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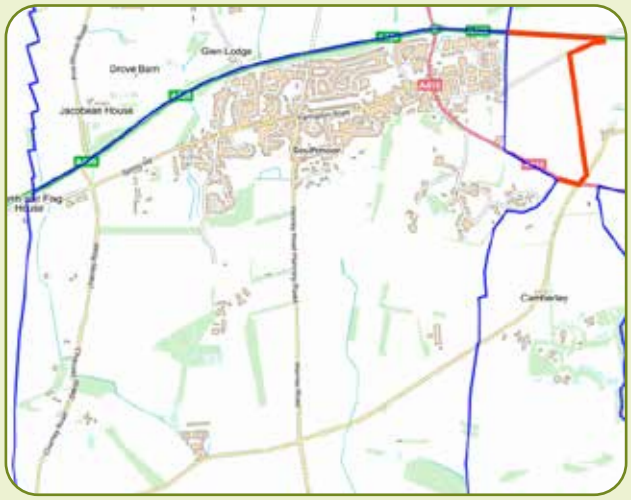
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Proposal to Extend Parish Boundary with Tubney & Fyfield Approved



The Vale of White Horse District Council committee has unanimously approved moving our parish boundary with Fyfield and Tubney, so that the future Ferrers Green development will fall within Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor. The parish council has also backed the reserved matters application for 605 homes east of the village. Full report on Page 8.

Winners of the KBS Creative Writing Competition Revealed!
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KBS News AGM

The KBS News AGM will take place on **Tuesday 17th November** at **8pm** in the Swallow Room at the Village Hall.

All residents will be welcome. The Agenda can be found at **www.kbsonline.org**. Please come along and meet the KBS News Team.



New Run Club is a Big Success!

The KBS Run Club held its first meeting on the 6th of October and the turnout was far better than anyone had hoped for. Turn to page 7 for details on how you can join.

Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 8th November, 10.20am on the Millennium Green, followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11am. The Oxford Road and A415 will be closed for the two-minute silence.



Enjoy Bonfire Night, but spare a thought for pets and wildlife

check bonfires for hedgehogs before lighting

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REGULAR VILLAGE EVENTS - Please check with the event organiser to confirm

In Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall

Apple Blossoms WI	2nd Tuesday each month 7.30pm
Apple Quilters	2nd & 4th Monday each month 10am-2pm
Clubbercise	Mondays 8-9pm
Dance Fitness	Tuesdays 2.30-3.30pm
Fitness Session	Mondays 9.15-10am tel 07769 883199
French for Fun	Wednesdays (term time only) 9.30-11am
KBS Badminton Club	Beginners: Wed 8-9pm Intermediate: Wed 6.30-8pm Experienced: Sat 9-10.30am | Mon 6.15-7.30pm
KB Drama Group	3rd Tuesday (and 5th when it occurs) at 7.30pm (see Church Hall for other days)
KBS Cafe	Thursdays 9am-12pm
KBS Gardening Club	1st Tuesday each month 7.30pm
KBS Pilates	Thursdays 1.30-2.30pm
KBS Tennis Club	Tuesday 9-11am Senior Men's Open Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm Ladies Open Thursdays 6-10pm: Men's Open Sundays 10am-12pm: Mixed Club Morning
KBS Run Club	Tuesdays 6.30pm, outside Village Hall
Korean Karate Club (Dojang X)	Wednesdays 5.05-5.35pm Little Ninjas (3.5-6yrs) 5.35-6.25pm Mixed ages (6yrs-adults)
Longworth & Dist History Society	3rd Thursday every month at 7.00pm
Southmoor Baby & Toddlers	Fridays (term time only) 10-11.30am
Table Tennis (over 55's)	Tuesdays 11am-12pm (currenly no vacancies) For info email: bobsouthmoor@hotmail.com
Yoga Classes	Intermediates Tuesdays 6-7pm Seniors Wednesdays 10.30-11.15am Beginners Thursdays 6-7pm
Village Walk	2nd & last Thur of month 10am (not in Dec)

In Scout Hut, Faringdon Rd (Term Time Only)

1st Longworth Beavers	Mondays 6-7.15pm
1st Longworth Cubs	Tuesdays 6-7.30pm Wednesdays 5.45-7.15pm
1st Longworth Explorers	Wednesdays 7.30-9pm
1st Longworth Scouts	Thursdays 7.30-9pm

At The Bowls Club, Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize

Bowls Clubs Roll Up	Tuesdays & Thursdays Winter 1.30pm / Summer 2.00pm

At Millennium Green Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize

Junior Park Run	Sundays 9am

At Jubilee Sports Field, Edward Strauss Park

Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club	Junior Training Fridays 6-8pm

In St John the Baptist Church Hall

KB Drama Group	1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesday in the month at 7:30pm (see Village Hall for other days)
KBS Art and Craft Friendship Club	Alternate Mondays 9.30am-12pm

In Longworth Village Hall

IYENGAR Yoga (term time only)	Mondays 7-8.30pm Tuesdays 11.45am-1.15pm
PILATES	Tuesdays 9.15am & 5.45pm Thursdays 9.15am & 6.30pm
ZUMBA	Thursdays 10.30am

In Hinton Waldrist Village Hall

Cedar Community Club	Tuesdays & Wednesday 9.30am-3pm

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

*Brown bin permit holders can have extra garden waste collected. Leftover pumpkins will be collected with food waste.

From Scary Face to Sustainable Waste

What to do with your Halloween pumpkins



- Make sure to remove any candles, melted wax or other decorations first.
- Compost, recycle, or donate: Pumpkin flesh makes for great compost when mixed well with other compost materials. And if you don't use a compost bin, your friends or neighbours might – try offering your pumpkin to them.
- Leftover pumpkins will be collected with the food bin collection on Wednesday 4th November with our scheduled food waste collection day. Chop it up and put it in the food waste bin or leave it whole beside the bin. It will be turned into renewable energy or fertiliser.
- Don't put it in the general rubbish bin.
- Do not leave your pumpkins out for wildlife as it can cause gastric upset in many species as it is not a natural food source.

Road Safety in the Village

It has been highlighted to the KBS News that there are frequently issues when driving past parked cars on the roads in the village.



This is particularly important at school drop off and collection times, when there are many cars parked on Faringdon Road, making it tricky to pass safely.

The Highway Code sets out the rules:
Rule 162 - Before overtaking you should make sure the road is sufficiently clear ahead, road users are not beginning to to overtake you, there is a suitable gap in front of the road user you plan to overtake.

Rule 163 provides further clarity. Give way to oncoming vehicles before passing parked vehicles or other obstructions on your side of the road.

Please be considerate to other road users, parents and children, and take a few seconds to assess the safety of the situation before passing and potentially putting others at risk.

Services in November at St. John the Baptist

stjb.churchinsight.com

Sunday 1st	9.00am 10:30am	Memorial Service (see highlights) Morning Worship with Children's Church
Sunday 8th	10:20am 11.00am	Remembrance Sunday, Millennium Green Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
Sunday 15th	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Morning Worship with Children's Church
Sunday 22nd	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Family Communion with Children's Church
Sunday 29th	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion All-age Advent Sunday Worship



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

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS and CHRISTINGLE

November is a remembering month, and we have two special services:

- Memorial Service at 9am on Sunday 1st November. This is a service when we remember with thanks all those we have loved and see no longer. If you have lost loved ones in the past few years, this service is particularly for you. There will be an opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones who have died.
- Our village Remembrance Sunday service begins at 10.20am on the Millennium Green and then continues with an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11am. The Oxford Road and the A415 will be closed for the two-minute silence.

Date for your diary On Sunday 6th December at 10.30am in the Village Hall we will have our Christingle Messy Church – everyone welcome, especially children and families. Please let us know you're coming (contact Hazel on ***hb.brennan@hotmail.com***) so we will have enough oranges and refreshments!

The church opening times have changed and the church is now open more frequently. The church will now be open for private prayer Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 9am to 4pm. The church belongs to the village, so do feel free to drop in. If you would appreciate the church being open at other times, please contact Catherine, our vicar.

YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH IS HERE TO HELP
If you'd like to find out more about our services and resources, or discuss spiritual matters, contact Revd Catherine Schneider email vicar.kbs@gmail.com phone 07865 827679, usual working days Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (and Sunday services).

FYFIELD BAPTIST CHAPEL

Morning Service & Sunday School
Sunday 11.00 am
Communion monthly 2nd Sundays
location: (south side of main village)
Digging Lane, Fyfield OX13 5LY
more information:

www.fyfieldchapel.org.uk
info@fyfieldchapel.org.uk
01865 769473

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www.blessedhugh.org.uk

Parish Priest: Revd Claro Conde,
The Presbytery, 1 Coxwell Road, Faringdon SN7 7EB.
Tel: 01367 358895 Email: **cconde@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**

Sunday Mass 10.00 am

Christmas Food and Toy Collection

Christmas is coming fast and as most of us start to think about the food and presents we are going to buy; others are beginning to worry about how they can manage to buy any special food or presents for their children.

We are organising a collection of food for Abingdon Food Bank and unwrapped new toys for the Salvation Army Christmas toy collection. Items required are: **Tinned ham, peas, carrots, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, sage & onion stuffing, Xmas pudding, mince pies, Xmas cake, custard, tinned fruit, chocolate, shortbread, nuts, crisps, chutneys, pickles, crackers, chocolate/biscuit boxes Please NO ALCOHOL.**

If you would like to donate, please drop off your food and or unwrapped toys from Sunday 29th November until Saturday 5th December at:

- Southmoor Co-op, Susan at 22 Laurel Drive Southmoor, Hazel at 3 Rimes Close Kingston Bagpuize
- The Church on Tuesday 1st December, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday 5th December 9am–4pm
- Petypher House Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December, 8am – 3pm
- KBS Café on 3rd December, 9am-12pm
- Messy Christingle Sunday 6th December at the Village Hall 10.30am–12.30pm

Father Christmas will be popping in to collect the items.





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

Families with children are welcome.
If you can help, please contact ***Caroline Ashby 07984523955 and Ruth Hastings 01865821386.*** We look forward to seeing you. ***Caroline Ashby***



New Run Club in the Village!

Every Tuesday 6.30pm • Meeting place outside Southmoor Village Hall



On Tuesday 6th October, the new KBS Run Club held its very first meeting, and what a turnout! Runners gathered for a lovely sunset run, and the attendance was far better than anyone had hoped for. The club meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm outside the village hall. We have permission to meet outside the village hall but they have requested our members arrive by foot or bike so as to not fill up the hall's car park.

Everyone is welcome, whether you're a seasoned runner or just fancy getting out in the fresh air with some friendly company. For further details please visit our website: ***sites.google.com/view/kbsrunclub/home***



A Heartfelt Thank You for Supporting Our Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to the Hall and supported us at this event. Special thanks go to the people who helped on the day, made cakes and donated Raffle prizes – especially Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group and the Crossroads Co-op.

We had about 70/65 people during the morning and raised £560.00 for this charity.
Caroline Ashby and Ruth Hastings

John Blandy Community Councillors

Adventure Awaits: Year 6's Amazing Residential Trip!



From the 16th to 18th September, Year 6 went on their rescheduled Year 5 residential. It was moved due to the heat in the Summer when we were originally meant to go!

We went to Adventure Plus (Clanfield, Oxfordshire) and arrived just after 9am. We were then greeted by our teachers and the Adventure Plus staff who later showed us our cabins. We were in cabins and groups with our friends and each day the groups did different activities. The activities included: biking, team games, rock climbing, slacklining, bushcraft, fencing, and archery. We spent our 2 nights and 3 days having fun.

On the first night, we loved the chicken schnitzel. It was like a big chicken nugget and was served with some delicious, mashed potatoes. We also enjoyed our other meals which were spaghetti bolognese, pizza and fish and chips. Our breakfasts were also amazing and very filling and included: cereal, toast, bacon, scrambled eggs, sausages and beans. On Thursday night, we were very lucky to get a birthday cake to celebrate the birthday of one of the children on the residential. It was chocolate - yum!

Overall, we had a fantastic time on our residential. We can't wait until our next one to Kilvrough in the summer!

On the 12th November, we have our Open Morning for our 2027 intake of new reception children. Please book a space via the office (office@jbl.cambrianlt.org) to come and see our wonderful school in action! ***Charis and Oisin***

News from the Parish Council

2nd November (Monday) 6:30pm • Swallow Room • KBS Village Hall

Parish council Website: *kbs-parishcouncil.gov.uk*
Parish Clerk email: clerk@kbs-parishcouncil.gov.uk Full meeting details and minutes are available online at *https://kbs-parishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings/* and minutes are displayed at the noticeboards at the Witney Road Co-op and on Faringdon Road (the Paddocks).

Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council met on Monday 5 October to discuss a range of local issues and community projects. Councillors welcomed the unanimous approval by the Vale of White Horse District Council committee of the request to move the parish boundary with Fyfield and Tubney, so that the future Ferrers Green development can be included within the parish. Discussions with the developer and the Vale are continuing over the wording of a legal agreement to help the parish council acquire land for the community. The council also agreed to support the reserved matters planning application for 605 homes, a community building and open space on land east of Kingston Bagpuize, and will ask the developer to consider whether the community building could provide a warm space in winter and a cool space during extreme summer weather.

Several local maintenance and safety matters were discussed. The council is investigating reports of vehicles crossing land which is the site for the proposed youth hut and next to the play area off Oxford Road. It was proposed that logs be placed to prevent access and protect children playing. New pedestrian gates have been ordered for the playground, while further work is being undertaken to review outstanding health and safety actions and the playground inspection process.



The council also agreed to replace dead trees in the public open spaces at Petypher Gardens and Wellington Way with crab apple trees, and approved the annual clearance of the wildflower areas at Millennium Green. Cracks that have appeared in the newly installed etched benches following the summer's extreme heat and drought have been reported to the artisan for inspection.

Looking ahead, the council is considering a proposal for a bicycle repair station, potentially located at a bus shelter, and will conduct a public survey to gauge support for the idea. Councillors will also meet to discuss projects and spending priorities for the next financial year. Residents are reminded that the annual Remembrance Sunday service and commemoration will take place on Sunday 8 November, with volunteers particularly welcome to help serve refreshments at KB House afterwards. The next full Parish Council meetings are scheduled for Monday 2 November and Monday 7 December. Residents are encouraged to keep in touch with the council about local concerns and community ideas.

The formal minutes of the meeting can be viewed on the noticeboards at the Hind's Head Co-op and Faringdon Road and on the council's website at ***kbs-parishcouncil.gov.uk***.

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News from the Bowls Club

The summer season for bowling has now passed with green keepers preparing their greens for the winter to come. On the other hand as our green is a mat we are able to play all year round, snow being the only time we do not bowl.



To this end, the weekend of the 19th -20th September saw the Cadman Memorial Trophy / end of Season competition. Consisting of 8 teams of triples in two leagues played 3 matches each. The semi final consisted of the top two teams from each league playing each other, with the winning teams entering the final. The victors on the day were made up of Carole, Peter & Pauline. President Derek Rees presented the winners with the Cadman Memorial Bowl.

Sunday the 20th was the opening day of the Autumn Triples competition this competition runs over ten weeks on Sundays (except Remembrance Sunday) in teams of six playing in triples format). The weather was kind for the opening morning, with everyone enjoying their games.

The Annual General Meeting took place on Thursday 15th. The election of standing committee members, and election of two new members filling the posts of departing committee members. A number of positions remain vacant at this time. The chairman put forward to the meeting a drive in the next 3 years to increase membership year on year, making the wider public aware of our facilities, encouraging them to try out the game of bowls and being informed of our willingness to coach new members in the art of bowling, old and young. To this end we are looking to join with local councils in promoting sport for all ages.

Tom Waring, Club Captain

	Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club League Positions								
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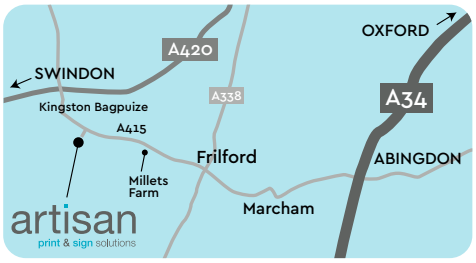
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KBS Nature Notes


Egrets

The Unofficial Friday Walking Club have had a couple of treks out over the last month or so. Both have taken in the River Thames. Our first walk took us over Harrowdown Hill to the river below Longworth. We walked to the Maybush and stopped for refreshment (just tea – a bit early in the day for anything stronger!) before continuing along the river toward the footbridge near Northmoor. After crossing the bridge, we were delighted to see amongst the cattle several egrets (the photo is a bit fuzzy but shows a few of them). It was difficult to tell, even through binoculars, but I think they were a mixture of Little Egrets and Cattle Egrets. There was also a kite sat on the WW2 pillbox in the field opposite. More like an African Savannah than an Oxfordshire Pasture!


River Thames

Inspired by our river walk, the Other Mrs C and I decided our next walk would be along the Thames Path into Oxford starting from Southmoor. With all good intentions we set off on another blistering hot day in September and picked up the river over the rainbow footbridge. Heading down river it was very tranquil with the peace broken only by the cries of the buzzards mewing overhead and the "Get off my land" shout from territorial wrens. As there had finally been some rain everywhere was green and lush. I always think it is a shame that Himalayan Balsam is disliked for being invasive. Its flowers, that vary from the palest of pinks to almost magenta, add such a friendly splash of colour along the banks.


Himalayan Balsam

Unfortunately, there was no refreshment stop at Bablock Hythe as the Ferryman Inn was closed that day, so we continued towards Farmoor. If you haven't walked the Thames Path, you will be surprised to know that the stretch between Bablock Hythe and Farmoor diverts away from the river for quite a while before picking it up again close to Pinkhill Lock. By this time the heat, that appeared to be keeping most wildlife at bay, proved too much for the two of us so we decided that this would be Part I of our quest into Oxford with Part II to follow at a later (cooler) date.

In the meantime, I am always interested in receiving your observations, photos etc. on anything from the natural world that may be of interest to our readers. Please send them to ***kbsnature2025@gmail.com***. Best wishes, ***Linda Collins***

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Kingston Bagpuize Village Art and Craft Club

2nd November (Monday) at 9:30am • St. John the Baptist Church Hall

Once again we have spent pleasant mornings each working on our own pieces but have also had our first session trying out mixed media, all under the careful eye of Michelle who came back to introduce us to the subject. Thank you, Michelle, you can be proud of what each achieved. 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. We now have a Facebook page 'KBS Village Art and Craft Club' for anyone wanting to see some of the 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 on November 2nd. We are now at full capacity for the Church Hall but we are happy to put your name down on a waiting list to allow us to inform you when a place is available to meet new friends.
Jean Allsworth 07397530144

Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

3rd November (Tuesday) at 7.30pm • AGM • Southmoor Village Hall

After a very lively talk last month from a gardener who started her organic gardening career in Prince Charles's garden, we now have two social events to look forward to. The first is our AGM on Tuesday 3rd November. We aim to get the official tasks carried out as quickly as possible, leaving us with time to enjoy some cheese & wine while we take a look back at everything we've done over the last year. We're always really keen to get feedback on what everyone enjoyed and what sorts of things members would like us to be doing. As well as announcing the 2027 programme of speakers, visits and events, we also have some very exciting news to share! Doors open 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Current members and prospective members are welcome, but please do let us know in advance if you plan to come so we can cater accordingly.

During the evening, we'll also be taking membership renewals for 2027. Membership will remain at the bargain price of just £15, which includes free entry to 8 talks including complimentary refreshments as well as perks such as entry to member's open gardens, free group entry into RHS gardens and 10% off at Burford Garden Centre. The speaker line up for 2027 is very varied and should be interesting and entertaining for all levels of gardener so, if you haven't yet been along, why not give us a try?

Tickets for our Christmas Supper, which takes place on Tuesday 1st December will also be on sale soon. This will include a 2-course sit-down meal with entertainment. Tickets will be available to anyone who would like to join us, but priority will be given to members and guests. Regular meetings will resume on Tuesday 5th January. Look out for more details in the next issue of KBS News. Our talks and the above events all take place at Southmoor Village Hall. For more information email ***skbgardeningclub@gmail.com or*** visit ***www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk***.
Sharon Cooper (Chair)





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Recipe of the month

Squash, mustard and gruyère gratin

From www.bbcgoodfood.com



Cook: 1 hour 20 mins **Serves:** 4-6

Ingredients

1 small knob of butter
1 tbsp Olive Oil
2 onions halved and thinly sliced
2 garlic cloves peeled and squashed
8 sage leaves
300ml double cream
200ml milk
2 tbsp wholegrain mustard
1 squash or pumpkin, peeled, seeds removed, quartered and thinly sliced (about 950g in weight)
100g grated gruyère cheese (or vegan alternative)

Method

1. Heat the butter and oil in a large frying pan. Add the onions and cook slowly over a low-medium heat, stirring every now and then, for 10-15 mins until golden and soft.
2. Meanwhile, put the garlic and half the sage in a saucepan, add the cream and milk, and heat gently, not allowing the mixture to boil, for 5 mins. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool for 10 mins, then fish out the sage and garlic. Stir in the mustard and season well.
3. If cooking straight away, heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Layer the pumpkin slices, onions, most of the cheese and the infused cream into a large baking dish, finishing with a layer of cream. Once you've used the ingredients up, scatter with the remaining cheese and put the remaining sage leaves on top. Cover the dish with foil and bake for 45 mins.
4. Uncover the dish and increase the heat to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Cook for a further 20-30 mins until golden brown and tender all the way through. Leave to cool for 10 mins before serving.

Editor's note: *Do you have a signature bake or a recipe you'd like to share? Send in your contribution, with a photo, to editorkbsnews@gmail.com*





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The Fishes
North Hinksey Village, Oxford



The Fishes is a Gastropub in the village of North Hinksey, just off the A34 ring road, or via the Botley Road. It is a 17 min drive from KBS when the A34 is in good shape! You could also come via the S6 bus getting on and off at the last/first stop on the Botley Road.

My friend had booked the table online via the website (fishesoxford.co.uk) for Thursday lunchtime. There was a choice of seating: bar, restaurant, veranda, conservatory, outside in the garden. I imagine the choice in an evening would be dependent on the temperature and the business of the pub area. Blankets and heaters are available on the veranda which is partially open to the elements. Atmospheric lighting is there too. There is a vast open and wooded garden area which is pleasant to look out on. The Seacourt Stream is close by. There is a large car park with an overflow parking area. The Fishes is a Peaches Pub so partnered with the Fleece in Witney and the Bear and Ragged Staff in Cumnor.



When I arrived I had a free choice of where to sit. I chose the conservatory as it was bright and sunny and not busy. The staff were really friendly and helpful. Within minutes I had menus, water for the table and had put a drink on order.

The menu is seasonal. There is a main menu with lunch items if required and a board of specials (see photos). The drinks menu included a vast array of wines, gins, spirits, cocktails and spritz. I chose fish pie with salad; my friend had fish cakes and chips.

The portions were plentiful. The fish pie had a real dusting of parmesan cheese which unfortunately overshadowed the pie itself. However, there was plenty of salmon, white fish and prawns in the pie and mashed potato on top. The fishcakes were delicious with lots of flavour. The egg on top provided a good combination with the fish and peas finished it off. The chips were thick cut and tasty as an extra. For desserts we both had the mini brownie with a coffee. Absolutely delicious pud and tasty coffee. It's great to have a mini sweet treat!

We had a good break between courses. Staff were attentive whilst being considerate. The bill was brought to the table (£33 each) and settled by card.

The Fishes hosts events such as quiz nights, film nights, pizza nights and can be hired for special events. A family friendly venue we would think and a firm favourite with the locals. Great for Sunday lunch!

Wilrich, two KBS foodies





Longworth & District History Society

19th November 7.00pm • Southmoor Village Hall

Our next meeting is on Thursday 19th November and the speaker is John Lowe whose talk is "Always Ready and Willing". This is the story of Fires and Firefighting through the ages in the UK and in Oxford, describing major fires in the city from the 10th century to the demise of the Oxford City Brigade in 1974, upon local government reorganisation.

We will meet in Southmoor Village Hall at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start, and there will be refreshments at the bar, and books to browse, borrow or buy. Members free and visitors £4. We look forward to seeing you there. ***Pam Woodward 01865 820500***

Your Battery's Secret Winter Job

Most people think of a home battery as a box for saving sunshine. In summer, that's mostly what it is. In winter, a good one has a second job.

By now, panels on a typical roof in Kingston Bagpuize or Southmoor might make a few units on a bright day. Whatever you don't use at the time still goes into the battery for the evening. But it's often less than a household gets through between teatime and bedtime. Rely on the sun alone and the battery spends a lot of the winter half empty. So a well set-up battery also tops up from the grid overnight, when electricity is cheap. Some tariffs charge under 15p a unit in the small hours, and a few go as low as around 7p. The battery then covers the evening, when the oven's on and it's dark by half four. VAT came off electricity bills on 1 October, and the average price-capped unit now costs 26.32p. Allow for a little lost in storage and every unit you move from night to evening saves roughly 10p to 18p. If your battery covers five units of evening use a day, that's about £175 to £330 a year.

A battery can do this with no panels at all. And if you're weighing up solar, it means a battery earns its keep in winter as well as summer. Some tariffs also pay over 20p a unit for power you send back between 4pm and 7pm. Letting the battery's software time that for you is what installers mean by "intelligent" exporting.

There are catches. You need a tariff with a cheap overnight rate, and the daytime rate on those is often higher than on a standard tariff. A smaller standalone battery can be fitted for around £2,000, but bigger ones cost more. How quickly it pays back depends on how much you use in the evening. If your evenings are quiet, a battery has little to do. Tariffs change too. Right now, Octopus has closed its most generous smart battery tariff to most new customers because wholesale prices are so jumpy.

Getting quotes? Ask two things. Can the battery charge from the grid as well as the panels? And which smart tariffs does it work with? If you already have a battery, check it isn't still set to charge only from the sun. It's a five-minute job in the app.
Llewellyn Kinch, Director – MakeMyHouseGreen.com



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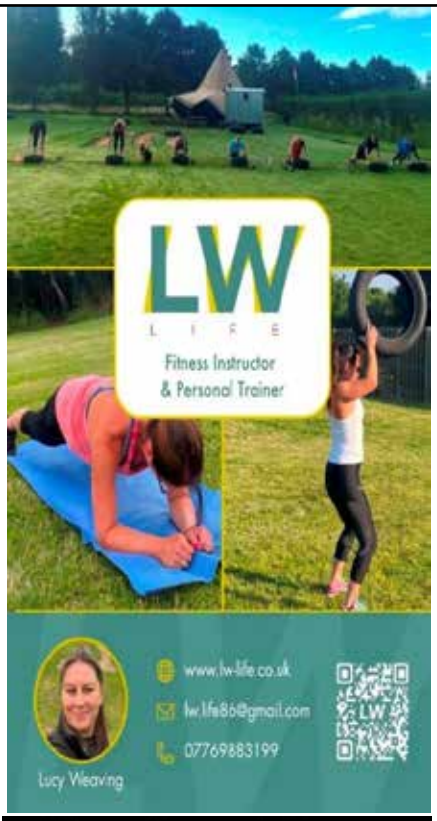




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Update from Charlie Maynard

I hope you and your family are well and enjoying Autumn. It's been a busy few weeks, both here in the constituency and in Westminster!

Solar farms are popping up like mushrooms. Many residents will have heard about Low Carbon's proposals for the West Oxfordshire Energy Park around Langford and Cearn's proposal for another one between Lyford, Garford and the Hanneys. These are both very large projects with solar and battery storage developments of up to 500 megawatts, which means the final decision rests with the Secretary of State rather than our local council. I have met, and will continue to meet, with local representatives and Low Carbon to discuss residents' concerns. Please let me know your thoughts.

Thames Water remains a top priority. I had a briefing with Ofwat on the White Horse Reservoir (SESRO), and I remain very concerned about its spiralling costs and whether Thames Water can be trusted to deliver it. I was also very honoured to receive the national Rivers and Seas Award at the Nature 2030 Political Purpose Awards for my campaigning on water. Thank you to everyone I have worked with, including Windrush Against Sewage Pollution (WASP), whom I also met in Parliament this month. I will keep pushing for Thames Water to be put into Special Administration and run in the interests of its customers.

In Westminster, the Health Bill completed its Commons stages. I tabled amendments to protect NHS Foundation Trust Councils of Governors, which give patients and communities an independent voice, and I've asked colleagues in the Lords to keep pushing on this. The Assisted Dying Bill was also debated again. I voted in favour, as I have throughout, but it did not pass. Thank you to the hundreds of you who wrote to me with such deeply held views on both sides. I've also been working cross-party on how we prepare for the rapid progress of AI, including calling for a much stronger framework governing AI Security, which I'm very concerned about.

A huge thanks to everyone who gets in touch and takes time to meet me or just chat when out and about. It is always appreciated and helps me be the best representative I can of our area. To keep updated on everything I'm doing, have a look at my Facebook Page (Charlie Maynard MP for ***Witney),*** Instagram ***(@charliemaynard27),*** and X ***(@cammaynard).*** As always, if there is anything I can do to help, please drop me and my team a line on ***charlie.maynard.mp@parliament.uk.***

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A Blooming Achievement for the Petypher House Gardening Team

The residents of Petypher House are pleased the four residents who plant and look after the gardens have been recognised for the hard work in keeping the displays looking nice making it a pleasure to live here.

They were led by Nigel the designer and selector of the plants. He was assisted by Ian the assistant gardener and helped by Brian and Barry in keeping the displays looking lovely.

They have been rewarded with winning certificates for:- First in Best Overall Garden, First in Best Kerb Appeal, First in Best Planter and Runner Up in Best Veg Pot. This was out of 144 entries to the competition from homes like ours. So very well done to you all.

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Our production is James Barry's licensed pantomime based on L. Frank Baum's original story, rather than the 1939 MGM film. While the film's famous songs aren't included due to licensing restrictions, audiences can look forward to a fresh musical soundtrack, familiar characters and plenty of traditional panto fun. With free parking, a licensed bar and soft drinks, The Wizard of Oz promises to be a great-value family night out in the run-up to Christmas.



The Wizard of Oz, The Pantomime runs from Thursday 26 to Saturday 28 November, including a Saturday matinee. Thursday and Friday evening performances are at 7.30pm with doors open from 7pm. Our matinee is at 2pm with doors open from 1.30pm and Saturday evening is 6.30pm doors open at 6pm.

Tickets Are on Sale!
Our two Saturday performances are nearly sold out!! Additionally, we've already sold many seats across Thursday and Friday. As previous pantomimes have sold out, it's well worth booking now to avoid disappointment. **Family ticket (2 adults + 2 children): £52 • Adults: £16 • Children: £11**
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Each year, KBDG chooses a charity to support through its productions. This year, we are proud to be supporting Sobell House, whose specialist care and support make a profound difference to local people and their families.

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We are extremely grateful for Newton's continued support, which makes a meaningful difference to our small, not-for-profit group. Their sponsorship helps us bring affordable, live theatre to the local community and importantly enables us to provide some complimentary family tickets to our local primary school, John Blandy.

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Litter Pick – October 2026

We had a lovely autumn morning for the litter pick this month for the 9 of us that turned up this time, many with their own litter pickers so an experienced team went out. Thank you to all! Between us 13 bags of rubbish were collected along with 3 car mats, 3 vases and 2 signs. There was a surprising amount of food wrappers and bottle tops around the bench near the One Stop. To those who don't know, the bin near the bench has no moving parts, doesn't swallow humans and is great for putting rubbish in. It was obvious along the Spring Hill end of the village that some kindly folk have been going out frequently as there was minimal to collect there which made a very pleasant change. Thank you whoever you are!



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The Friends of John Blandy School Christmas Fayre

5th December (Saturday) 1pm-4pm • Southmoor Village Hall

Get your Christmas spirit sparkling and join us for a wonderful afternoon of festive fun at the Friends of John Blandy School Christmas Fayre, taking place at Southmoor Village Hall on Saturday 5th December, from 1pm–4pm!

Whether you're looking for unique Christmas gifts, a fun-filled family afternoon or simply an excuse to indulge in some festive treats, there will be something for everyone! Shop local and discover something special! We'll be welcoming a fantastic selection of independent sellers offering a tempting array of Christmas gifts and goodies. Browse beautiful jewellery, handmade decorations, Christmas cards, festive floral arrangements, homebakes, jams and jellies, 3D fidget toys and much more. It's the perfect opportunity to find those special little gifts while supporting talented local businesses.

Festive fun for all the family! The Fayre will be packed with seasonal activities to keep everyone entertained, including festive children's activities, Christmas crafts, games, a tombola, raffle and plenty more surprises along the way. Feeling peckish? Stop by for some delicious festive refreshments and soak up the Christmas atmosphere. We'll even have a wrapping room to help make those Christmas presents extra special!

Every penny raised makes a difference. The Christmas Fayre is organised by the Friends of John Blandy School, with monies raised going towards supporting the children of John Blandy School and helping to provide wonderful opportunities for them throughout the year. So gather your family and friends, bring your Christmas shopping list and come along to enjoy a magical afternoon of community spirit, festive cheer and Christmas fun!

NOTE: Most stalls will be cash only



Youth Matters

Hello KBS! I am incredibly pleased to announce this year's winners for the KBS Creative Writing competition! Iris Gibson, age 14, is this year's winner of the 13-15 age category, and Dylan Ge, aged 10, is this year's winner of the 10-12 age category! Both stories have been written with wonderful enthusiasm for creative writing and are exciting in both plot and use of language. Iris's story is set as a murder mystery and Dylan's a fantastically thoughtful account of how friends can be found in the most unlikely of places.

Due to limited space, I've decided to include only the beginnings of their extraordinary creations this November. To hold readers in suspense, the second half of their stories will be featured in my article next month! Unfortunately, there were no entrants for the age 7-9 category, however, I would love to hopefully be able to run the competition again next year, so perhaps we may see some then! I would like both winners to know that I was very impressed with their efforts and cannot wait to see where their love for writing takes them. I hope you enjoy reading their stories!

Iris Gibson, age 14:

An ordinary day in the village turned extraordinary when Dora Collins (store manager of the Kingston Bagpuize Co-op) unlocked her shop. This was a ritual that she performed so frequently, she hardly even thought about what she was doing any more. Reaching into her Radley handbag, she found her keys and proceeded to unlock the back entrance to the shop. It was exactly how she had left it the night before. The boxes were neatly stacked; the freezers were locked shut and the shelves were piled high with products ready to be transferred to the main shop.

However, as she moved further into the little room, she noticed the chain on the door for the main shop, which she always checked was fastened before leaving in the evenings, hung limply by the door handle. Upon closer inspection, she discovered that it had not been cut or broken, simply unfastened. Deciding she had just forgotten it last night (despite being confident she hadn't) Dora pushed open the heavy door.

She instantly knew something was wrong. Not moving a muscle, she considered what might be causing her to feel uneasy: it wasn't anything on the shelves, even in the dark she could see they were just as she'd left them; it wasn't anything she could hear, as it was always silent when she first entered the shop; and with a wave of relief, she realised what the cause of her discomfort was: the smell. This was comforting, as the smell of rotten eggs and fish must have been coming from a gone-off food product, and was therefore, nothing to worry about.

Relaxing her body, she ventured further into the shop. Flicking a light switch on, she noticed a shadow on the floor.

There was someone in there with her...

Dylan Ge, aged 10:

This is the story of how one ordinary night in the village turned extraordinary.

I live in Kingston Bagpuize, a tranquil village in Abingdon. Every Monday, I walked to my tennis lessons past their house so many times, only fantasising who lived there, never knowing I would one day become best friends with them.

One wintry Friday afternoon when I came home from my piano lesson, I was so excited as the new update of Minecraft had just been released. I started playing as soon as I had finished my juicy McDonald's burger. A rule in my house stated that I was only allowed to play video games on Friday nights, so I always did my Friday homework the following day.

I was playing when my Mum told me she went to help set up an event at our school, and she had met another Chinese family who also lives in our village. This was apparently a big deal as we are also a Chinese family.

The next day, I was invited to have dinner with Oscar, the 9 year old son they had (he goes to the same school as me). At first, I was shy and I just read the books he had at his house. Later, they invited me to play on a games console. Oscar's older sister, Olivia, also played, and she was really good at it. As our houses were a 6 - minute walk away, we were inviting each other to our houses within a week, and by then, I really started to like them. An amazing fact is that the city they're from is a 13 hour drive from my parents' hometown or a 16 day walk. If we both lived in China, we would have never known each other. That's another great thing about this village: it can bring friends together. Now, they're some of my best friends.

After reading these stories again, I am still totally gripped by Iris's tense plot and love the personal, highly detailed moral tale from Dylan. I hope you liked them as much as I did!

Darcey

Apple Blossoms WI

10th of November (Tuesday) 7.30pm • Southmoor Village Hall

"There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met" *(William Butler Yeats)*

A Wonderful Evening for a Worthy Cause!
What a fantastic evening we had at our WI open meeting in aid of Sobell House Hospice Charity. We were delighted to welcome Greg Birdseye, who shared an insight into the hospice's wonderful work supporting patients and their families through some of life's toughest times. It was lovely to see such a great turnout, with an amazing £256 raised on the night, alongside some brilliant raffle prizes donated by local supporters. It was a wonderful example of our village coming together to support a very worthy cause. A huge thank you to Greg for joining us, everyone who donated prizes or helped organise the evening, and of course everyone who came along and supported us.

Spooky Goings-On in Southmoor
Things are about to get a little spooky in Southmoor! This month, we welcome Mike White, Oxfordshire author, historian and ghost walk guide, for a frightfully fascinating talk exploring local hauntings, folklore and the unexplained.

Mike writes about the region's paranormal history, including his books The Veiled Vale and The Ox-Files, and leads the popular Wantage Ghost Walks, uncovering haunted locations and eerie local tales. From ghostly goings-on to myths, mysteries and all manner of Oxfordshire weirdness, there'll be plenty to spark your curiosity and send a shiver down your spine!

Whether you're a firm believer, a curious sceptic or simply enjoy a good spooky story, this is one meeting that's sure to be right up your street - or should that be your haunted lane? Come along for a frightfully good evening! ***Naomi & Jules, Apple Blossoms WI***



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Report from Cllr Lee Evans

Well, the changes to the A420 junctions at Charney Road and Pinewoods Road have now been completed. These junctions have been a sore point for local residents for a very long time, so I'm glad that action has finally been taken. But I don't take it for granted that every change is for the better, or that simply redesigning the junctions means the job is done. And although the changes received support from local residents in an earlier council consultation, I'm conscious that changes in theory and changes in practice are very different things.

That's why I'm asking people who live locally to complete a survey on my website about these changes: www.leeevans.uk/a420survey. The survey asks whether you're happy with the changes that have been made, and whether there's anything else you'd like to see happen at the junctions - such as making it clearer who has priority when crossing, or taking action to ensure drivers follow the white lines. I'd be grateful if you could take a few minutes to let me know your views. Thank you.

Many of us were taken aback recently to find out that plans were afoot for a 2,800 acre solar farm in the nearby area. I've taken the time to look through the proposals and discuss them with many local residents. My view is that we need more renewable energy, and solar ought to be part of our energy mix, but I cannot support these plans. The site is far too big, and it would change the Vale's countryside dramatically. I also strongly believe that agricultural land should primarily be used for agriculture, not solar farms, and that industrial sites and the roofs of people's homes are much better places for solar panels. As District Councillor for Stanford ward, where much of the solar farm would be, I'm bringing a motion to Vale of White Horse District Council to raise my concerns.

Finally, I wanted to let you know about the applications I received from KBS for the Councillor Priority Fund. This is a pot of £10,000, spread over two years, which County Councillors can use to support local groups and activities in their division. I've been keen to support as many projects as possible, across as many of the 13 villages I represent on the County Council as I can. Here in the village, I'm pleased to have been able to contribute at least £500 towards each of:

- New signage at the village hall, at the request of the Village Hall Committee
- Upgrades to the village hall stage floor, at the request of the Drama Group
- Promotional activity for the Southmoor Baby & Toddler Group
- New equipment for the Bowls Club to maintain their all-weather surface

Happily, that means every group in KBS that applied received money towards their project. I look forward to seeing them completed, and if the fund returns in future years I'll ask again how local community groups could use it to make a positive difference in our area.

You can find out more about what I've been up to as your County Councillor at ***www.LeeEvans.uk*** and ***Facebook.com/LeeEvansOxfordshire***. If there is anything I can do to help in the village, please email me at ***lee.evans@oxfordshire.gov.uk*** or call ***07724 601096.***

What have been your highlights of 2026?

As the year draws to a close, we'd love to look back on the moments that made 2026 special in Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor. Perhaps you won a prize at the village show, took home a trophy with your local team, or even got married here in the village. Whatever your highlight was, big or small, we want to hear from you! Please send in your photos with a brief caption to ***editorskbsnews@gmail.com*** by the 15th of November and we'll feature a selection in the December issue.



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KBS Environment Group

The People's Emergency Briefing film, produced by the National Emergency Briefing (NEB) team, was shown at the Village Hall and was well received by an audience of fifty four residents from the village. The film is aiming to call on the Government to ensure the public is informed, prepared and protected to cope with the climate and nature crisis which is unfolding on our planet. We heard from leading experts in the fields of food security, health, climate, tipping points, national security, energy transition and economics. Before the film we also had a short video from our local MP, Charlie Maynard who is one of the 166 MPs calling on the Government to stage a live, emergency briefing - via the Parliamentary Call and a supporting Early Day Motion (EDM).

Afterwards, we spent time discussing the film and actions that we might all take as individuals. The key request from the NEB team is for all of us to lobby our MPs to request that the Government deliver a prime-time, multi-channel televised national emergency briefing to the nation, delivered by independent experts - launching a major public engagement plan to cut through disinformation. Parliament is scheduled to be holding a debate on 16th November as a result of a petition calling for them to "Hold a UK-wide briefing on climate and nature risks".

You can find out more about the film and the organisation at ***www.nebriefing.org*** where you will also find a screening map showing other locations where the film is yet to be shown. Quite a few are currently available in the Oxfordshire area. Over 3,500 screenings have already taken place with another 1,442 planned.



Some of the audience agreed to form an action group, more information about this will be published as we get ourselves organised. If you are interested or would like more information do email ***kbsenvironmentgroup@gmail.com.***

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Oxford Flower Club

Every fourth Thursday at 1:30pm • Cumnor Village Hall



Members enjoyed the very talented Mig Kimpton again in September. His theme 'that's the way to do it' focused on his love of the sea and his favourite puppet show. Topics such as sunshine on the beach, ice creams, Punch and Judy, and pirates were the inspiration for his displays. With a theatrical background, it's no wonder we were impressed by his talent. Mig is not only an incredible flower arranger, but also a wedding organiser and a registrar. He has won no less than 12 awards at RHS Chelsea and is the creative floor manager for Blenheim Flower Show in Woodstock. In addition, he is currently writing a play.

Displays are raffled off at the end of the afternoon. One kind member donated her arrangement to her local church for the harvest festival celebrations. October is our Annual General Meeting to include a talk with Sheila Lloyd Graham on Wedding Gowns, and November will be our Christmas special.

For more information on our club, call Karen on ***07967 555750***. We meet every fourth Thursday afternoon at Cumnor Village Hall.
Karen



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KBS Badminton Club

Every Monday (6:15-7:30pm), Wednesday (6.30-8pm & 8-9pm) and Saturday (9.00 – 10.30am) • Southmoor Village Hall

With Bonfire Night just around the corner, November is the time for fireworks, sparklers and standing in a freezing field, wondering why you didn't bring a thicker coat. Badminton at Southmoor Village Hall offers a much more active way to keep warm as the nights draw in. We can't promise fireworks, but there's always the chance of a few explosive rallies!

The club operates on a non-profit basis, so costs are very reasonable, and the first couple of sessions are free, giving you the chance to see if it's for you. As there's only one court, numbers are limited to ensure everyone gets enough game time, so please do get in touch before coming along. Our sessions can be found in the regular events section on page 3, with current availability as follows -

Beginner: Currently full (waiting list available). Contact Scott - ***spj74@outlook.com***
Intermediate: Currently full (waiting list available). Contact Jenny - ***jenny.frame@live.co.uk***
Experienced: Spaces currently available for both sessions. Contact Alan - ***alan1198@btinternet.com***

Magnus Macfarlane
Nuffield College



It's been 1259 days of closure on the Botley Rd. Now you are free to visit Oxford whenever you like, getting into the centre without a long walk. You can even drive in on the road to the Westgate without toll charges.

What's changed? You will notice some new laboratory buildings on the right of Botley Road. This is the beginning of a large project to put lots of laboratory buildings on this side of Oxford particularly on the Osney industrial estate. As you come under the new railway bridge do notice the gothic arch design on the top: for so much money they had to do something.



As you go left into Worcester Street you will pass the front of Nuffield College. This is the first postgraduate-only college.

Founded by Lord Nuffield, who you may know better as William Morris. Yes, we have a confusion of William Morris in Oxford. There was William Morris of the Arts and Crafts movement, and this William Morris, founder of Morris Motors. He wanted to study medicine, but couldn't due to financial hardship. At 15 he started out working in a bicycle shop, but when he asked for a raise and it was not forthcoming, he started to build bicycles in his parents' garden shed. This led to having a bicycle shop on High Street, then building motorbikes, then opening The Motor Palace on Longwall Street offering car-related services.

He launched the Bullnose Morris in 1912, but the outbreak of war made life very difficult. His cars were not manufactured but assembled in Cowley and there was little demand for his small vehicle. He did get a contract for making grenades, then shell cases and then mine detectors for ships which held him afloat. Between the wars the business expanded greatly. In WWII he repaired fighter aircraft.

Every student at Nuffield is fully funded by the college with regard to their teaching and accommodation fees. This is why the acceptance rate at one in 34 is so low.

The college is built on what was the canal terminus in Oxford. The Worcester Street carpark was a canal basin and the line of the pond in the college, follows the branch of the canal which previously existed. It was proposed at one stage to have the original canal extension in the college. I'm sure the students are fully appreciative of a nice clean non-smelly pond.



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