed full that evening, and a covered outside area.

The serving staff were attentive. The menu is compact, with only one main vegetarian dish. The menu was interesting and the meat sourced from the owners' Welsh family farm. I chose smoked salmon mousse, pickled kohlrabi and cucumber salsa. My friend had roasted winter squash, hispi cabbage, chestnuts and butternut squash puree. Unfortunately, we were a bit disappointed by the starters. The salmon mousse, although tasty, was very salty and the squash was rather underwhelming. We did mention the saltiness of the salmon to the waiter and he came back later and apologised. He offered to remove it from the bill which was appreciated and gave us an excuse to have a pudding!



The main courses did not disappoint. My pan-roasted chicken breast, cherry tomato and Tabasco compote, savoy cabbage and mash was delicious. It was moist and flavoursome, with a good combination of textures and flavours as well as a generous portion. My friend enjoyed the mushroom risotto, pickled mushrooms and creme fraiche which was reported as hearty, earthy and tasty.

Feeling pleasantly full we still went on to try the sticky toffee pudding with vanilla ice cream. It was lovely. Not too sweet, a good amount of sauce and locally produced ice cream. Every bit of it was eaten and enjoyed.

After a lovely coffee, we headed off home back for the short 12 min ride feeling well-fed. We'll go again!

by *Winch, Two KBS Foodies*



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District Councillor Jill Rayner's Report



Can you believe it's already June. Where on earth has this year gone?

Firstly, a huge congratulations and thank you to our Parish Council Committee who once again agreed to give up their time for another year. I take my hat off to anyone who work the good of the community and I know there are so many residents in KBS that volunteer in so many areas.

Climate Action Fund. Please help us spread the word that the Climate Action Fund opened on Friday 3 May to help finance climate-related projects in the district. The total funding available will be £100,000. The size of individual grants that can be applied for has doubled to a new maximum of £10,000 (minimum is £250). Great news for local community groups looking to tackle climate change and help nature recovery as the Vale of White Horse District Council has doubled the size of the maximum grant available to £10,000 per project from its Climate Action Fund which is now open. Previously the Climate Action Fund has provided money towards a huge range of climate and biodiversity-related community schemes and applicants have until Friday 28 June to apply.

Changes to our garden waste scheme. The Vale have been working on introducing changes to the way garden waste subscription works. Last month began the transition period towards introducing a new permit scheme next year in April 2025. When a customer's invoice is due, they will receive information on the changeover, what to expect, and what they need to do in early 2025 if they wish to continue to receive the service from April 2025.

Police and Crime Commissioner Election. Matthew Barber has been elected as Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley. The turnout for Vale of White Horse 21.94%.

New housing enforcement policy. Our new Housing Enforcement Policy supports residents as well as social housing landlords, private landlords, letting agents and tenants by setting out in a clear and transparent document the housing standards we expect.

Response to joint local plan consultation. Over 1,200 individuals and organisations have provided several thousand comments to the consultation asking for the community's feedback on councils' proposed plans and draft policies across a range of topics, including climate, housing and jobs, environment, community facilities. This will guide planning decisions in the districts until 2041 and consider what kinds of new housing and jobs are needed and where they should go. The comments and responses will be summarised and will help shape the full draft Joint Local Plan that will be published Autumn 2024 before the plan is then submitted to the secretary of state and then examined by a Planning Inspector.

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centre for the middle of England. This association is depicted in the crest of the town which features an ox over water. It also developed here because it was also a good defensive position surrounded on two sides by rivers - the Thames known locally as the Isis and the Cherwell. The name Thames derives from the river Isis when it met the river Thame, which became Thame-Isis or Thames.



There is a wonderful full-sized statue of an ox to greet you as you exit the train station. However, for 8 weeks this summer there will be an extraordinary exciting **Ox-Trail around Oxford** of 31 life-sized, cow-moo-flaged beasts (puns out of the way!). The exhibition starts on the **5th of July**. In addition, there are going to be 108 mini oxen – some in herds in the City (The picture is of blanks - all under wraps!). This will culminate with all the large oxen coming together in the Westgate Centre between the 6th and 11th of September.

As I write the oxen are at the MINI plant where they will get a final spray coat finish (the same as the MINI itself!), to protect the designs of the local and international artists of the full-sized models and children's designs on the mini models.

Your opportunity here lies on several levels. A walk or cycle round all 31; it's about a 20 km route; walk around your selected few in the City centre; volunteer to be moo-crew looking after an ox for a while in the Westgate (not arduous as no feeding or mucking out required!)

All this is being put together by Sobell House, who as a charity look after 4000 people a year. They will auction off the oxen at the end. There are also all sorts of fundraising options that you can participate in. This is a unique, finite opportunity on your doorstep. See "Oxtrail2024" for the more up-to-date details and the route map.



Oxford Flower Club

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

Members welcomed Rekha Naidoo for our meeting in April. Rekha is very established having demonstrated for 15 years, winning many awards including a Bronze at Chelsea.

'Festivals of India' was the theme for the afternoon. We learnt about customs and traditions in Indian culture, national flowers, and some of their religious festivals and celebrations. Holi is a significant and popular Hindu festival celebrated during spring as the Festival of Colours and Love, while Diwali symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness during the Hindu lunisolar. Rekha's talent captured these festivals using exotic flowers in the most stunning arrangements.



It was clear to see that Rekha has given much thought into her arrangements, enhanced with Indian trinkets and embellishments which she kindly gave away with displays won in the raffle. A truly interesting and colourful afternoon of exoticness. We were delighted to see lots of new guests who received a warm welcome.

June is our summer outing to Bourton House to see the beautiful gardens. Out of Africa by Vijay Biharis is in July. We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month in Cumnor Village Hall.

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Kingston Bagpuize Village Art and Craft Club

 3rd June (Monday) at 9:30am · St. John the Baptist Church Hall

The beginning of May started with showing our contributions to the Challenge of making something from a kitchen item that would normally be thrown away. There was a small yoghurt pot turned into a little light decorated with beads, a large yogurt pot decorated with a country scene for a pen holder and a disposable water bottle turned into a bird feeder. We then continued to work on our own projects chatting away over tea and admiring the work that had been completed.

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 09.30 and finishing at midday with the first meeting being free. Our next meeting is Monday 3rd June 2024 and we look forward to welcoming new members!
Jean Allsworth 07397 530144

 - KBS Village Art and Craft Club



Yvonne Anker (née Kearney), 1962 - 2024



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Yvonne Anker, known to many as Yvonne Kearney. One of the original residents of The Paddock back in 1994, Yvonne was a probate and conveyancing solicitor who acted for the Parish Council as well as many local residents and friends. She later moved to Witney with her family. A kind, gentle, consummate professional, she will be greatly missed.

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D-Day PREPARATIONS IN WANTAGE MAY 1944 Joan Weaving remembers it well!

In May 1944, I was 10 years old and attending the Council School, Garston Lane, Wantage. During playtime one day, we all ran to the wall overlooking the road to see an enormous convoy of army vehicles of all descriptions. They came to a halt and the whole length of the road was blocked. At home time, as we walked home, the pavement was blocked by soldiers lighting up small burners and filling their billy cans with tea. We lived down a rough lane off Garston Lane and there was an

anti-aircraft gun – very large – in the field at the front of our house. It was never fired but had a small group of soldiers there, just in case !

I do not remember how long the road was blocked, but just after they left, a large battalion of USAAF (United States Army Air Force) arrived to take over the airfield at Grove. They were there to supply everything their forces would need when D-Day happened. The airfield at Grove is now almost covered with houses.

Wantage at the time had a population of approximately 5000 and from 1939 it went through an influx of evacuees – ferried from Wantage Road station – British and American soldiers in 1944, followed by German prisoners of War, and finally Irish Workers who dug out the infrastructure on which much of Wantage is built to this day.

Joan is now in her nineties, and for many years was a teacher at John Blandy School and very well known throughout the village.

D-Day Memories

The Americans at Longworth Manor – the build up to D-Day 1944.

As recalled by Eddie Edney, a young lad from Hinton Waldrist.

Born in 1936 I was barely 8 years old on D-Day. Growing up in Hinton Waldrist, D-Day and the War meant very little to us young ones growing up in the idyll of the Berkshire countryside. I do remember the US Army being stationed under canvas at Longworth Manor across the path that leads from Hinton to Longworth. These soldiers were privates and junior NCOs and were the equivalent of our Pioneer Corps - having very large bulldozers and graders, etc. which occasionally had to be washed down to clear the debris from them... So, what did the Americans do – bucket and sponge? No – they took them to the Ford at Duxford – into the ford itself and washed them there having first made an access by dozing a path to reach the ford.....

My other memory is the candy and gum which they distributed to us children – being wartime and rationing, sweets were in very short supply and what was available was not a patch on the US ‘candies’ so you can guess that we were frequently going along the path to the Manor hoping we would be lucky enough to be given candy and gum!

Talking of food, I also remember the Mess Hall (The Manor Barn). Occasionally we would be given access to it and I recall seeing these very long sausages (American Hot-Dogs) simmering away - and sometimes, if we timed it right, at the end of the men’s mealtime we were allowed to have the surplus ones – so you can guess we usually timed it right – talk about Manna from Heaven. To a young Berkshire boy. Of course all things come to an end and one day we went over and the site had been vacated and no one at all was left. Sometime later my parents explained to me all about D-Day...

Find out more:

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	10.30am	Village Communion
Sunday 30th	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Café church in Village Hall with Claire Page from Open Doors

June Highlights

Sunday 3rd Children's Church 10.30am in the Church Room

Prayer and Praise 6pm in the Church Room

Saturday 29th Church Fete in the grounds of Kingston Bagpuize House

Sunday 30th Café Church in the Village Hall with Claire Page from Open Doors

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46 Years of Millets Farm Shop

Did you pop into Millets Farm Shop on Saturday 25th May? If you did, you might have noticed the Farm Shop was celebrating turning 46 years of age! The whole site opened in 1952 and the shop opened in 1978. The Carter family has owned and run Millets all that time and are now into the third generation managing the site on a daily basis. They are proud of their heritage and their place within the wonderful local community.

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Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group - Behind Closed Doors 18 - 20 April 2024

Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group opened the doors of their Village Hall HQ for a captivating evening of four One Act plays. The four pieces ranged from 20 to 40 minutes, with ten actors involved. Like short stories, single act plays must be crisp, brisk and tight in their setting, characters and exposition. There's no time for waffle or prologues. It's lights out, curtain up and go, go go! That's certainly what this extremely talented and cohesive drama group provided, in an evening offering glimpses behind the front doors of four very different dwellings.

First up, **Mother Figure**, written by that colossus of quirky domestic dramas, Sir Alan Ayckbourn. Directed by the artistic colossus of KBDG, Kate Belcher, Lucy, a stay-at-home mum, reveals that she might just have spent rather too much time in her children's company. Played with wit, energy and authenticity by Claire Wheeler, Lucy treats her awkward adult neighbours, Rosemary and Terry, as if they are infants. Sally Lacey and Mike Varnom steadily succumbed to her cheerfully persistent infantilising treatment, changing from concerned, rather intrusive adults into compliant children. A pacy, humorous rendition of a popular short play, skilfully synthesising situation comedy and farce.



Next up, **Housebound** by Simon Mawdsley, and directed by Ian Ashby. This award-winning drama opens with the dramatic entrance of the two characters - a gun-wielding thug and, within her own sitting room, a bound, gagged and blindfolded female victim. The initial alarming menace gradually disintegrates as it becomes clear the thug, "Bone", is a hapless petty-criminal and his victim, Fiona, despite all her many phobias is very much the stronger. The piece gradually unpicks the personalities of the two characters, with a bond developing, particularly in the face of their shared terror for a wasp lurking in the kitchen. Mike Lacey brought great wit to the gradual revelation that he is anything but an experienced gangster.

The extremely authentic gun he brandishes is wittily later revealed to be as innocuous and useless as he is. Lucinda Ramm, as initially fearful Fiona, charted a clever performance trajectory from terrified victim to confident superior. The pair worked intuitively together, both physically and in their conversational interplay. Director Ian Ashby cleverly developed the initial violent threat into power games, humour and neat ending. It's a piece that seems to blend Harold Pinter with Alan Ayckbourn and was a very crafted, confident performance.



After the interval, a touching piece directed with great sensitivity by Fiona Eaton. **Reminiscing** by Charles Dennison, provides just what it says in the title, although with a heartbreaking final twist. An elderly man, James, is dozing in his armchair when his wife, Jennifer, comes in and the pair reminisce about their life together, from first meeting to the arrival of children and grandchildren. It's a familiar, loving series of wistful domestic memories realistically and tenderly portrayed by

Ian Strange and Mary Elizabeth Shewry. The pair absolutely convince as a long married, utterly devoted, content couple. Their dialogue delivery truly reveals the depth and familiarity of their relationship. Both performances were engagingly and freshly authentic. Occasionally their reverie is interrupted by their daughter, Joanne (Deb Didcock), performing household chores. There is of course a final twist, beautifully handled, when Joanne has to gently remind her father at the end that his wife had passed away a few weeks earlier. Jennifer had only been present as a memory. But crucially not a painful one. Instead, a tender, loving remembrance, with no hint of remorse, anger or loss. A truly warming piece of theatre.



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And so to the last piece. **KBDG took *Anyone Can Dance*, (written by Sean Baker)** to Oxfordshire drama festivals in 2023. Rightly admired and enthused over by everyone who encountered it, the production was also performed at the National Drama Festival Finals in Coventry. Directed by Kate Belcher, with Dan Sears playing Joe and Emily Eastham, Samantha, it was a privilege to see this performed in the group's home theatre. Utterly polished and absolutely spellbinding,



Dan and Emily truly inhabit the roles of a fairly new couple, wondering how things might have worked between them had they met earlier in their lives. With a finger click and precision lighting, not to mention a constant process of flawless costume changing, Joe and Samantha recreated their younger selves and fictional earlier encounters. Deftly transitioning in time and location, each vignette was masterful, bringing developing storylines and different emotions to the stage with true plausibility. Dan and Emily performed with confidence, skill and absolute trust in each other. There was a depth and fluency to everything they did, from glances to dances, and a denouement kiss that brought genuine tears to the eyes. At the end, there was a pause before audience applause. It was a pause of utter admiration - for the true, rare magic which live theatre can sometimes invoke.

Thank you - and commendations - to all involved at KBDG for presenting such a fabulous evening. There is so much work, on stage, behind it, at the technical desk and in front of house to deliver a production as polished as this - an exceptional drama team at the top of their game.

Adrian McGlynn, Banbury Cross Players



Dog News

We are excited to introduce the new dog owner section by Anne. This section provides valuable information and tips for dog owners. Stay tuned for regular updates from Anne in our dog owner section.

You don't have to walk far to realise that a large proportion of our residents own dogs, so I thought a regular slot in our village newsletter would be a good idea. We can share ideas for walks, plus hints and tips on anything from dog trainers and food to the best performing

poo bags!

This month a focus on local walks from home. Pounding the pavement through the village is not the most exciting for our furry friends and in summer the pavements are, at times, far too hot for their pads. **The field off Wellington Way** in Southmoor is certainly useful for a good run around off-lead, if your dog has good recall. The private woods at the back are now more open with some trees being removed recently and tempting for a dog that is liable to run off. This site may in future be developed for housing and cannot be relied upon as a walking area in the long-term.

The recreation ground next to John Blandy School is useful, but smaller and one of course has to be mindful that this is a play area for children, especially when the football nets are up. I have also met quite a few of you whilst walking up and down the **old Oxford Road** in Kingston and some of us exercise our dogs around the edge of the adjoining field. The proximity of the A420 gives this walk limited value for safe off-lead use.

I am currently drafting a letter to the Parish Council to bring attention to the lack of resources for dog walkers in our two villages. In light of the proposed development to the east of Kingston, one can assume the number of dog owners is only likely to increase. I believe we need a dedicated area of land that is fenced to be used as a dog park where people can take their dogs for off-lead runs and socialisation.

Please email me if you support this idea. A show of support from villagers would certainly get us more traction with the Parish Council. Let me know if you have any particular dog tips and tricks or information to share in future issues of KBS news! **Anne Jackson, jackson.anne51@gmail.com**



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How Are you going to spend your retirement?



The concept of 'retirement' is relatively new. Before the passing of the Old Age Pensions Act in 1908, it was expected that you would work until you died. If you were ill or infirm and unable to work, your only options were to survive on any savings you might have, to rely upon the goodwill of family and friends, or to apply for relief from the dreaded Work House. The first Old Age Pensions in the world were set up in Germany in 1889 and were paid to those over the age of 70 --- an age limit somewhat cynically decided upon given that the average life expectancy then was 45 for men and 48 for women!

The Old Age Pensions Act of 1908 introduced state-funded pensions in the UK. The pension was set at 5 shillings (that is 25p!) per week or 7 shillings and sixpence for married couples. It was means-tested, with the full amount only paid to those with incomes below £21 p.a., and it decreased on a sliding scale for those with incomes between £21 and £31 p.a. To qualify, you had to be over 70 and had to be of 'good character', with each case individually decided by a local committee. Basically, don't both apply if you were already receiving Poor Relief from the Work House, or if you were an inmate at the local 'lunatic asylum', or if you had served a prison sentence over the previous ten years, or had ever been convicted of drunkenness or found guilty of 'habitual failure to work!' Despite these restrictions, the introduction of the Old Age pension is now seen as one of the foundation stones of the modern Welfare State, and it certainly changed the lives of many people for the better. Although few people today would argue that the basic state pension can fund a life of luxury, it does go some way to helping people enjoy their 'retirement' years after a lifetime of work.

With life expectancy rates now standing at 79 years for men and 84 years for women (data from Office of National Statistics), if we are lucky we can often look forward to a much more 'meaningful' retirement period - doing all those things we didn't have time for when we were working or raising families. However, for some people their retirement also brings new problems: reduced mobility, aches and pains, cataracts and poor hearing, and a capacious but capricious memory! This is where places like the Cedar Club prove invaluable. **They provide a warm safe space full of friendship and entertainment especially designed for those in their retirement years**, where people can sit and talk and make new friends and try new activities. It is no longer unusual to have twenty years or more of 'retirement', and it is essential that we have community clubs where we can make the most of these years - and it is essential that these Clubs are fully supported in their communities.

And speaking of retirement plans..... I am stepping down from the Chair of the Cedar Club at the end of May. It has been a highly eventful six years and the Club has achieved so much since it started in 2018. I'm leaving the Club in good hands and I'm sure it will continue to flourish under our Manager Clare and her caring staff. It has been a great honour to have been involved in the Club, and I urge anybody with some spare time to think about becoming a trustee --- it is a very worthwhile activity and somewhere you can really 'make a difference' in your community.

Please don't forget that the Cedar Club is your club and is there for you. Please contact our Manager, Mrs Clare Stroudley, if you would like to arrange a free visit to come and see everything we can offer.
Valery Rose



Oxfordshire's military museum celebrates its 10th Anniversary with new exhibitions, events and objects.

- Many objects from the museum collection to go on display for the first time, never seen before outside of the museum's archive
- New objects on loan to the museum include Bond memorabilia and film props
- A new trail - *We Need To Talk About War*



Soldiers of
Oxfordshire
Museum



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Longworth & District History Society

📍 June • Visit to The Map Room at the Bodleian
📍 July • Guided walk around Radley College

On May 16th we had a talk from Owen Green about "The Life and Legacy of William 'Strata' Smith: it all started in Oxfordshire" which was very interesting!

In June we have arranged a visit to The Map Room at the Bodleian, which will be an interesting follow-up to the talk we had in February by Nick Millea, the Map Curator of the Bodleian Library.

Then in July we are having a guided walk around Radley College by the Archivist there. Details of these from either Pam (prwoodward@btinternet.com) or Kathy (fletchers10@hotmail.com).

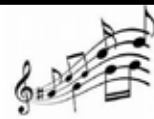
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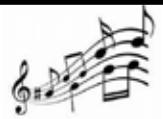
Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club - Juniors

📍 Every Friday, 6.00pm
• KB Cricket Club

Now it's time to get outside with our Bats, Balls, Pads and Helmets and enjoy our outdoor training sessions. **Every Friday** up until the end of August we will hold junior training for those aged 9-14. The current Kingston Bagpuize juniors can't wait to begin training and then to commence the games which are scheduled to start during the first week of May.



CONCERT



Friday 14th June – 7PM
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH,
KINGSTON BAGPUIZE

Come and join us for an evening of popular and light-hearted songs with 'Village Voices' –

Ladies and Men's singing groups
Together with Piano & Instrumental solos and humorous readings

FREE entry and refreshments.

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Celebrate Learning: Free Maths and English Classes Offered at Village Hall!

Join us for an enriching opportunity every Sunday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the Village Hall, starting from 29th April.

We're excited to announce free Maths and English lessons designed to empower our community members with essential skills.

Whether you're looking to sharpen your Maths abilities or enhance your English proficiency, our dedicated volunteers are here to support you. Bring along your questions and curiosity, and we'll provide personalised assistance to help you succeed.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Village Hall management committee for generously offering us the venue free of charge. Their support enables us to provide this valuable service to our community.

Please spread the word and encourage everyone to take advantage of these free classes. Remember, learning knows no bounds, and together, we can build a brighter future for all.

For more information, contact Behnoosh Sabah, bsabah@kbsparishcouncil.org.uk



St John the Baptist Church Village Fete

Saturday June 29th 1-4pm

In the beautiful grounds of
Kingston Bagpuize House

by kind permission of Mrs. Virginia Grant

SORRY NO DOGS

Craft stalls,
Children's games,
Face painting

Teas, Cake stall,
Strawberries
& cream

Local ice cream,
Pimm's tent, Pig
roast

Wantage Silver
Band

Children's
roundabout,
Auction of promises

&

much, much more!

Admission

Adults £2

Children 5-16 50p

Under-fives Free