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Local Man's Award

Andy Joyce, a talented creative figure in the Entertainment world originally from Southmoor, has recently been honoured with the prestigious Olivier Award for Best Family Show of 2025 for his remarkable production, "Brainiac Live."

In this innovative show, Andy has taken on multiple roles as the lead character, writer, and director. Over the past 15 years, "Brainiac Live" has captivated audiences worldwide, with performances at iconic venues such as the Sydney Opera House and two successful runs in London's West End.

Andy attended John Blandy School before going to Matthew Arnold in Cumnor Hill and was a regular in the Kingston Colts Boys team in the early nineties. Well done Andy!



10-18th May - National Doughnut Week

National Doughnut Week is a very special week where businesses including bakers, coffee shops, and offices take part and sell lots of delicious doughnuts to raise funds for The Children's Trust. Hidden somewhere inside the News is a picture of a doughnut. Can you find it?



May Day, also known as International Workers' Day or Labour Day, is a holiday observed on May 1st in many countries. It marks the beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere and is celebrated with various traditions including maypole dancing, morris dancing, and the giving of May Day baskets. May Day has roots in ancient European pagan festivals celebrating spring and fertility, with celebrations dating back to the Roman era.



Design an anti-litter Autumn inspired poster and see it appearing around the Village!
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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)	Page
MAY			
St John the Baptist Parish Church, Kingston Bagpuize Services. – See full details on the Church Pages			5
Thursday	1st	County Council Elections Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall	
Thursday	1st	KBS Café Closed	7
Monday	5 th	9.30am Kingston Bagpuize Village Art & Craft Club. St John the Baptist Church Hall	25
Tuesday	6 th	6.30pm Parish Council Monthly Meeting – Swallow Room, KBSVH	10
Tuesday	6 th	7.15pm Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club, Mandy Bradshaw, 'Finding the Angle at Chelsea' KBSVH	13
Friday	9 th	7.00pm KBS Film and Music Night. 'Conclave' (Selecting a new Pope) St John Baptist Church	11
Saturday	10 th	11.00am – 400pm Kingston Bagpuize Bowls Club Open Day Bowls Club, Oxford Road	28
Sunday 11 th – Saturday 17 th Christian Aid Week see donation details on page			7
Tuesday	13 th	7.30pm Apple Blossom Women's Institute 'Peter Tickler Oxford based crime novels Author' KBSVH	23
Wednesday	14 th	10.30am – 12.30pm ALADDINS CAVE Jumble Sale at Petyher House, off Witney Road	27
Wednesday	14 th	14.30pm – 16.00pm Public Consultation Event By David Wilson Homes KBSVH 18.00pm – 19.30pm Land East of Kingston Bagpuize – KBSVH	25
Thursday	15 th	7.00pm Longworth Hist Soc. Gillian Cane "The Mitford Sisters". KBSVH	8
Saturday	17 th	10.00am Join the Litter Picking Group by the Draycott Rd / Faringdon Rd Crossroads	18
Saturday	17 th	7.00pm Blandy Boffins Quiz at John Blandy School	12
Sunday	18 th	10.00am – 1.00pm Abingdon RDA Charity Plant & Table Top Sale at Riding Centre, Charney Rd	22
Sunday	18th	4.00pm Last Date / Time for copy to KBS News for the June edition	2
Monday	19 th	7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting, Swallow Room, Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall	10
Thursday	29 th	10.00am Village Walk and Talk starting at Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall	24
JUNE			
Saturday	21 st	2.00pm - 5.00pm Abingdon RDA 50 th Anniversary Celebrations at Riding Centre, Charney Rd	20
Saturday	28 th	1.00pm – 4.00pm Annual Village Fete Kingston Bagpuize House	
Monday	30 th	Anti-Litter Poster Competition for Under 16 Year Olds Entry Closing day	18
JULY			
Saturday	5 th	Noon Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club Garden Party	13

REGULAR EVENTS - Please check with the event organiser to confirm

In Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall		In Scout Hut, Faringdon Rd (Term Time Only)	
Apple Blossoms	2nd Tuesday each month 7.30pm	1st Longworth Beavers	Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm
Apple Quilters	2nd & 4th Monday Each Month 10am – 2pm New Members always welcome	1st Longworth Cubs	Tuesday 6.00pm - 7.30pm Wednesday 5.45pm – 7.15pm
Clubbercise	Monday 8.00 pm - 9.00 pm	1st Longworth Explorers	Wednesday 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Fitness Session	Monday 9.15am - 10.00am tel 07769 883199	1st Longworth Scouts	Thursday 7.30pm - 9.00pm
French for Fun	Wednesday (Term Time only) 9.30 – 11am	At The Bowls Club, Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	
KBS Badminton Club	Improvers & Above Saturdays 9.00 – 10.30am Improvers & Returners Wednesday 6.30 - 8pm Intermediates & Above Monday 6.15 – 7.30pm	Bowls Clubs Roll Up	Tuesday & Thursday Winter 1.30pm / Summer 2.00pm
		At Millennium Green Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	
KB Drama Group	3 rd Tuesday at 7.30pm & when it occurs 5 th Tuesday 7.30pm (see Church Hall for other days)	Junior Park Run	Sunday 9.00am
		At Jubilee Sports Field, Edward Strauss Park	
KBS Cafe	Thursdays 9.00am - 12 noon	Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club	Junior Training Friday 6 – 8pm
KBS Gardening Club	1st Tuesday monthly 7.15pm for 7.30pm	In St John the Baptist Church Hall	
KBS Pilates	Thursdays 1.30 – 2.30pm See KBS News Ad	KB Drama Group	1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month at 7:30pm (see Village Hall for other days)
KB & S Tennis Club	Tuesday 9 - 11am Men's Open Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm Ladies Open	KBS Art and Craft Friendship Club	Alternate Mondays 9.30am - 12.00 noon
Longworth & District History Society	3 rd Thursday every month at 7.00pm	Village Voices	Men - Alternate Mondays 9.30am Ladies – Alternate Tuesdays 9.30am
Southmoor Baby & Toddlers	Friday (Term Time Only) 10.00 -11.30am	In Longworth Village Hall info at longworthvillage.org.uk	
Table Tennis (Over 55's) Currently No Vacancies	Tuesday 11am – 12 noon For Info email: bobsouthmoor@hotmail.com	IYENGAR Yoga class (Term Time Only)	Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm Tuesday 11.45am – 1.15pm
Yoga Classes	Tuesday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (intermediate) Wednesday 10.30am - 11.15am (seniors) Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (beginners)	KARATE	Little Ninjas (3-5yrs) at 4pm - 4.30pm Kids Class (6-12yrs) 4.35pm - 5.25pm Mixed Class (6yrs+) 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Village Walk	Last Thursday every month 10.00am (Not Dec)	PILATES	Tuesday 9.15am & 5.45pm Thursday 9.15am & 6.30pm
In Hinton Waldrist Village Hall		ZUMBA	Thursday 10.30am
Cedar Community Club	Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 - 3:00pm		

MAY BIN COLLECTION

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

Thur 8th	Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin	 +  +  + 
Wed 14th	Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items	 +  + 
Wed 21st	Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin	 +  +  + 
Thur 29th	Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items	 +  + 

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Sunday 4 th	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Morning Worship Children's Church
Sunday 11 th	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion All-Age Worship
Sunday 18 th	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 25 th	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Village Communion



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MAY HIGHLIGHTS

The church will be open for private prayer every week Tuesday - Thursday 10am to 12 noon. Opening hours may be extended if there is sufficient interest.

Sunday 4th Children's Church 10.30am in the Church Room

Sunday 11th All-Age Worship 10.30am in Church with crafts and activities – everyone welcome, every second Sunday each month

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Message from a village resident

I live in Kingston Bagpuize and enjoy reading the KBS newsletter you create. I have recently been interviewed for a podcast about my research into dementia. I am a DPhil (PhD) student at the University of Oxford and my work is all about how to improve the NHS services for patients with worries about their memory. In particular by being able to provide more information about what to expect after a diagnosis.

I hope you will find the Podcast interesting. Please have a look at www.oxfordsparks.ox.ac.uk/podcasts/what-happens-after-a-dementia-diagnosis/

Editor's note: People who live and work around us, why not tell us about your work, we think your neighbours might be amazed at the skill of people in the village!!



Send your photos from all corners of the World or an interesting location to editorkbsnews@gmail.com

Out & About in Florida



Here is a photo taken recently whilst I was working as Chairman, Cart Control at The PGA National Resort in Palm Beach, Florida for the 2025 Cognizant Classic Golf Tournament (previously The Honda Classic). All the best, Trevor Wood



THANK YOU

The Weaving family thank everyone for their cards, gifts, words of comfort and memories of Paul's life. His service in the village Church was a wonderful tribute to his life, lived in the village and community he loved. **Sue Weaving**

Village Hall News

The Parish Council have invested in a new heated Defibrillator cabinet which has been installed on the front of the Village Hall by the side door to the Kitchen entrance, adjacent to the Disabled Parking Spaces.

The cabinet was installed by Graham Miller of IGM Electrical Ltd. This was carried out free of charge as a service to our community. The picture shows Graham alongside his handywork.

Should it ever be required, the instructions are to CALL 999; Tell the operator where you are calling from, and you will be given the 4 digit access code to open the cabinet to access the defibrillator. Start CPR as soon as possible.



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KBS Café

Every Thursday 9am to 12pm
• Southmoor Village Hall

The Café will be closed on THURSDAY 1st May due to Elections.

The KBS Café (everyone welcome – whether you live in the Village or not and whatever your age) has had another good year this past year, serving over 2,000 cups of tea/coffee and cakes and scones to appreciative customers, and donating over £1000 to the church in the process. Numbers vary each week between 20 and 100, depending on events.

We have been visited by the Men's Choir, the Women's choir, John Blandy School and a Ukulele group and our numbers have been increased regularly by members of the Nordic Walkers Group and the Health Walkers from Faringdon Medical Centre.

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 on 07984 523955 or Ruth on 07775 994589. We look forward to seeing you. **Caroline Ashby**

'The café is a great place for anyone wanting delicious cake (only £1 a slice!) and good company. In the main our customers are those who are retired, but we also welcome parents with young children.

Last September we had a special KBS Café raising over £700 for Macmillan Cancer research.

None of this would be possible without the excellent leadership of Caroline Ashby and Ruth Hastings and the help of a great team of volunteers, who bake cakes and scones, serve tea and coffee, wash and clear up and put up and take down tables.

We are all very grateful to you all! Caroline and Ruth also say a special thank you to the volunteer team'.

Revd Catherine Schneider



Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 11th to 17th MAY 2025

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As we are unable to deliver and collect envelopes to the whole village this year, we would be grateful if you would place any contribution you wish to make in a sealed envelope, authorising Gift Aid if you can, and deliver it to the One Stop, the Crossroads Co-op, Susan Green 22 Laurel Drive, Hazel Brennan 3 Rimes Close, The Kitchen Depot or donate online at www.christianaid.org

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Longworth & District History Society



15th May (Thursday) at 7pm • Southmoor Village Hall • Gillian Cane 'Mitford sisters'

Our speaker for the May meeting is Gillian Cane who has worked as a tour guide for the Bodleian Library and in their Conservation Department. She was also, in another lifetime, the first woman to serve with The Royal Green Jackets. She is coming to talk about the Mitford sisters. The Mitford family were born and brought up locally in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire.

The date is Thursday 15th May in Southmoor Village Hall at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start, and everyone is welcome. Members free and visitors just £4. As usual, the bar will be open and there will be books to browse, borrow or buy. We look forward to seeing you there. **Pam Woodward**

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Meeting minutes and appendices are available online at <https://www.kbsparishcouncil.org.uk/document-category/minutes>.

The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council met on April 7th to discuss key local matters affecting the community. David Weeks was co-opted onto the council following the withdrawal of another candidate.

The meeting covered a broad range of topics, including a detailed report from District Councillor Jill Rayner, who shared updates on the upcoming County Council election and the ongoing negotiations about a potential unitary authority. The council also heard about positive early feedback on the new garden waste scheme and was encouraged to explore grant opportunities via the Climate Action Fund.

Several key projects and purchases were approved to improve village amenities. A new defibrillator cabinet will be installed free of charge, thanks to Graham Miller of IGM Electrical. Elizabeth Bailey has joined as Outdoor Officer, already completing training for playground inspections. The council also approved quotes for new seating and lawn care in the burial ground and discussed further improvements to the recreation ground, including the possibility of an open-sided shelter. Significant investment continues with playground upgrades and the ongoing development of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, which will guide future growth and community needs.

Financial matters were thoroughly reviewed, with councillors approving a comprehensive list of payments and grants, ranging from tree maintenance to donations supporting local groups such as the WI, Southmoor Baby & Toddler group, and The Abingdon Bridge. The council also adopted new policies to support its staff and ensure best practices, including anti-bullying and lone worker policies. The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th May, with additional committee meetings scheduled throughout April.

Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 19th May, 7pm Swallow Room, Village Hall

This is a chance for you to meet your Parish Councillors, hear what the Council has been doing on your behalf and to let them know what matters to you. If you are a member of a local group and would like to represent its interests to the Council or report on recent triumphs or tribulations this is your chance! Anyone wishing speak should get in touch with Parish Clerk, Sarah Bates on 07908 472827 or at clerk@kbs-parishcouncil.gov.uk

Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)


The Steering Group last met on March 10th. A public meeting was held on 26th March – 8 members of the public attended. Information, data and maps are being drafted into the plan document by the copywriter. The core part of an NDP are the Policies which will include: A Self-Sustaining Village – the need to provide the infrastructure and facilities reasonably be expected in a community of the size of KBS; Green Infrastructure; Sustainability and Biodiversity including Dark Skies; Heritage; Local Housing Needs; Transport and Travel. It is anticipated that the first full draft of the NDP will be available in mid May and will be posted on the KBSPC Facebook page and website www.kbs-parishcouncil.gov.uk.

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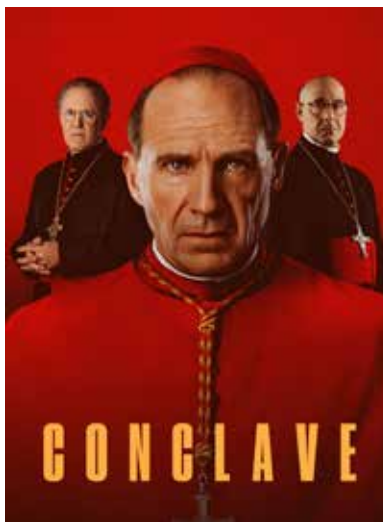
KBS Film and Music Night

9th May (Friday) at 7pm • Church Room
• 'Conclave'

Our next Film Night will be on Friday 9th May in the Church Room when we will be showing **Conclave**. It follows one of the world's most secretive and ancient events – selecting a new Pope. The Church's most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world, locked together in the Vatican halls. Tasked with running this covert process, Cardinal Lawrence (Ralph Fiennes) finds himself at the centre of a conspiracy and discovers a secret that could shake the very foundations of the Church. What could it be? Join us to find out!

This is a free evening organised by members of St John the Baptist Church and tea, coffee, chocolates and popcorn will be provided from 7pm with the film beginning at 7.15pm. We have limited capacity in the room, so we do ask you to let either Peter Beer or Margo Evans know if you will be joining us. We would hate to have to turn anyone away on the night.

Peter Beer 01865 820805 or Margo Evans 01865 820900 or margoevans@mac.com



Rats!

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE don't put rat poison down anywhere that's accessible to other animals. Last year we and our cat were co-existing happily with a lively family of rats, which lived down the bottom of our garden near the pond and a happy group of five hedgehogs, who came up to the patio doors to get fed every night.

Towards the end of Summer, the rats suddenly disappeared. At exactly the same time – too early for hibernation - the hedgehogs all disappeared and our cat became very poorly. We don't know for sure, but suspect that someone may inadvertently have poisoned the hedgehogs and, indirectly, the cat when trying to get rid of rats.

Rats aren't usually a problem as long as you don't have bird food or other food waste near the house to attract them. However, if they do become a major problem and you need to deal with them, please take professional advice and be extremely careful where you put it if you do choose to use poison.

Many thanks. Sharon Cooper



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KBS Nature

“She has nothing, in short, to recommend her, but being an excellent walker.” So said Mrs Hurst in *Pride and Prejudice*.

And with that in mind the Unofficial Friday Walking Club* went off for a ladylike meander around the environs of Basingstoke and Deane on one of the Jane Austen Trails (see <https://overtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/overton-jane-austen-trails/> for more information). We began our excursion with an excellent cup of tea (and one of the best Victoria Sponges I have had in a while) at the Honesty Café in Overton. As we headed out of the village, along the route of the River Test, we noted a swathe of watercress – a sign of good water quality one hopes (don't get me started on the quality of the Windrush – I could be writing for days!). The River Test is a chalk stream renowned for its trout fishing. The water was sparklingly clear and we did spot a chub from the bridge in Overton. We wound our way along the route of the River Test and headed to Ashe (rather disappointing source of the Test), then onto Deane and back to Overton via Steventon (birthplace of said Miss Austen). We witnessed skylarks at close quarters, singing frantically as they ascended into the sky and also had a close encounter with a red kite swooping down on a dead rabbit. As we passed Ashe Park, the woods were full of primroses and wood anemones and, by the time this column is published, the whole place should be bursting with bluebells.



Primrose

I am currently training for the Great South Run. I am not an athlete by any stretch of the imagination and I have been overtaken by people walking when I've been out on one of my waddles. However, I usually try to time my training early in the day and often have lovely encounters with wildlife – including a stoat, deer and being mown down by a squirrel on Pine Wood Road! However, my favourite moment was last

spring when, as I turned a bend on Digging Lane, a majestic hare jogged out in front of me and sat down in the middle of the road. I am always amazed at how big they are. This splendid fellow was about 3 feet tall and sat on his haunches. I stopped and we both looked at each other deciding on our next move. He eyed me up and down and decided I was less of a threat than a tortoise and jogged on his way.

(*Thank you to the lovely lady who asked about the Unofficial Friday Walking Club. Apologies if anyone was under the misapprehension that it was a real walking club. In reality it is just a nickname for myself and my friend, The Other Mrs C, when we head off on our ad hoc walks)

Next time: KBS Nature Notes ventures further afield...

In the meantime, please do 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 Collins**

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Kingston Bagpuize
Gardening Club**



6th May (Tuesday), 7:30pm
• Mandy Bradshaw 'Finding the Angle at Chelsea'
• Southmoor Village Hall

On Tuesday 6th May, Mandy Bradshaw, life-long gardener and previous winner of the Journalist of the Year award, will be joining us with a talk called 'Finding the Angle at Chelsea'. She'll be sharing light-hearted stories about what goes on behind the scenes at the famous RHS Flower Show and telling us how she finds the best stories. Our 'Seed Swap' will be on again this month and, as usual, there'll be a raffle. The meeting is at Southmoor Village Hall at 7.30pm – doors open 7.15pm. Free for members (annual fee £15) or you can come along as a visitor for £4. Anyone is welcome – no gardening knowledge is required!

We're currently thinking ahead to our plant sale, which will be on Saturday 28th June at the annual Village Fete at Kingston Bagpuize House. If you have a mature garden, you'll probably be removing and splitting large clumps which have outgrown their space, but plants are very expensive and, when you're first setting up a garden, these sorts of plants are very welcome indeed. Herbaceous perennials such as Japanese Anemones, Shasta Daisies, Geraniums, Tradescantias or Asters are always very popular, as are colourful annuals and shrubs. So, if you have any surplus plants, please set them aside for us and we can arrange collection nearer the time.

Further ahead, we have some great stuff to look forward to. Our June talk will focus on hedgehogs – who doesn't love hedgehogs?! Our garden party will be on Saturday 5th July (lunchtime) this year and we will also have a Member's Open Garden soon – date to be confirmed. In the meantime, I hope you're still enjoying some of the glorious Spring blossom and looking ahead to spending more time out in your garden as the weather warms up.
Sharon Cooper (Chair)



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Youth Matters

Hello! I hope you had a wonderful Easter and are enjoying the spectacular weather we've had over the past few weeks! It has been lovely to see the new life emerging around the village, particularly the daffodils, magnolia and blossom on the trees. It's also amazing to see the new buds and leaves growing too.

I really wanted to recommend a fantastic place to ride your bike, walk your dog or just go for a stroll. If you go past the Millennium Green, there is an old road that is behind a white barrier. It stretches on for quite a while and there is no chance of any cars coming down it and is a great place to cycle or walk without any dangers. I went there myself recently and cycled freely and smoothly on the tarmac and thoroughly enjoyed it. If you know of this place already, then you must know how useful it is! However, there is a gate at the end that when opened, leads onto the A420, so please be careful!



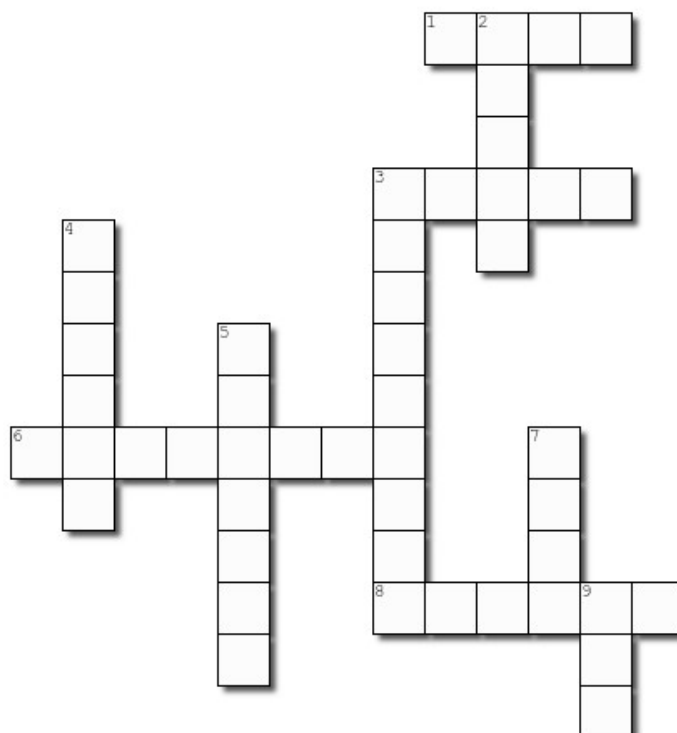
Also speaking of being out and about, I love going for a run and want to inspire other people to do so too! If you want to know how to get started, begin with a small distance, such as just running down the street and back and clock yourself a time. Then, try and improve it, or increase the distance! Just make sure to be aware of what's around you, e.g. cars, people walking, scooters and bikes etc.

Running (or any sport really) boosts your mood, confidence and clears your mind if you have a set goal. Achieving these goals is very rewarding and soon you'll be a fantastic runner! If you like to run with others or test yourself, or just want to give it a go, I recommend going to Park Run at the Millennium Green. See what you're capable of!

I also thought that I would do a puzzle of the month. I hope it will be fun to do! Darcey Prince

Easter Crossword

Answer the clues to find the hidden words!



Across

1. A baby sheep
3. A baby chicken
6. A yellow flower seen at springtime
8. A holiday celebrating new life

Down

2. The month Easter is in this year
3. A sweet treat found in bars, eggs and drinks
4. Easter is on this day
5. Beautiful flowers on trees
7. A trail that people go on
9. A round, colourfully wrapped piece of chocolate



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Recipe of the month

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A simple, low-calorie spring main that uses the season's finest ingredients and is ready in just 20 minutes

Ingredients: Serves 3 Prepare: 10 mins. Cook 12 Mins

- 200g new potatoes quartered
- 100g asparagus tips
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 6 eggs beaten
- 40g cheddar cheese grated
- Rocket or mixed leaves, to serve

Nutrition: per serving

- Kcal 310
- Fat 18g
- Saturates 6g
- Carbs 16g
- sugars 6g
- fibre 4g
- protein 19g
- salt 0.7g

Method.

- 1 Heat the grill to high. Put the potatoes in a pan of cold salted water and bring to the boil. Once boiling, cook for 4-5 mins until nearly tender, then add the asparagus for a final 1 min. Drain.
- 2 Meanwhile, heat the oil in an ovenproof frying pan and add the onion. Cook for about 8 mins until softened.
- 3 Mix the eggs with half the cheese in a jug and season well. Pour over the onion in the pan, then scatter over the asparagus and potatoes. Top with the remaining cheese and put under the grill for 5 mins or until golden and cooked through. Cut into wedges and serve from the pan with salad.



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Restaurant Review

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Our table had been booked on line and a friendly welcome awaited us. We went at lunchtime and had a choice of tables. The restaurant wasn't overly busy.

The menu was vast with selections of pasta, pizza, risotto, meat and fish dishes. There was also an abbreviated lunch menu, which enabled you to have a good value lunch for £18-21. A full "dolci" menu was later presented for those of us with a desire for afters. I would say that there is a rustic, friendly ambience with a knowledgeable and informative maitre d'. He had a good rapport with all of the guests.

The seating would accommodate a large party at the back and a selection of tables for couples, singles, friends and families. I'm imagining there will be more atmosphere in the evening.

I had the seafood risotto which was plentiful and tasty - mussels, prawns and calamari in a traditional presentation. My friend had a large Venetian Pizza, which was home made with a good base and a tasty sauce. However the anchovies and the capers overpowered the flavour making it very salty.

The dolci were delicious - a wonderful dark chocolate sorbet which was like ice cream (made with soya milk); and a mix of pistachio and salted caramel ice creams. Tasty coffees ended an all in all pleasant lunch. *By Wilrich, two KBS foodies*

PS. We hope you are enjoying the restaurant reviews. Feedback is welcome via the KBS News. Please let us know of any other venues/locations you would like us to visit!



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Tip of the Month



17th May (Saturday) 10am, Village Litter pick

Not so much a tip this month—more of a request and a bit of fun participation!

You will soon see some new Spring inspired anti-litter posters appearing around the village to encourage street tidiness here in KBS. We now need an Autumn inspired design and invite the younger members of our community to create this for us. We look forward to receiving entries from anyone under 16 years old at kbsenvironmentgroup@gmail.com before 30th June 2025. Please include full name and age with your entry. The winning entry will include the name of the artist.



The next group litter picking opportunity for all ages will take place on Saturday, 17th May. If you have an hour or so to spare, please come and join us starting from the corner of Draycott Road and Faringdon Road at 10 a.m.



KBS Badminton Club



Every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday • Southmoor Village Hall

Our beginner sessions will be running from 8 – 9pm on Wednesday evenings on 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th May. These informal sessions are for adults who would like to

learn the basics of the game (eg rules, scoring etc.). Numbers will be strictly limited and by advance booking only so please contact me as soon as possible if you would like more information. Note that there will be a small charge to cover our costs, so the 'two free sessions' rule doesn't apply to these. Most importantly, that you will need to bring your own racquet.

Our regular sessions continue on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm – 8pm (improver / returner level), Saturday mornings from 9.00 - 10.30am (intermediate and above) and Monday evenings (intermediate and above.) Note that we will be playing straight through any holidays including the bank holiday Mondays. The Monday evening sessions are currently low on players, so now is a great time if you've been thinking about it. You'll be very welcome!

All of the sessions take place at Southmoor Village Hall and are run on a not-for-profit basis. The first couple of sessions are free and, after that, we divide up the cost of the court hire and shuttlecocks between us so it's pretty cheap entertainment. Please contact me or Jenny before going along to check that there is space for you. You can contact us on sharon@cherrytree21.plus.com (01865 820399) (Sat or Mon sessions or beginner enquiries) or Jenny jenny.frame@live.co.uk (Wed sessions). **Sharon Cooper**

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- Ladies' Open Mondays 2-4pm
- Mixed Open Wednesdays 10-12pm
- Social mixed Fridays 6-8.30pm

The Summer league matches have just got underway with wins for the Ladies' A and B teams and the Mens' C team on the opening weekend.

We recently held a fun 'Red and Black' tournament which was enjoyed by 18 club players on a sunny afternoon.....below are some photos from the event with the prize winners.



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Some Thoughts of a Long Term Resident

We came to live in Southmoor in 1967 and have noticed a substantial change in many aspects of living here. There have been several improvements, such as the by-pass and the arrival of a good bus service to Oxford and Faringdon and between Witney and Abingdon and, of course, our wonderful village hall. We also have a good selection of shops (which do not shut at lunch time as happened in the past). We also had two garages which sold fuel, one during the day and the other late at night and sometimes during the day. I will not attempt to list features which might be classed as a disadvantage.

What we did notice was that there were many serving and retired members of the Royal Air Force living in the village. This was because there were several active RAF stations within a relatively short distance and the personnel had managed to get to one of them as a last posting prior to leaving the service. Many who had retired also continued using their service knowledge by working at a commercial flying and ground training firm based at Kidlington called CSE Aviation (who left the UK and crossed the Atlantic where the weather was more reliable). I encountered a few of these "RAF and ex-RAF types" and found them to be very serious minded in their jobs, but generally cheerful and still full of student humour. An example of this was a story that one of the Transport Command pilots needed, according to his crew, to change his glasses twice on coming in to land! Although I had completed my National Service in the RAF it was not on an operational station so the sense of humour did not really exist.

This brings me to comment on Rob Belk's book "Their Stories" which I have just read.. His description of how some local families lost as many as four sons in combat and to the large number of aircraft fatalities goes to show how these people valued our Country over their own safety. The book describes in great detail how inadequate were the navigational aids of the time and how short was their training. We did carry out training in Canada of aircrew where a large number of them lost their lives. Indeed, when I was an apprentice at The Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, the lad with whom I shared a room had lost his Father in a training flying accident in Canada during the war. One of the other lessons to be learned from the book was how young the aircrew were. A nineteen year old was piloting a multi-engined bomber when he lost his life.

In conclusion, I would just like to say how a collection of recent history based in our villages goes to prove how fortunate we are: not just to live in such a pleasant place, but to understand how many of our local forebears gave their lives so that we may spend our time in peace led by a democracy. *Alan Knight*

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A day in the life

It's a tremendous privilege being a member of the Oxford Guild of Tour Guides.

Oxford is a hugely interesting place to visit as it satisfies visitors on so many different levels and with so many different areas of interest. The Guild coursework covers this breadth. We still train, mostly in the quieter winter months, to enhance our knowledge and skills.

This brings me to my most recent course: "A day in the life of a porter at Corpus Christi". Such courses can only take place in the downtime of a college between student terms and conference visits. The porter role ranges widely from security to hotel / Airbnb-style concierge. Porters gain an intimate knowledge of the college and of the people therein. While colleges are indeed upgrading to electronic forms of key security, there are still, in Corpus Christi, 1500 keys to be monitored and maintained.

Then there are the little nuggets of information to be learned. Curfew of a sort has never really stopped. In the college rules, more than 12 people in a room constitute a party – not allowed. The brand-new Spencer Library building has indeed a connection with Diana Spencer 's family. There are often students in the library at 3am because it's a beautifully quiet time to study. Scouts clean and change the sheets twice a week.



The Hall



Wine Cellar

There are three wine cellars for 13,000 bottles and another for port. The Manciple has just changed his title to Head Chef. Corpus Christi owns the Old Bank Hotel. The current head gardener is also on a scholarship at Kew. The College mascot - a tortoise named Foxe - lives in the President's garden. Corpus can accommodate all students in college buildings. Third and fourth years live immediately in the College grounds and there are ballots for who gets which room – outcomes are based on the previous year's exam results.

Some highlights of my tour were seeing the brilliant painting of Chaplain Judith Maltby, sitting in the chapel, with the Rubens painting "Adoration of the Shepherds" and H A Payne's stained glass window in the background; the dining hall which I had never been in before; a wine cellar; a selection of the College silver which amazingly goes back to the origins of the College in 1517 despite the fact that in the Civil War of 1640 King Charles demanded College silver to melt down to

pay his troops and, finally, the King's room. This is the room of the President of the College, in the entrance tower. It is the same room where John Spenser and John Rainolds translated their section of the King James Bible as one of six teams, two of which were in Oxford. It exists today pretty much as it was then!



Judith Maltby portrait





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Oxford Flower Club



22nd May (Thursday) • Debbie Davies 'Blooms and Blueprints' • Cumnor Village Hall

Our guest Elaine Hale took us on a journey around the world with her floral demonstration in March. Her journey started by packing a bag with the most glorious sunshine-coloured flowers that included roses, gerberas and tulips that were manipulated open. After visiting Canada on a red and white Inuksuk boat, she continued her travels to the Dutch bulb gardens of Keukenhof. While there she prepared a stunning hand tied arrangement of spring flowers. Continuing onto Mexico, a display on driftwood with flowers to resemble the coral reef was prepared, before continuing onto Australia and Singapore where more displays were arranged. Her journey ended with pretty arrangements in a teacup and teapot, representing what we all long for on return from a holiday. Members were not only mesmerised by Elaine's displays but were totally absorbed in her journey. Members commented on what a delightful afternoon they had enjoyed.

May is a busy month as our guest demonstrator Debbie Davies will talk about 'Blooms and Blueprints', as well as a trip to Salisbury Cathedral for the Festival of Flowers.

In June we have a tea party, and in July we look forward to 'A French Affair' with Fiona Harrison.

Dates for your diary:

- May 22nd - Oxford Flower Club - Guest Debbie Davies ' Blooms and Blueprints'.
- June 26th - Oxford Flower Club Tea Party.
- July 24th - Oxford Flower Club - Guest Fiona Harrison 'A French Affair'.

Call or email Karen for further information of events, meeting times and venue - **07967 555750 / karen@fourgates.me**



Apple Blossoms WI



13th May (Tuesday) at 7:30pm • Peter Ticker 'Devising a Whodunnit' • Southmoor Village Hall

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

Our April meeting was a wonderfully relaxing and insightful evening as we welcomed Lorraine Chapman for a special well-being session. Lorraine introduced us to the benefits of mindfulness and guided us through some simple but effective techniques. A big thank you to Lorraine for such an enjoyable and informative session!

Join us on Tuesday 13th May, when we welcome Peter Tickler, author of several Oxford-based crime novels. In his session, "Devising a Whodunnit", Peter will reveal the key ingredients that go into writing a gripping crime novel. Even better - he'll be asking for our help in creating some intriguing characters of our own. It's sure to be an engaging and creative evening, definitely one not to miss!

Visitors are warmly welcomed for only £5 per evening including refreshments - no this isn't a red herring! We'd love to see you there! **Naomi & Jules, Apple Blossoms WI, appleblossomswi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk**

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May Walk and Talk



29th May (Thursday) at 10am



Just 14 residents took part on 27th March. Starting from the KBS Village Hall we headed for the Millennium Green where

there was an opportunity to explore and talk about some of the features there, in particular to have a look at the Mosaic Trail. This interesting trail took us around the Green towards Aelfrith's Dyke that forms the historic boundary between Kingston and Fyfield.

During excavation work to build the Second World War airfield, east of Kingston Bagpuize a haul of 2000 coins dating from around 307 AD were discovered. Our walk continued admiring the many features of the area including the Maze, the Sundial, the Wildflower Meadow, and the Pond, which was looking pristine with many signs of water habitat present. It was also rewarding to see children from the nearby school making use of the Millennium Green for their outdoor activities.

Following an enjoyable and casual walk and talk, it was time to head back to the Village Hall Cafe for a coffee and cake.

Come and join us for our next Walk and Talk on Thursday 29th May 10am from the Village Hall. Ron Green.



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Kingston Bagpuize Village Art and Craft Club



5th May (Monday) at 9:30am • St. John the Baptist Church Hall

As March had us successfully trying our hand at Book Binding, April began with us enjoying the art of Glass Painting prepared by and with the expert guidance from Gurvinder. Everyone left with the lovely images each had painted.

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



The club meets on alternate Mondays throughout the year in the St. John the Baptist Church Hall, Kingston Bagpuize, starting at 9.30am and finishing at midday with the first meeting being free.

Our next meeting is Monday May 5th 2025. We look forward to welcoming new members.
Jean Allsworth 07397530144



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Land East of Kingston Bagpuize Public Consultation Event

Date – Wednesday 14th May

Time – 14:30 – 16:00 and 18:00 – 19:30

Location – Swallow Room, Kingston Bagpuize with
Southmoor Village Hall

David Wilson Homes Southern (DWHS) and Sovereign Network Group (SNG) are inviting residents and local stakeholders to an engagement event on Wednesday 14th May 2025, to participate in shaping the detailed proposals for new development at Land East of Kingston Bagpuize. Outline planning consent was granted for 660 homes, a care home, local centre, primary school, open space and associated infrastructure at the site in April 2024 (planning application reference P22/V0248/O). DWHS and SNG will be jointly developing the site and are now progressing the detailed proposals.

DWH and SNG wish to seek the views of the community on the southern edge character area within the development. This area will include public open space, landscaping, play areas for children of all ages, a cricket pitch and cricket pavilion and links to the existing community. These facilities will benefit both existing and new residents and therefore this consultation provides an opportunity for the community to learn more about the development and input into the proposals.



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From our MP Charlie Maynard



I've been working hard in Westminster and in the constituency, enjoying the work as well as the slightly warmer weather and longer days.

As ever, I've continued to campaign hard on cleaning up our water sector. At Burford Eco day on the 15th I was able to talk a bit about my campaign to stop Thames Water being able to take on further debt, at the expense of bill payers, which I wrote about last month. I also met with people from West Oxfordshire District Council, Brize Norton Parish Council, Windrush Against Sewage Pollution and Thames Water to discuss the 20 years of sewage dumping in Brize Norton. I look forward to seeing progress.

Rare cancers have been another theme of much of my work this month. With my sister, Georgie, 46, who is living with a glioblastoma, I visited the Nuffield Department of Medicine at Oxford University to see how funding from The Brain Tumour Charity is helping to research the most unforgiving cancers. In Westminster, I spoke in a debate in the House about how we can improve research and treatment for rarer cancers – including by improving

access to clinical trials for patients, encouraging more research into rare cancer treatments in the UK by extending patents and when new drugs are developed, ensuring they are quickly made accessible on the NHS. I have also quizzed the Health Minister on why there have been such delays in spending funding which was allocated for brain tumour research back in 2018.

Other Parliamentary work this month included a trip with the Business and Trade Select Committee, to British Aerospace's naval shipyards on the Clyde. I also attended a debate on the Government's latest blow to farmers: shutting down the Sustainable Farming Incentive, with no notice whatsoever.

Here in West Oxfordshire, I have had so many interesting meetings. Mick Morris from the Witney and West Oxfordshire Food Bank met with me to discuss how they support people across the community – huge thanks to him and his team for all of their hard work. Along with some of the other Lib Dem MPs for Oxfordshire, I took a visit to the BMW Mini Group factory at Plant Oxford, to hear about the fascinating history of the plant and the current challenges facing the automotive sector.

I very much enjoyed a visit to Little Dots Nursery in Witney, although it was concerning to hear their experience of delayed SEND referrals for the children they look after. This is a situation which I am determined to improve locally – and I was grateful to the Minister responsible for SEND for meeting me to discuss the particular challenges in our area. I will be following up on that and will keep residents updated.

I also wanted to give my thanks to members of the Witney Youth Council, who met with me recently to talk through their campaigns for the town – it was brilliant to hear their ideas and I hope we can work together to make some real progress on them.

Finally, towards the end of March, I did a walk across Bampton and Clanfield, Alvescot and Filkins. I had the opportunity to meet lots of residents and representatives from local groups and businesses along the way! It was such an enjoyable day – and thankfully the sun shone throughout! I really look forward to planning the next in my series of constituency walks!

As ever, if you'd like to contact me about anything, please do drop me an email at Charlie.maynard.mp@parliament.uk



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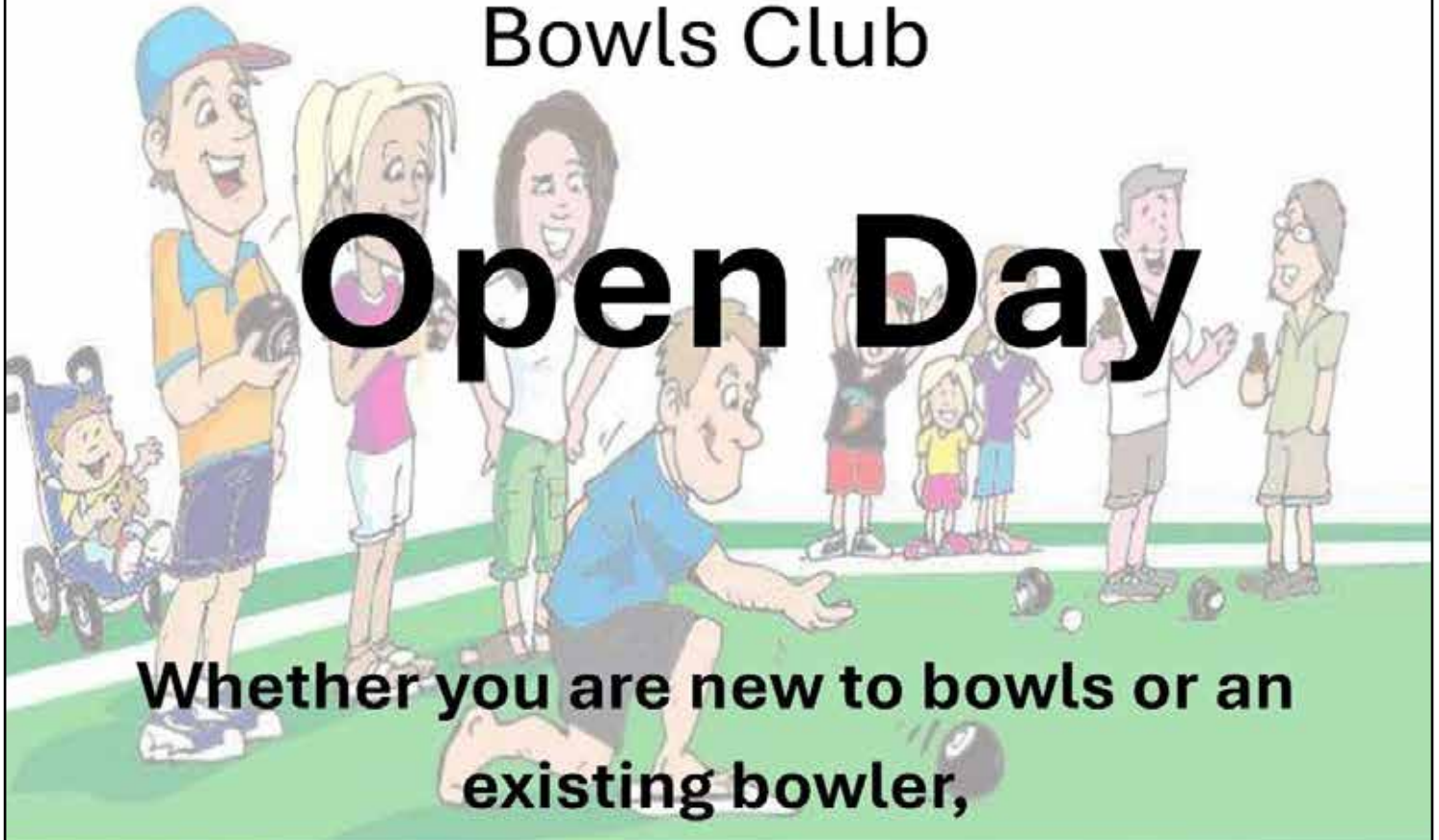
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