

The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village

News

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And the Poster Winner is...



We are delighted to announce that the winner of our Litter Poster Competition is 9 year old **Madison Prince**. Find out who the runner-up is and read more on pg. 7.

Wimbledon Comes to KBS! Read more on pg. 22.





8th August - International Cat Day

Hidden somewhere inside the News is a picture of a cat. Can you find it?



Thank you to everyone who came to the Village Fête and created another wonderful community event on a perfect summer's day! Read more on pg. 12.



Village Lunch Monday 8th September 2025

Please come and join us in the Village Hall at 12.30pm. To book your place, it costs £5 per person for a two course hot meal and good company, please contact, by <u>Thursday 28th August</u>. Hazel Brennan (821358), or sign up with Stephen Haywood at the KBS Café.

We look forward to hearing from you.

We'd be grateful if you'd let us know if having booked you are unable to attend to save wasting food.

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Village Diary
Village Hall Booking Details - email: southmoorvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk

Day/ Date Time			What & Where (KBSVH = Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall)				
AUGUST		<u> </u>					
S	t John	the Baptist Pa	arish Church, Kingston Bagpuize Services. – See full details on the Church Pages	5			
Friday	8 th	1.00 - 5.00pr	n Craft Fair & Free Buffet Tea in Petypher House Gardens				
Friday	8 th	6.30pm	Free 'Scams Awareness' Talk at the Kingston Bagpuize Bowls Club, Oxford Road				
Saturday	9 th	2.00 - 4.00pr	n Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club. Visit a member's garden	13			
Sunday	17 th	4.00pm	Last Date / Time for copy to KBS News for the September edition	2			
Thursday	28 th	10.00am	Village Walk and Talk starting at Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall	6			
SEPTEMB	ER						
Monday	1 st	6.30pm	Parish Council Monthly Meeting – Swallow Room,	21			
Tuesday	2 nd	7.15pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club 'Val Bourne, Garden Writer'	13			
Thursday	4 th	8.00pm	Last day / Time for entry form submission into the Annual Village Show	28			
Saturday	6 th	2.00pm	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club, Annual Village Show	28			
Monday	8 th	12.30pm	Village Lunch at Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall 1				
Saturday 1	3 ^{th -} Su	nday 14 th	Friends of Abingdon Heritage Open Day, Free to all the family, Abingdon	24			
Thursday	18 th	7.30pm	Longworth Hist Soc. Marie-Louise Kerr, "Oxfordshire in Canvas"				
Wednesday	y 24 th	9.30am	National Memorial Arboretum Staffordshire Trip, Leaving from Petypher House, Witney Road	7			
Saturday	27 th	2.00pm	Fyfield & Tubney Produce Show & Sale, at Fyfield Church & Village Green 27				
OCTOBER		-					
Tuesday	7th 7.15pm Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club 'Paul Green' + Cheese & Wine						
NOVEMBE	R						
Thursday 2 Saturday 2		Friday 28 th 7.3 00pm and 6.3	KINGSTON BAGNUIZA URAMA GROUN TAUK & THE BEANNING KRSVA	10			

REGULAR EVENTS - Please check with the event organiser to confirm							
In Kingston B	agpuize v	vith Southmoor Village Hall	In Scout Hut, Faringdon Rd (Term Time Only)				
Apple Blossoms W I	esday each month 7.30pm	1st Longworth	Beavers	Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm			
Apple Quilters	i	Monday Each Month pm New Members always welcome	1st Longworth Cubs		Tuesday 6.00pm - 7.30pm Wednesday 5.45pm - 7.15pm		
Clubbercise	Monday	8.00 pm - 9.00 pm See KBS News Ad	1st Longworth	Explorer	rs Wednesday 7.30pm - 9.00pm		
Dance Fitness	Tuesdays	2.30pm – 3.30pm	1st Longworth		Thursday 7.30pm - 9.00pm		
Fitness Session	Monday 9	9.15am - 10.00am tel 07769 883199	At The Bow	ls Club, C	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize		
French for Fun		ay (Term Time only) 9.30 – 11am s & Above Saturdays 9.00 – 10.30am	Bowls Clubs Roll Up Tuesday & Thursday Winter 1.30pm / Summer 2.00p				
Badminton	Improvers	& Returners Wednesday 6.30 - 8pm			Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize		
Club	Intermedi	ates & Above Monday 6.15 – 7.30pm	Junior Pa		Sunday 9.00am		
KB Drama	3 rd Tuesday at 7.30pm & when it occurs		At Jubile	e Sports	Field, Edward Strauss Park		
Group		ay 7.30pm ch Hall for other days)	Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club Junior Training Friday 6 – 8pm				
KBS Cafe	Thursdays	9.00am - 12 noon	In St John the Baptist Church Hall				
KBS Gardening Club	- ₂ <i>i</i>	day monthly 7.15pm for 7.30pm s 1.30 – 2.30pm See KBS News Ad	KB Drama 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month at 7:30pm (see Village Hall for other days)				
KB & S Tennis Club	Tuesday 9 Wednesda	9 - 11am Men's Open ay 6.30-8.30pm Ladies Open			nate Mondays 9.30am - 12.00 noon		
Longworth & Distr History Society	Longworth & District History Society 3rd Thursday every month at 7.00pm			In Longworth Village Hall info at longworthvillage.org.uk			
Southmoor Baby & Toddlers	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		IYENGAR Yoga class Mo (Term Time Only)		onday 7.00pm – 8.30pm Tuesday 11.45am – 1.15pm		
Table Tennis (Over 55's) Currently No Vacancies Tuesday 11am – 12 noon For Info email: bobsouthmoor@hotmail.com		KARATE	Kids	Little Ninjas (3-5yrs) at 4pm - 4.30pm Kids Class (6-12yrs) 4.35pm - 5.25pm			
Yoga Classes	Tuesday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (intermediate) Wednesday 10.30am - 11.15am (seniors) Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (beginners)		PILATES	Mixed Class (6yrs+) 5.30pm - 6. Tuesday 9.15am & 5.45pm Thursday 9.15am & 6.30pm			
Village Walk	age Walk Last Thursday every month 10.00am (Not Dec)						
In Hinton Waldrist Village Hall							
	Cedar Community Club				Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30 -3.00pm		



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AUGUST BIN COLLECTION (late changes will be updated by Email to readers who have joined the KBS News Information email service)							
Wed 6th	Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin						
Wed 13th	Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items + + + +						
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Thurs 28th	Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items + + + +						

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Sunday 3rd Children's Church 10.30am in the Church Room with crafts and activities all children and families welcome

10.30am

Sunday 10th All-Age Worship 10.30am in Church – children and everyone welcome, every second Sunday each month

Sunday 17th Children's Church 10.30am in the Church Room with crafts and activities, all children and families welcome. Every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

Sunday 31st Café Church in the Village Hall, join us for croissants, bacon baps and hear Eve Lockett talk about "Reaching Out In Prayer"

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If you'd like to find out more about our services and resources, or discuss spiritual matters, contact Revd Catherine Schneider email <u>vicar.kbs@gmail.com</u> phone 07865 827679, usual working days Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (and Sunday services)

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Village Walk and Talk



28th August (Thursday) at 10am · KBS Village Hall

The next Walk and Talk will take place on Thursday 28th August departing from KBS Village Hall at 10am. Our last Walk and Talk took place on Thursday 26th June, with 16 walkers taking part and, with some uncertainty over the weather, the group headed for the Millennium Green to witness the effect the dry weather was having on the pond and the wild flower meadow. While there, unfortunately we were caught in a shower of rain. This luckily didn't last very long and we were able to continue walking and talking on our return to the Village Hall for those welcoming refreshments and reflect back on the morning walk. *Ron Green.*



Out & About in Suffolk

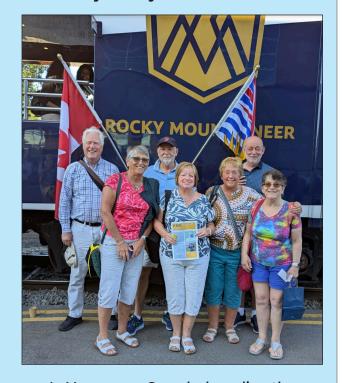


Gillian Minn enjoying a few days in Sunny Suffolk with the KBS News

The intrepid KBS Mob took the KBS News on a journey of a lifetime



The KBS Mob in the Rain Capital of Alaska, Ketchikan.



In Vancouver, Canada, boarding the Rocky Mountaineer.



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KBS Café



Every Thursday 9am to 12pm • Southmoor Village Hall

We serve tea (including different flavoured teas), coffee (including Latte and Cappuccino) 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



We are looking for more people to make cakes for the Café. We would only ask you no more than every 5 to 6 weeks. We are more than happy to pay for the ingredients.

If you can help, please contact Caroline Ashby on 07984 523955 or Ruth on 01865 821386. We look forward to seeing you. *Caroline Ashby*

Litter Poster Competition

It was a close run thing and Madison was almost pipped at the post by the entry from 10 year old Freya who is our runner up! Both posters give a bright and clear message for pedestrians and drivers.

Madison's winning entry will be the first poster to be appearing on our roadsides in the Autumn.



National Memorial Arboretum Staffordshire Trip



24th September (Wednesday)

We are organising a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum on Wednesday 24th September. We will depart from Petypher Gardens at 9.30am and return at 4.30pm. An extra attraction this year is a V.E. exhibition which includes the recreation of the 1940s shop in a street party setting.

The cost of the trip will be £40.00pp which will include a land train ride around the 155 acre site and a cream tea in the restaurant. For more information please contact:

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Every Sunday at 9am • Millennium Green

Did you know there is a junior parkrun at Millennium Green every Sunday at 9.00am? It's for children aged 4 to 14 but the whole family can join in!



What better way to start your Sunday morning than for you and your family to head down to Millennium Green for a run or a jog or a walk around the 2km course. Meet your friends, cheer on your mates and get some fresh air and exercise before heading home for a second breakfast!

It's easy to register with parkrun, just head over to their website <u>www.parkrun.org.uk</u> 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 on holiday) 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).

See you there on Sunday and every Sunday!



Scams Awareness Talk

Come along and receive free information, support and advice on how to deal with and avoid scams.



When: Friday 8th August 6.30pm
Where: Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor
Bowls Club, Oxford Rd,
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Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group

Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum – the panto fun has just begun. Following our open auditions in June, the group has started rehearsals for JACK & THE BEANSTALK. We are pleased to welcome some new youth members to the group, meaning this year's production, directed by Mark Padbury, will be a mix of fresh and familiar faces.

We are delighted to be bringing back family entertainment to the village. Our pantos are always very popular with the last two selling out. A family can enjoy an evening's entertainment, on the doorstep, for less than the cost of one ticket at the Oxford Playhouse and with free parking, fully licensed bar + teas, coffees and other refreshments.

Diary Dates:

- · Thursday 27th November 7.30pm
- · Friday 28th November 7.30pm
- · Saturday 29th November 2.00pm and 6.30pm.

Pricing:

Family ticket (2 adults + 2 children) £35 early bird (booked by 18th September) £40 standard
Adults £12 early bird, £14 standard
Children £7 early bird, £8 standard

This year at time of writing we have already sold half our tickets for the matinee performance so grab your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

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KBS Film and Music Night

No movie in August

Thank you so much to all those who have come to the films over the past year. We are having a break for August but will return in September. Have a lovely summer and safe journey to all of you who are going away.



Tip of the Month

If you are looking for ideas to reduce the energy consumption of your home, why not take a look at what others have done. A House Like Mine - Explore real-life case studies of homes like yours - from Victorian terraces to 1970s builds. See how

others have planned upgrades to improve comfort, cut energy bills, and reduce carbon emissions https://cosyhomesoxfordshire.org/a-house-like-mine-case-studies/

The Oxfordshire Energy Saver App is free for any Oxfordshire resident with an electricity smart meter. https://energysaverapp.com can help you understand your home energy use and will send you notifications of schemes to help you fund any changes.



If you do not have a smart meter then keep an eye on https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/energy-and-climate-change/retrofitting-your-home/retrofit-help-you for grants, loans or advice that may be available to help you upgrade your home.

Oxford Congestion Charge

Oxford is planning to introduce a temporary £5 daily congestion charge for cars passing through six specific locations (Hythe Bridge Street, St Cross Road, St Clements Street, Thames Street, Marston Ferry Road, Hollow Way) in the city centre, starting in Autumn 2025.

The Council is asking for people's views on the proposal by 3rd August. More information could be found: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/connecting-oxfordshire/temporary-congestion-charge.







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Village Fête 2025

Thank you to everyone who came to the Village Fête on 28th June and created another wonderful community event on a perfect summer's day. A special thank you goes to all those who helped set up and break down the site, worked on the stalls, helped out at the gates and car park, baked cakes, donated items, advertised in the programme, and sponsored various elements. But, of course, the fête wouldn't happen without the generous support of Mrs Virginia Grant and her family who allow us to take over the beautiful gardens at Kingston Bagpuize House. We are truly grateful to everyone who contributed. This year's event was a huge success, with more stalls than ever before and a wonderful variety of village organisations getting involved. We counted over 1100 people through the gates, but conservative estimates put the overall attendance around 1250. Here are just a few of the lovely comments we picked up from visitors on the day...

This is wonderful – it's everything a village fête should be!

It's hot but I wouldn't want it any other way!

Have you tasted the ice-cream? It's incredible!

Although the Fête Committee will be taking a break for the next few months, thoughts are already focused on 2026 and how to make the day even better. If you have a view on what worked well, or an idea about what we could do to improve things next year, please drop us a line at kbsfete@gmail.com. And if you want to get involved, either with behind-the-scenes organisation or on the day, we'd love to hear from you too! The KBS Village Fête Committee





6th September (Saturday)
• Village Show • Southmoor
Village Hall

Our Garden Party in July was a great success, as was our plant sale at the fête and subsequent pop-up plant sale at the stone bus shelter. We made a grand total of £452.56, which beats our previous best by a whisker! Many thanks to everyone who donated or purchased plants or helped out on the day. This event is our most important fund-raiser and the proceeds will be used towards booking some great speakers for next year for everyone to enjoy.

The next thing we have to look forward to is a small 'Member's Open Garden' in Southmoor on Saturday 9th August from 2-4pm. The weather hasn't been kind to gardens so far this year, so it will be interesting to see what's surviving in the difficult conditions and compare notes...The invitation is for members only – a free perk - and the address will be shared a few days in advance. If you'd like to join us, membership for the rest of 2025 is now an absolute bargain at just £6.00! This would also give you free entry to our next two talks (well-known garden writer and speaker Val Bourne on Tuesday 2nd September and the entertaining Paul Green on Tuesday 7th October) as well as the AGM with cheese & wine, so well worth the money.

Our next big event is the Village Show on Saturday 6th September. There are loads of different categories of things you can enter including flowers, plants, fruit, veg, arts and crafts, photography and cookery so, hopefully, you can find something you can have a go at! There are separate categories for kids too. The schedule, which lists all the things you can enter, is now available to view / download from www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk and there are hard copies available from both Co-ops, One Stop, the Waggon & Horses and Corne Motors. Please see separate advertisement on the back page in this issue for full instructions of what you need to do to take part. The success of the show depends on people entering things, so please do enter something if you can. It's all a bit of fun and you may even win a cup or one of the amazing raffle prizes! And did I mention there'll be a pop-up café with home-made cakes?

Our regular talks take place at Southmoor Village Hall, doors 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Visitors to meetings are charged £4 to include complimentary refreshments and you'll be very welcome if you'd like to come along. For more info email skbgardeningclub@gmail.com or call Sharon on 01865 820399. **Sharon Cooper (Chair)**

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As Cub leaders, it is a privilege to help teach life skills, socialise and be a part of the Scouting community.

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Longworth Cub Scouts have been busy, enjoying the nice weather.

Our Cubs successfully completed a 5km hike through Chimney Meadows, finding lots of wildlife along the way. The Cubs demonstrated team work and resilience towards their peers, which was great to see.

The Cubs also impressed the Cub Leaders with their people skills, while assisting with our stall at the KBS village fête. We had lots of fun with fairground type games, magnetic darts and the most popular, 'shoot a duck!' We were very grateful to those who visited our stall and took part, you would have met our friendly, helpful Cubs explaining the games, handling the money, and giving out prizes to the winners with the help of our volunteer leaders too.





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Preparation 30 mins to 1 hour, Cook 30 mins to 1 hour Serves 6

Ingredients

- 1 bunch young asparagus, about 10 spears, trimmed
- · 5 rashers dry-cure smoked back bacon
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely sliced
- 25g/1oz cornflour
- 300ml/½ pint semi-skimmed milk
- 3 free-range eggs, beaten
- 25g/1oz extra-mature Cheddar cheese, finely grated flaked sea salt
- · freshly ground black pepper



 4 sheets filo pastry, each about 32 x 38cm/13 x 15in

For the pastry

1 tbsp sunflower oil, plus extra for oiling the tin

Method

- Slice the asparagus into lengths of about 5cm/2in. Half fill a large non-stick frying pan with water and bring to the boil. Add the asparagus, bring back to the boil and cook for a minute until just tender. Drain and rinse under running water until cold, then pat dry.
- 2. Trim any fat off the bacon and cut into 1cm/½in strips. Return the pan to a low heat, add the oil and gently fry the onion and bacon until lightly browned, stirring regularly.
- 3. Add the onion and bacon to the bowl with the asparagus, toss lightly and leave to cool.
- 4. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6. Place a baking tray in the oven to heat.
- Lightly oil a 20cm/8in loose-based fluted flan tin that's about 3.5cm/1½in deep. Pour the rest of the oil into a small bowl.
- 6. Place a sheet of filo pastry in the flan tin, pressing it firmly against the base and sides. Using the tip of a pastry brush, brush the pastry with a little oil then cover with a second pastry sheet at a right angle to the first. Brush with more oil and cover with a third sheet at the same angle to the first. Brush with the oil and cover with a fourth sheet, running in the same direction as the second. Roll and crumple the overhanging pastry back on to the rim of the tin, lifting slightly above it, and brush lightly with the remaining oil. Place the tin on the baking tray.
- 7. Put the cornflour in a non-stick saucepan and stir in 50ml/2fl oz of the milk to make thin paste. Pour over 200ml/7fl oz of the milk and stir well. Bring to a simmer, stirring constantly.
- 8. Cook for a minute over a medium heat, stirring, until the sauce is thick and smooth.
- 9. Season, then remove from the heat and stir in the rest of the milk to cool and loosen the sauce.
- 10. Stir in the beaten eggs until thoroughly combined.
- 11. Scatter half the asparagus, bacon and onion mixture over the base of the pastry case and pour the white sauce gently on top. Scatter the remaining asparagus and bacon mixture on top and press down lightly, then sprinkle evenly with the cheese.
- 12. Bake on the preheated baking tray in the centre of the oven for 25-30 minutes or until the pastry is lightly browned and crisp and the filling is set.
- 13. Take the flan out of the oven and leave to cool in the tin for 10 minutes before removing. Serve warm or cold.



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The Riverside Café Review



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On a very warm day we headed off to The Riverside Café, The Island, Bridge Street, Abingdon for lunch. It has recently changed hands, so we thought to go and visit it. We drove there in 20 minutes from Southmoor and parked at The Rye Farm Car Park which is a short stroll from it. This district council car park has 121 spaces and is £2.00 for 2 hours.

We climbed down the steep steps (not wheelchair friendly) to a beautiful location by the river with multiple outdoor tables and benches full of people and a duck enjoying the gorgeous views. It was a very hot day, so we decided to eat indoors in the recently redecorated simple and spacious interior which is large with an array of different size tables.

We had not booked but easily found a table although some had been reserved for a large party. It was a sunny day, so most people opted to sit outside. The menu is a 'classic café' one which consists mainly of bread based products, such as sandwiches, toasties and also baked potatoes, which was a little disappointing (£6.95 to £10.50). There was a Specials blackboard with a little more variety and I chose from this: a goat's cheese and caramelised onion tartlet with beetroot and mixed leaves and balsamic (£7.25). My friend went for a baked potato with houmous and roasted peppers (£8.45).

We ordered these at the counter where we were greeted by a very impressive array of cakes, pastel de nata and some huge scones which looked very tempting. Definitely worth another visit to try, we thought.

Our food arrived promptly and had been freshly prepared. It was tasty, if a little basic, and the pastry thick and well cooked which did not surprise me as the patisserie looked so good. The baked potato was

well filled with a rather creamy hummus mixed with fresh red peppers with a little salad. All quite filling and well presented. We then had decaffeinated coffees which were good and were tempted by the cabinet of ice creams.

Overall, it was a lovely experience to eat, slightly out of town, in such an iconic location by the relaxing water's edge and enjoy watching boats, wildlife and people and the beautiful views. The location is amazing and makes up for the rather underwhelming lunchtime menu. We will come back again, though, to try the lovely cakes and scones, or maybe breakfast which is available until 11.30 and has its own large menu. It's a place that has great reviews and appears independent so worth supporting. Wilrich, two KBS foodies.





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KBS Nature

So last month I promised you I would take a look at the little things but before I get on to that topic let's mention red kites!

Apparently, the red kites have been causing a bit of hoo-ha on the village Facebook page. I have noticed there have been a lot more kettling around of late and they are quite a spectacle. I don't want to use this column as a platform for debate but just from my personal point of view I don't think they are posing a threat to the local cat population and, as natural scavengers, they don't need us to feed them and will manage quite well on their own. Just get your binoculars out and enjoy these marvellous raptors.



And back to the little things. I was delighted to receive a message from Joan Cooper who wanted to share some photos of the wildlife she gets in her Mediterranean style garden. Like me, Joan enjoys seeing the bees and other insects relishing the surroundings that have been created for them. I was particularly pleased to see Joan's photo of the grasshopper. The top of our garden is left unmown at this time of year, with wildflowers, grasses and backed by a brick wall that gets nicely baked by the sun. The grasshoppers take great pleasure in soaking up the heat and I love hearing them chirruping away on a summer's evening. All they are missing are a pair of sunglasses and maybe a cheeky cocktail (ok, I have a very vivid imagination!).

I have also noticed that the wasps are on the move. I am not too bothered by wasps (although not

happy if they persistently buzz in my face) and I am a massive fan of hornets. They are such beautiful creatures and queen hornets in particular

are quite spectacular. The European hornet should be considered the gardener's friend, eating many of the "pests" and will only attack if it feels threatened. I usually see quite a few on the ivy towards the end of the summer sitting alongside Red Admiral butterflies drinking on the nectar.

Next time: Across the Irish sea and other serpent tales... In the meantime, please do continue to send me your observations, photos etc. on anything from the natural world that may be of interest to our readers at kbsnature2025@gmail.com. Best wishes, Linda.





We have a secluded paddock of more than two acres in Southmoor, on which we would be happy to have one or **two horses, ponies or donkeys for free grazing**. The field is securely fenced and has separate easy access and water.



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News from the Bowls Club

Sunday 29th June saw the KB&S BC members host a friendly match with the Royal Berkshire Bowling Association President's team. The President's

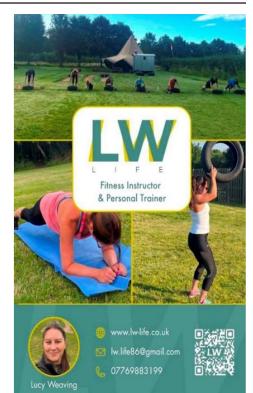
team consists of 4 triples. The match was played in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere with a reduced number of ends, due to the hot weather affecting all the players.

On finishing the match, a sit down meal was provided for all players and support staff. The President presented trophies to members of both teams following the meal. We look forward to the RBBA President visiting us again in September 2025. He will host a match at KB&S, between his selected team and the Deputy President's team. A hot meal will available on the match conclusion.

Tuesday 1st July saw for the second time young people in the Millennium Green trying to disturb the playing of a match. This involved them climbing the fence, between the club and green shouting and kicking a football against the fence. The most disturbing incident was when a full water bottle was thrown into the green from the Millennium Green on the 1st July. Fortunately the bottle did not hit anyone playing in the match.

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KBS Badminton Club



Every Monday (6:15 - 7:30pm), Wednesday (6.30 - 8pm) and Saturday (9.00 - 10.30am) • Southmoor Village Hall

August is a great month if you're thinking about trying out the badminton club in the village, as there tends to be more space during the main holiday periods. Hopefully,

we've seen the worst of the heat this year and can look forward to some slightly more comfortable playing conditions... We're very lucky in that we now have four different badminton sessions at the Village Hall each week. They're roughly graded by ability, as it's usually more fun to play with people of a similar level, but there is some overlap so feel free to try whichever one suits you. All the groups play for fun rather than serious competition.

We're currently looking for new players to join the Monday evening (6.15 – 7.30pm) sessions and the Saturday morning (9.00 – 10.30am) sessions. You do need to be a competent player for these groups, by which we mean you need to know how to score, know the rules, have some previous experience and have a bit of a competitive streak. The improvers sessions on Wednesday evenings (6.30 – 8pm) are much the same but with the shuttle generally travelling a bit more slowly. If you're a complete beginner or have played a little bit but don't know the rules or how to score we now have dedicated sessions on Wednesday evenings from 8pm – 9pm. There's no formal tuition, but the aim is for those who have been playing for longer to share their knowledge with new joiners. It's a very friendly and informal way of getting into the game. All the sessions will be running in August, including the Monday Bank Holiday.

The first couple of sessions are free and, after that, we ask you to commit on a monthly / 3-monthly basis and share the court hire costs. Other than that, you only need a racquet so it's very cheap entertainment! We don't offer 'drop in' and sessions are occasionally cancelled, so please get in touch with us before coming along. Contacts are: sharon@cherrytree21.plus.com (01865 820399) for Mondays and Saturday, Jenny jenny.frame@live.co.uk for Wednesday Improvers and Scott spj74@outlook.com for Wednesday Beginners. Sharon Cooper

Kingston Bagpuize Village Art and Craft Club

25th August (Monday) at 9:30am • St. John the Baptist Church Hall

As July began, we gave a sigh of relief that despite the heat we had enjoyed a successful day at the village fête and would like to thank those who paid a visit to our stall. Continuing with our own work, we discussed dates for future projects and those who wanted to do them. Projects include making a small origami box and making a card using craft stamps. A visit is also planned, for the 11th August, to spend the craft morning at Millets, relaxing with coffee and a cake and of course chatting.

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 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 August 25th 2025. We look forward to welcoming new members. Jean Allsworth 07397530144





News from the Parish Council



1st September (Monday) • Swallow Room • KBS Village Hall

Parish Clerk email: clerk@kbs-parishcouncil.gov.uk

Meeting minutes and appendices are available online at https://www.kbs-parishcouncil.gov.uk/
document-category/minutes.

The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council met on July 7th to discuss key local matters affecting the community. Councillors received updates from District and County representatives. Key topics included upcoming resurfacing at the A420/Charney Road junction, discussions on council reorganisation, and potential speed reduction and cameras on the A420. Public concerns raised included uneven pavements, defibrillator coverage, and parking near the school. Planning updates involved support for a new nursery building, continued objection to a 249-home development, and approval for a self-build home.

Administrative matters covered: The sports pavilion planning conditions, routine inspections, and issues with equipment and pavilion security. Payments for the month were approved. Updates were given on boundary wall maintenance at the burial ground, with long-term repair funding being considered. The council agreed to minor updates to the Tree Management Policy and delayed action on restoring the war memorial green due to dry weather. A grant for the village tea was approved, while a decision on underwriting crocus bulb planting was deferred.



As previously reported, the Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor (KBS) Neighbourhood Development Plan is nearing completion. This important document will guide development decisions in our village for years to come, covering everything from housing and green spaces to infrastructure and community facilities.

To ensure it truly represents our community's vision for the future, the current Draft Neighbourhood Plan was available for residents to read and leave comments. 2 public events have taken place. At the Village Fete on June 28th and again on Tuesday July 8th at a drop-in event in the village hall, residents were able to read the draft plan, discuss the proposals with members of the steering group and, most importantly, make comments and suggestions for the plan and our community going forward. Numerous comments were made at both events covering a wide range of topics and are now being incorporated into the Draft Plan. The updated draft will then be circulated to all members of the NDP Steering Group to consider, with a view to approving at a meeting in early September. Once the draft plan has been agreed by the Steering Group it can then be submitted for independent review, the next



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step in the application process.

18th September (Thursday) at 7:30pm · Marie-Louise Kerr "Oxfordshire in Canvas"

We have a holiday in August but start our meetings again in September, in Southmoor Village Hall when Marie-Louise Kerr, Curator at West Berkshire Museum, will be coming to give her talk "Oxfordshire in Canvas". The date for this is Thursday 18th September at 7.30pm. *Pam Woodward*



KBS Tennis Club

Wimbledon Comes to KBS!

What a super day at our Wimbledon-themed tennis tournament a few weeks ago. Players channelled their inner legends - complete with wigs, vintage headbands and retro glasses. From Boris Becker to Serena Williams, the courts were full of champions (past and present-ish)!

The rallies were fierce, the laughter loud, and the Pimms flowing - with plenty of strawberries and cream to keep everyone fuelled for some really fun tennis.

A huge thank you to everyone who played, dressed up, cheered on, and helped make the day unforgettable. Wimbledon magic, KBS style!







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A Tudor Tour to Remember!

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With warmth, clarity, and an impressive depth of knowledge, Richard guided us through the dramatic years of the Reformation, exploring how English cathedrals adapted to a changing world of politics, faith, and power. We enjoyed a whistle-stop tour of monarchs, along with an unexpected refresher in UK cathedral geography! A huge thank you to Richard, and to all who joined us for such a memorable and engaging evening. It was lovely to welcome both our visitors and members alike!

Coming Up: Puddings & Fizz (Members Only)

In August, we're trading timelines for treats! We're looking forward to a relaxed and social evening of Puddings & Fizz, a members-only event designed to bring us together for more laughter, conversation, and community.

The evening's going to be the bee's knees, especially with our guest speaker sharing all the buzz about beekeeping - and yes, don't forget to bring some money for your honey! Naomi & Jules, Apple Blossoms WI, appleblossomswi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk



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Oxford Flower Club



No meeting in August • Cumnor Village Hall

Members enjoyed a delicious cream tea at our June meeting. Homemade sandwiches, wraps, scones and a selection of cakes were enjoyed.

In addition, we enjoyed a demonstration of paper flower making by Ann Dawson. Ann, who is a member of Bladon and Woodstock flower club, gave up her time to show us the incredible arrangements she had made. We then had step by step guidance on how to make a clematis flower. I think we are now all hooked on making more flowers.

Helen Temple was our demonstrator for July, no meeting in August. In September we welcome Trudie Easton with a theme of 'Queen Bees'.

If you would like a new interest and are keen to know more about our club, call Karen on 07967 555750 for more information. We meet every fourth afternoon of the month in Cumnor Village Hall.

Anti-Social behaviour, Pavement Parking and Illegal use of Electric Scooters.

If you view a vehicle posing an immediate danger or an Electric Scooter being used, not on private land, you should call **Thames Valley Police on 999.**

If you view a vehicle which is not posing an immediate danger, but is being parked in an anti-social way, you may call **Thames Valley Police on 101** and report the situation.

Other Anti-Social matters

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. This website includes definitions of Anti-Social behaviour. If you observe or become aware of Anti-Social behaviour described in the above call 101.





Report from Cllr Lee Evans

I wanted to start by saying how much I enjoyed this year's Village Fete. It was great to see so many stalls, raising money for the church and other causes, supported by people from across KBS and beyond. Thanks to everyone who helped make it such a successful event.

If you see someone around the village wielding a can of spray paint whilst wearing a hi-vis jacket, don't worry. It probably isn't a health-and-safety conscious vandal – it might be me marking up a pothole! That's because I've recently completed my training to be a FixMyStreet Super User, meaning I can now commission repairs to certain road and pavement defects. As part of the training, I went out and marked three potholes for repair and have been out since identifying more. All potholes reported

by Super Users (you can usually spot them as they are marked in white paint) should be repaired within 28 days.

I'm keen for more people to become Super Users in our area to help make our roads fit for purpose. KBS Parish Council's Outdoor Officer has recently completed her training and if you would like to join us as Super Users, please do let me know.

Sticking with our roads, I recently met with the headteacher at John Blandy Primary School to discuss road safety on the Blandy estate. I'm very grateful to the school for being proactive in looking for ways to improve the situation. By early August, 'keep clear' signs will be painted onto the road at the main entrance to the school. Next, we're looking at reducing the likelihood of accidents in and around Fir Tree Close. I'm working with the County Council on this and once I have more information on the options I'll share it with residents. In the meantime, I'd be very happy to hear from anyone in the village about their views on the best way forward.

At every Full Council meeting of Oxfordshire County Council, Councillors can ask up to three questions of the Council's leadership. At the most recent meeting, I asked about support for young people with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities, measures to prevent flooding, and unspent developer contributions. The answers revealed that £4.1 million of developer contributions, related to projects in the villages of the Kingston & Stanford division, remains unspent – instead, this money is sat in the Council's bank accounts. This simply isn't good enough and I've asked the responsible Cabinet member to work with me to get this money invested in our community.

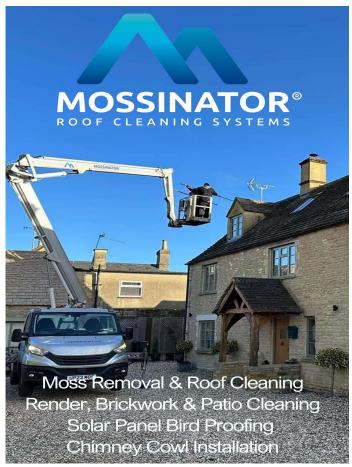
Finally, I wanted to thank everyone who came to my recent street surgery by the Co-op on Faringdon Road. I'm taking up all the issues raised and will follow up with residents directly. If you couldn't make it, but have an issue I can help with, you can always contact me on 07724601096, lee. evans@oxfordshire.gov.uk or at facebook.com/LeeEvansOxfordshire.

Heritage Open Day



13th - 14th September • Abingdon

The Friends of Abingdon are organising another Heritage Open Day, this year featuring the interesting architecture we enjoy every day. From the lost buildings exhibition in the Roysse Room to the ultra modern Sophos Headquarters in Barton Lane, there is an opportunity to learn more about the rich heritage of Abingdon. The events this year take place on 13th and 14th of September when we will be able to appreciate what our forebears have created and left for us to enjoy. The events are free for all the family and there is more information at www.abingdonheritage.org.uk. Many thanks, *Ruth Weinberg*





Update from Charlie Maynard MP

I hope you're all enjoying the glorious sunny weather we have been enjoying recently and are looking forward to a welldeserved break at some point over the summer!

The last month has been another busy one – full of interesting visits to schools, farms, businesses and homes across the constituency. One big highlight in June was bringing a cross-party group of MPs, who I work with on the Business and Trade Committee in Parliament, to visit Witney's High Street and meet local business owners. This was part of an inquiry the Committee is doing on how to support local high streets and town centres to thrive. I was

really pleased to show them our beautiful High Street. The voice of Witney's business leaders will come through loud and clear in the recommendations the Committee makes to the Government.

I also loved taking part in River Revival Day and was delighted to be invited to compete on one of the rafts. We made it to the end of the course, though not completely in one piece and certainly not dry. It was a great day and raised money for some great local causes, including Windrush Against Sewage Pollution (WASP), which has done so much to highlight the damage being done to our fabulous local rivers. Well done to all the organisers on a fantastic event.

Last month, my team and I passed the milestone of completing 5,000 pieces of casework for constituents. Casework is the most essential and rewarding part of an MP's job – helping local people with challenges they are facing – from visa delays to anti-social behaviour, to flooding, to support for Special Educational Needs. We, as a team, work to find solutions with local councils, government departments, local police, housing associations and other agencies to try and get people the help they need. A lot of the queries we receive also ask for my support for causes related to a whole range of national and international policy issues – from climate change to international trade, to the crisis in Gaza.

June also saw a very serious incident in the constituency which drew national attention – The security breach at RAF Brize Norton by Palestine Action. This left many people in the surrounding area feeling shaken and it highlighted the long-term underinvestment in security at the base. As a result of the break-in, I have met the Armed Forces Minister as well as RAF and MoD personnel to discuss security at RAF Brize Norton. At RAF Brize Norton itself, I'm grateful to Group Captain Lou Henton for enabling a thorough investigation underway so quickly. I look forward to being updated on developments.

In Westminster this month we have considered some complex issues. There were several debates on the Terminally III Adults (End of Life) Bill. Having considered it very carefully, including reading the thoughtful representations I had from so many constituents, I decided to vote in favour of the Bill. I support the overarching principle – that adults who have mental capacity, are terminally ill and in the final six months of their life, should have the choice to request assistance from a doctor to end their life in order to avoid suffering in the final months of their life.

I also carefully considered the safeguards the Bill puts in place and I do believe they are robust. I appreciate the very strong views on both sides of this debate and I truly felt the significance of the moment when I cast my vote.

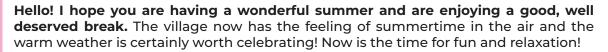
Much of my work over the last month has also focused on the ongoing crisis in Gaza. I am sure you share my deep distress at the horrifying reports emerging every day from the region. I've continued to try and use my voice in Westminster to push our Government to act more decisively. I have worked with colleagues on the Business & Trade Select Committee to push to end the exports of all weapons which are then used by Israel to bomb Gaza and to find ways to get more aid into Gaza.

I led a meeting where Liberal Democrat colleagues heard from the Palestinian Head of Mission to the UK, about the importance of formally recognising the Palestinian State. I also supported a motion tabled by Lib Dem Leader Sir Ed Davey MP, which "calls on the Government to develop an alternative plan with other countries to take aid into the Strip through a humanitarian corridor, ideally sponsored by the UN". This month the Government also published its Spending Review and Industrial Strategy, which sets out how they plan to stimulate the economic growth the country desperately needs. While some of the commitments were welcome, it was clear that in many ways it fell short of the settlement that vital public services need. The policing budget increase is completely inadequate. Another huge disappointment is that the funding for local councils will not be enough to keep pace with need. Services like SEND which are already hugely overstretched will continue to struggle and families will continue to be let down.

It has been another rewarding month, but one where I have felt acutely aware of what a huge responsibility it is to hold this role. There have been some sobering debates and tough voting decisions.

I always very much welcome constituents getting in touch and as ever, if there is anything I can do to support you, or if there is any issue you would like to raise with me, don't hesitate to get in touch with my team and me – charlie.maynard.mp@parliament.uk.





Recently, the English women's football team (known as the Lionesses) have played in the UEFA Cup, or the Euros. I am not a particular football fan, but still watched the

games and was surprised at how quickly I began supporting them and cheering them on. They always play with skill and excellent teamwork, something we can apply to our lives in sport and friendships. I think it's quite important to support a team, be it your country or your village club, as it brings people closer together and creates a common interest. What team do you support or like to watch perform? Write it here:

Furthermore, Wimbledon, the biggest tennis event of the year, was won by Jannik Sinner, the number one in the world. He played against Carlos Alcaraz, the defending champion. If you like tennis, we are fortunate enough to boast our own tennis courts and club within the village!

Also on the topic of sports, I was able to attend the London Athletics Meet in July, where professional athletes go head to head in different track and field events. These events include running, jumping and throwing. Athletics is by far my favoured sport and I will always jump at the opportunity to watch it and participate. I also compete in this sport myself with a club and have found it one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. It teaches bravery (when you just don't want to do it), strength (to go again even if last time did not go too well) and so much more! I would certainly recommend it if you have an interest! Some of the nearest athletics clubs include Abingdon, Radley, Oxford and Witney.

Despite liking sports, I also love drawing, reading, writing, creating and a bit of gaming too! What are your interests or hobbies? **Write them below:**

On a different note, around the village I have noticed that some bins belonging to villagers have been taking over the pavement when they are waiting to be collected. This makes it difficult for people with prams, wheelchairs, mobility scooters and bikes to access the pavement and they may have to resort to moving onto the road as the bins may be too difficult to manoeuvre. This is dangerous! Please make sure your bins are safely out of the way for people so they can access the pavement safely and continue their journeys. Thank you!!! I hope everyone has a wonderful summer! Darcey

Puzzle of the Month - Summer in the Village Wordsearch

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Magnus Macfarlane Encaenia

One of those classic Oxford traditions, full of pomp and ceremony, but supremely elegant is Encaenia. (Greek for "festival of renewal"). It is almost as old as the University itself. It is held on a Wednesday at the end of the summer term, and you can get up close to the procession to see what's going on.



It is the annual honorary awards ceremony. Honorands and dignitaries gather at a local college – this year, Exeter on Turl Street, before proceeding down Brasenose Lane into the Old Schools Quad and on to the Sheldonian, the graduation hall of the University. I was away this year but several of my Guild of Guides colleagues gathered to watch the ceremony. The procession starts with the Bedels leading the route. One friend lain Stevenson, in videoing the procession into the Old Schools



Quad, called out "good morning" to Vice Chancellor Irene Tracey she in all politeness turned, doffed her hat, and carried on her way. This year's graduands included some names you may recognise: Dame Jacinda Ardern, Lord Melvyn Bragg, Sir Mo Farah and Clive Myrie. Apart from being present and seeing the real ceremony, there is an opportunity when watching the Morse episode "Twilight of the Gods" to see a pastiche of the events. It's great because not only does it show a procession (this

time down Broad St) but also the inside of the Sheldonian, and as it's an episode in a murder mystery, the ceremony is very much disrupted.

After the ceremony it is traditional to have afternoon tea in another adjacent college. A few years ago,

I was lucky enough to be invited into the fellows' quad of Wadham College, another first for me, a place I had never been in before and an event I had never attended.

Today's proceedings are a slimmed down version of "The Act" which included specially composed music and a satirical and often scandalous address by the Terrea Filius (Son of the Earth), an anonymous and sometimes controversial character. It was a ruckus affair and quite unsuitable for St Mary the Virgin Church, which was glad to pass it on to the Sheldonian in the 1670s.

Future opportunity: Open Doors weekend - 14th 15th September. This is the occasion on which so many venues in Oxford are free and open to the public. Go Online and plan your visits now.







Organised by Southmoor and Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor

Village Show

Saturday 6th September

2 - 4pm at the Village Hall, Draycott Road

All villagers (children and adults) are welcome to enter items into the show. You could win a prize!

If you plan to enter anything, **entry forms** and fees must be handed in **no later than 8pm on Thursday 4**th **September 2025**

For full instructions, a list of the categories and an entry form, download the Schedule using the QR code below or visit www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk



Displays of fruit, vegetables, flowers, arts & crafts, jams & jellies, cakes and biscuits, photographs, flower arranging and much more...

Home-made cakes, tea & coffee. Raffle & Tombola!

Admission £1.00 Children free ('Cash only' event)





* sewing * drawing * COULD THIS CUP HAVE YOUR NAME ON? * bread-making



Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor

Village Show

What can you do? Anyone living in KBS can take part!

How to enter this fun event in 5 easy steps:

- 1. Download and look at the Schedule (scan QR code or visit our web site)
- 2. Choose which categories you want to enter lots to choose from!
- 3. Get growing / cooking / drawing / crafting / snapping / creating....
- 4. Fill in an entry form (p8 of Schedule) and drop off by 8pm Thursday 4/9/25
- 5. Drop off your entries at the Village Hall **9am 10.30am Saturday 6/9/25** (FULL INSTRUCTIONS ARE ON P2 OF THE SHOW SCHEDULE)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROJECTS!



Kids can take part in any category but there are also **special categories for children by age group:** Mr Potato Head / Picture of an animal (any medium) / Decorated cup cakes / Grow a bean in a glass jar. It's free for kids to enter. All children receive a certificate and the winner in each age group receives a cup. It's a great family event!

Don't forget to come along on the afternoon of the Show to see if you've won a prize!

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