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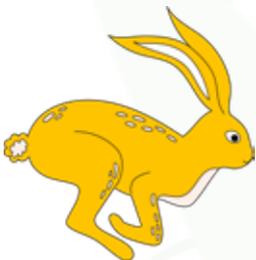


Don't let the date sneak up on you! Mothering Sunday falls on 15 March this year. Whether it's a bouquet of spring daffodils, a homemade cake, or just a long-overdue catch-up over tea, now is the perfect time to start planning something special for the mums and mother figures in your life.

### Did You Know



The phrase 'mad as a march hare' dates from the 16th Century but was popularised by Lewis Carroll's book *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. It refers to the frantic and unpredictable behaviour that hares display in March at the start of the breeding season.



We've hidden a March hare somewhere in this issue - can you find them?

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### Village Views



Some beautiful photos of the village have landed in the editors inbox this month. If you'd like to see your pictures in the KBS News, send them to [editorkbsnews@gmail.com](mailto:editorkbsnews@gmail.com).

### World Book Day is on March 6th!



John Blandy Primary School has big plans to celebrate World Book Day and the National Year of Reading. Find out more on page 6.

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# Village Diary

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Monday	2nd	6:30pm	Parish Council Monthly Meeting - Swallow Room, KBS Village Hall	5
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	12.30pm	Village Lunch at KBS Village Hall	
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.15pm	KBS Gardening Club, Peter Phillip from Butterfly Conservation explores why butterflies and moths matter	
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Circle Dancing, KBS Village Hall	
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Apple Blossoms WI Annual General Meeting	
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Film & Music Night, Les Pecheurs De Perles, St John Baptist Church Room	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Final Copy Date for KBS News March edition</b>	<b>3</b>
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7,00pm	Longworth History Society, Paul Whitton "Good Queen Anne: Anne of Bohemia", KBS VH	
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Village Walk and Talk starting at KBS Village Hall car park	
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Oxford Flower Club, Cumnor Village Hall	
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Concert in aid of Malawi Hospitals, St John the Baptist Church	
Sunday	29th	10:30am	Journey through the events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, St John the Baptist Church	

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Friday	3rd	3:00pm	Good Friday Service, St John the Baptist Church	
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.30pm	Parish Council Monthly Meeting - Swallow Room, KBS Village Hall	8
Thursday	2nd	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service, St John the Baptist Church	8

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

In Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall		In Scout Hut, Faringdon Rd (Term Time Only)	
Apple Blossoms WI	2nd Tuesday each month 7.30pm	1st Longworth Beavers	Mondays 6-7.15pm
Apple Quilters	2nd & 4th Monday each month 10am-2pm	1st Longworth Cubs	Tuesdays 6-7.30pm Wednesdays 5.45-7.15pm
Clubbercise	Mondays 8-9pm	1st Longworth Explorers	Wednesdays 7.30-9pm
Dance Fitness	Tuesdays 2.30-3.30pm	1st Longworth Scouts	Thursdays 7.30-9pm
Fitness Session	Mondays 9.15-10am tel 07769 883199	<b>At The Bowls Club, Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize</b>	
French for Fun	Wednesdays (term time only) 9.30-11am	Bowls Clubs Roll Up	Tuesdays & Thursdays Winter 1.30pm/ Summer 2.00pm
KBS Badminton Club	Beginners: Wed 8-9pm Intermediate: Wed 6.30-8pm Advanced: Sat 9-10.30am   Mon 6.15-7.30pm	<b>At Millennium Green Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize</b>	
KB Drama Group	3rd Tuesday (and 5th when it occurs) at 7.30pm (see Church Hall for other days)	Junior Park Run	Sundays 9am
KBS Cafe	Thursdays 9am-12pm	<b>At Jubilee Sports Field, Edward Strauss Park</b>	
KBS Gardening Club	1st Tuesday each month 7.15pm	Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club	Junior Training Fridays 6-8pm
KBS Pilates	Thursdays 1.30-2.30pm	<b>In St John the Baptist Church Hall</b>	
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	KB Drama Group	1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesday in the month at 7:30pm (see Village Hall for other days)
Korean Karate Club	Wednesdays 5.05-5.35pm Little Ninjas (3.5-6yrs) 5.35-6.25pm Mixed ages (6yrs-adults)	KBS Art and Craft Friendship Club	Alternate Mondays 9.30am-12pm
Longworth & Dist History Society	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month at 7.00pm	<b>In Longworth Village Hall</b>	
Southmoor Baby & Toddlers	Fridays (term time only) 10-11.30am	IYENGAR Yoga (term time only)	Mondays 7-8.30pm Tuesdays 11.45am-1.15pm
Table Tennis (over 55's)	Tuesdays 11am-12pm (currently no vacancies) For info email: bobsouthmoor@hotmail.com	PILATES	Tuesdays 9.15am & 5.45pm Thursdays 9.15am & 6.30pm
Yoga Classes	Intermediates Tuesdays 6-7pm Seniors Wednesdays 10.30-11.15am Beginners Thursdays 6-7pm	ZUMBA	Thursdays 10.30am
Village Walk	Last Thursday in month 10am (not in Dec)	<b>In Hinton Waldrist Village Hall</b>	
		Cedar Community Club	Tuesdays & Wednesday 9.30am-3pm

## MARCH BIN COLLECTION

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



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Sunday 1st	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Morning Worship with Children's Church
Sunday 8th	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion All-Age Service
Sunday 15th Mothering Sunday	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Morning Worship with Children's Church
Sunday 22nd	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Children's Church
Sunday 29th Palm Sunday Hall	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Messy Church in Holy Week at the Village Hall
Maundy Thursday (2nd April)	7.30pm	Tenebrae (quiet service with Holy Communion)
Good Friday (3rd April)	3pm	Reflective service



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

### **MARCH HIGHLIGHTS**

- The church will now be open for private prayer every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 9am to 5pm/dusk whichever is the earlier. (Apologies that necessary building work has reduced opening hours recently. Any change in opening hours will be put on the church website and on the notice board outside the church gate).
- Sunday 1st, 15th, 22nd Children's Church 10.30am in the Church Room with crafts and activities, all children and families welcome.
- Sunday 15th Mothering Sunday with Children's Church and distribution of flowers
- Sunday 29th Messy Church in Holy Week 10.30 – 12.30pm with light refreshments and activities for all ages in KBS Village Hall

### **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](mailto:vicar.kbs@gmail.com) phone 07865 827679, usual working days Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (and Sunday services).

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Sunday 11.00 am**

Communion monthly 2nd Sundays  
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**Sunday Mass 10.00 am**

## VILLAGE VOICES

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### A Message for Lent



As I write this I'm preparing for Lent – the six weeks when people often think about giving something up, like chocolate or caffeine or alcohol. Giving things up can be a useful discipline, but I hope there might be other things we could try to give up, like the voices inside our head that sometimes tell us we're not good enough, or feelings of shame – things that stop us from being the whole versions of ourselves that God made us to be.

This journey towards Easter, with its good news about the new life Jesus offers us through his loving sacrifice of himself, perhaps we might try and give up things that get in the way of wholeness and choose habits that lead to life. If I can help please let me know – my contact details are in KBS News with the St John the Baptist church information, or you can often catch me at KBS café on Thursday mornings. There are also some special services to help us on that journey, including a Messy Church journey through Holy Week on Sunday 29th (see the advert), Maudy Thursday communion on 2nd April and a reflective service on Good Friday (3rd April). Hope to see you there!

With prayers and best wishes,  
**Catherine, and everyone at St John the Baptist**

### World Book Day at John Blandy Primary School

Did you know that this year is the National Year of Reading? We already have some events happening to kick start the year off!

Our School Council have organised a Book Swap. The children can bring into school up to 3 good-quality, well-loved books from home and the children then have the opportunity to exchange these for a different book that they can keep. The books have already started coming in thick and fast!

On March 6th, you may see children coming to school dressed in their pyjamas, or their favourite character from a book or in their own clothes, holding their favourite book, ready to celebrate World Book Day! We will also hold a cake sale and all money raised will be used to buy new books for the library and classrooms.

The children will also receive a £1 book token which they can then spend at our Book Fair the following week.

What a great start to the National Year of Reading!

**Mrs Suzanne Elliott**  
**Headteacher**



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## KBS Café

Every Thursday 9am to 12pm • Southmoor Village Hall

We serve tea (including different flavoured teas), coffee (including Latte and Cappuccino) and hot chocolate, orange and blackcurrant squash, homemade cheese scones and homemade cakes. We have a few gluten free options as well.

• A mug of tea or coffee is £1.00 • A piece of cake or a cheese scone is £1.00 • A glass of squash is 10p



We are looking for more people to make cakes for the Café. We would only ask you no more than every 5 to 6 weeks. We are more than happy to pay for the ingredients. If you can help, please contact Caroline Ashby on 07984 523955 or Ruth on 01865 821386. We look forward to seeing you. *Caroline Ashby*

## Village Litter Pick



A HUGE thank you to the 11 hardy volunteers who turned out on a drab January Sunday morning for a couple of hours of litter picking, both regulars and some folk new to the village and the group. Between us we collected 20 bags of litter, a good haul for our District Council Waste Team to efficiently collect the next morning. Our regular litter picks rely on the excellent service we get from the Waste Team who supply us with litter pickers and hi-vis jackets and take all the rubbish away. Their support is very much appreciated.

It would be a delight if no more litter ever appeared on our streets . . . but, our next group litter pick will take place after Easter on 18th April. A chance to walk off extra calories provided by Easter Eggs. The meeting place at 2 pm remains at the corner of Draycott and Faringdon Roads. All are welcome, even if just for half an hour or an hour, dogs and children included.



## Tip of the Month

Do you want to help and encourage lots of insect life to your garden but you don't have the time? Don't worry, do nothing and then do less!

Delay deadheading as long as you can, certainly not before March. Deadheading removes seed heads that are a vital resource for insects and birds over the colder months. Be a leader of garden fashion, use the chop and drop method being encouraged by the Royal Horticultural Society. When you do start tidying up, simply cut up any old plant cuttings you create into small pieces and leave them to cover the ground where you are working. This forms a cover layer over the soil and decomposes where it lies, rather than in a compost heap.



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**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!!*



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**Meeting minutes and appendices are available online** at [kbs-parishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings/](https://kbs-parishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings/) and minutes are displayed at the noticeboards at the Witney Road Co-op and Faringdon Road (The Paddock).

At its meeting on 2 February 2026, Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council received updates from District and County Councillors on a range of local matters. Residents were reminded that garden waste permits expire at the end of March and that several consultations are currently open, including on taxi policy (deadline 10 March) and Rural Oxfordshire (deadline 1 April). An update was also provided on highways issues, including emergency repairs to Draycott Road, concerns about parking at its southern end, and ongoing work relating to the A420 and Charney Road junction.

Planning matters focused largely on the Ferrers Green development. The Parish Council considered amendments and reserved matters applications relating to Phase 1, including 605 homes, a community building and open space. The Council voted to support the proposals, welcoming the opportunity for S106 contributions to be directed towards a wider range of sports and leisure facilities rather than a second cricket pitch, reflecting feedback gathered from residents at meetings and community events. The Council highlighted the benefits of improved biodiversity, accessible green space and year-round community facilities for both new and existing residents.

The Council also approved several planning applications with no objection and considered a late consultation regarding a variation to a garage conversion, noting concern that it should not become a separate dwelling. Routine business included approval of accounts, agreement of essential tree works following a recent survey, and adoption and review of a number of data protection policies. The Health & Safety Working Group's terms of reference were formally adopted.

Finally, the Council noted that Regulation 14 public consultation on the Neighbourhood Development Plan will begin this month, with documents available on the Parish Council website. Hard copies will also be made available locally for residents who prefer to read a printed version. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 2 March.

Full minutes can be viewed on the council's website at <https://kbs-parishcouncil.gov.uk/document-category/minutes/> and on the council's noticeboards.

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## Oxford Bus and Thames Travel Service Changes



We have made some changes!

To improve punctuality and reliability across our network, Oxford Bus Company and Thames Travel have updated our services to run more smoothly with the new Congestion Charge and free Park&Ride services. You are now able to view our updated timetables on both our website and Oxford Bus and Thames Travel App.

If you're not sure about your journey, check out the journey planner on our website, or contact our customer service team for help ([info@oxfordbus.co.uk](mailto:info@oxfordbus.co.uk)).

[co.uk](https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk) or [office@thames-travel.co.uk](mailto:office@thames-travel.co.uk)). We're here to make sure your travel is as smooth as possible.

For Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor, the main affected services are the X1 and X15. For more information, feel free to check out our website!

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## KBS Neighbourhood Development Plan

The pre-submission Regulation 14 Consultation began on Monday 16th February and will last until 30th March. This is the final opportunity for all residents to read the draft documents and make comments or suggestions. The draft documents are posted on the Parish Council Website [www.kbs-parishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kbs-parishcouncil.gov.uk) and there are links on social media. Hard copies are available to borrow and can be found at the KBS Cafe on Thursday mornings in the village hall, by visiting the church when it is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and also by contacting the Parish Clerk.

After the consultation ends, all comments and suggestions will be reviewed by the NDP Steering Group and a Consultation Statement will be prepared detailing the comments and the amendments subsequently made to the draft plan. From this point on the VWHDC are responsible for the remaining stages of the application process.

By participating in this consultation, residents will help to ensure that the Neighbourhood Development Plan serves the best interests of our community.

**Monthly Circle Dancing**  
at the KBS Village Hall

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1st Friday of the month.  
**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
Time: 7 p.m. - 8.45 p.m.

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**Cost: £5**

- ✦ Teas and coffees during the evening.
- ✦ No experience or partner needed.
- ✦ wear comfy shoes.
- ✦ Each dance is taught as we go along.

**Come and enjoy dances to music from  
around the world.**

**Joan: 07814 988941**  
[joancoo@outlook.com](mailto:joancoo@outlook.com)



### Circle Dance

 **Friday 6th February at 7pm**  
**Southmoor Village Hall**

The first Circle Dance session took place on Friday 6th February at the Village Hall and was an enjoyable evening.

Although Circle Dance was new for most, we danced nine quite different dances to music from Greece, Ukraine, Africa, America, Israel, Scotland and Germany, some traditional and others more recently choreographed: a trip around a lot of the world with no passport required and time to chat with tea, coffee and biscuits along the way.

We will be dancing again on Friday, 6th March at the Village Hall starting at 7 pm finishing at 8.45 pm. No partner or previous experience required, just comfy shoes and £5, if you fancy coming along to join us.



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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**

As winter finally starts to loosen its grip and the evenings stretch out a little, March is the perfect month to get back into the 'swing' of things. Badminton at Southmoor Village Hall offers a fun sociable way to stay active, without having to commit to muddy fields or expensive gym memberships.

The club runs on a non-profit basis so costs are very reasonable, and the first couple of sessions are free so you can see if it's for you. As there's only one court, numbers are limited to make sure everyone gets enough game time, so please do get in touch before coming along. Current sessions are as follows –

### Beginner

Wednesday evenings | 8.00 – 9.00pm

Players may be complete beginners or returning to the game after a long break. There is no formal coaching, but rules, scoring and basic techniques are learnt during play, allowing games to remain friendly and accessible.

Currently full – waiting list available. Contact Scott - spj74@outlook.com

### Intermediate

Wednesday evenings | 6.30 – 8.00pm

Players will be able to serve, keep score and have a basic understanding of the rules. While games do get competitive, the pace of play remains relaxed and enjoyable giving players the opportunity to improve their game.

Currently full – waiting list available. Contact Jenny - jenny.frame@live.co.uk

### Advanced

Saturday mornings | 9.00 – 10.30am & Monday evenings | 6.15 – 7.30pm

Players will be experienced, fully competent in the rules, and be able to play competitively in all positions on the court. Games are more high-tempo with greater emphasis on tactics and strategy.

Spaces currently available for both sessions. Contact Alan - alan1198@btinternet.com

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## Longworth & District History Society



19th March (Thursday) at 7pm  
• Paul Whitton "Good Queen Anne"  
• Southmoor Village Hall

Our next meeting is on Thursday 19th March and we have Paul Whitton coming to tell us all about "Good Queen Anne: Anne of Bohemia".

Paul has spent many years researching and writing on the history of Hinton Waldrist and its 13th century church. He is a local historian, member of Longworth & District History Society and editor of the Longworth Rose history magazine.

The meeting is in Southmoor Village Hall, 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. The bar will be open during the evening and there will be books to browse, borrow or buy.

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## Village Walk and Talk



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Thank you to the 14 keen walkers who joined us for the January 'Walk and Talk' which took place on Thursday 29th January. Following a break for December, the walkers met as usual at the KBS Village Hall at 10am, where it was decided that this would be a shortened walk taking us via Blandy Avenue to the recreation ground before crossing and joining the Faringdon Road next to the Old School Scouts HQ. From here the walkers headed to join Rymes Lane where there was an opportunity to admire the display of snowdrops within the grounds of St John the Baptist Church and Kingston House gardens. The walk continued to join Norwood Avenue and Bellamy Close, before heading across the Weavings' field to join Stonehill and Sandy Lane, and returning via Draycott Road to the Village Café and welcome refreshments.



Join us for the next 'Free Walk and Talk' which will take place on Thursday 26th February, meeting at 10am in the Village Hall car park.



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## Recipe of the month

### Jackie's American Green Bean Dish

**Prepare:** 15min    **Cook:** 20min    **Serves:** 4

Over 40 years ago, a great friend of mine introduced me to a typical American Thanksgiving dish. It has since become a family favourite. If you need a comforting and slightly indulgent side dish this is for you.

#### Ingredients

- 25g plain flour
- 12g butter
- 150g grated gruyere cheese
- 250g sour cream
- 150ml milk
- 2x 400g cans of green beans (drained)
- Salt and black pepper to taste
- Flaked almonds for topping (if required)

#### Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 175
2. Melt the butter in a saucepan, then add the flour to make a roux. Cook until golden - this removes the floury taste
3. Slowly pour in the milk and whisk until the milk thickens
4. Remove from the heat and add the sour cream and grated gruyere cheese, mixing well until evenly combined
5. Fold in the green beans until coated
6. Transfer to a baking dish. At this stage you can cover the top with flaked almonds
7. Bake uncovered for 20 minutes until the top is lightly browned
8. Remove from the oven and allow the dish to rest for a few minutes before serving



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 **The Eyston Arms**  
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This village pub had been recommended to us by a friend who lives nearby. I had booked a table for lunch by emailing them via their website [eystonarms.co.uk](http://eystonarms.co.uk). You can also phone them on 01235 833320.

East Hendred village, at the foot of the Ridgeway, is a 24 min drive from KBS, cross country via Marcham. The Eyston Arms is a red brick and whitewash walled village pub with parking at the back. There is a terrace of tables and chairs outside at the back, where they can arrange marquees for large parties and weddings.

Our booking was acknowledged, we were welcomed and given the option of sitting in the bar area which was quite noisy or in one of the dining areas. There were at least three other divided dining areas where you could enjoy meals without the additional conversational noise.

It was like being in an old-time, rustic style dining room. Quite homely. There were beautiful fresh flowers on the tables and linen napkins. Some of the chairs were a bit hard so we swapped them for a couple of the softer ones. The temperature was a little cool, but it was -2 "feel like" temperature outside!



We were presented with the option of waters for the table and three comprehensive menus – main, specials, drinks. The Head Chef is from Valencia and focuses on using fresh, locally supplied ingredients which he turns into flavoursome dishes.

We chose seafood linguine; grilled corn-fed chicken supreme; and Portobello mushroom with squash with puy lentils. There was only one vegetarian/ vegan dish between the two food menus. It was a vegan dish thus limiting choice for the non-meat/fish eaters. Something to consider.

However, all the dishes were good portions of very tasty and delicious food. I had the dark and white chocolate brownie with ice cream - also delightful! This was followed with tasty coffee to finish.

Prices averaged at £26 for our main courses, which I think represents good value for money in the current climate. There was a comprehensive drinks menu including non-alcoholic choices. Good range of world-wide wines.

The staff were attentive, friendly and helpful. Just a couple of points about lack of attention to detail – no spoon served with the linguine; and hot milk brought with coffee instead of cold milk which had been requested.

In conclusion we all said that we would definitely return to sample more of the pub's country cooking and friendly service. Definitely give it a try!

**Wilrich, two KBS foodies**



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## KBS Film and Music Night



13th March (Friday) at 7pm • 'Les Pêcheurs De Perles' • Church Room

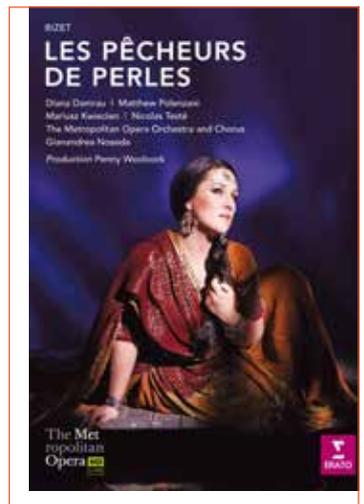
Our next Film Night will be on Friday 13th March in the Church Room when we will be showing Georges Bizet's, Les Pêcheurs De Perles with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and Chorus.

Amid great festivity, the pearl fishers of Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) prepare to choose a chief. Just as Zurga is chosen to lead them, his old friend Nadir arrives after a long absence. Together, the two reminisce about the night they encountered a mysterious woman of extraordinary beauty at the gates of Kandy. Both immediately fell in love with her, but renounced their intense rivalry for her in order to save their friendship. Join us to see if all goes to plan!

This is a free evening organised by members of St John the Baptist Church and tea, coffee, chocolates and popcorn will be provided from 7 pm with the film beginning at 7.15 pm. 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.

Many thanks,

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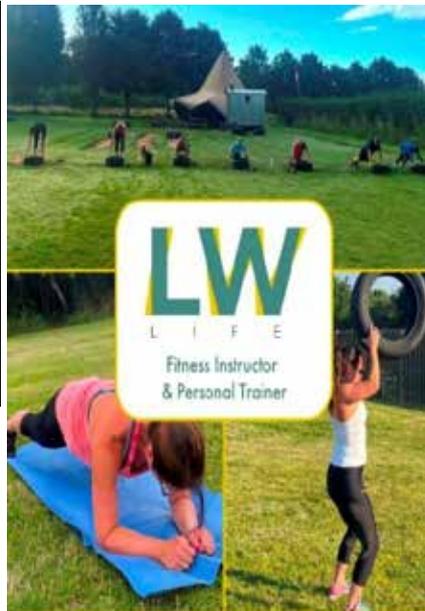
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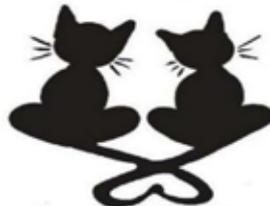


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## News from the Bowls Club

Winter Madness is progressing well, with players getting to grips with the handicap system. The lead bowler changes on a weekly basis due to the handicap system.

The Short Mat afternoon league is coming to an end with only 3 matches left to play in this year's competition. Let's hope we can increase our overall position by the end.

*Tom Waring, Club Captain*

Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club								
League Positions								
	Position	Played	Won	Drawn	Shots For	Shots Against	Shots Difference	Points
Short Mat Afternoon league	6	15	6	2	305	302	3	61
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Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club



**3rd March (Tuesday) at 7:30pm • Peter Philip 'Gardening for butterflies and moths' • Southmoor Village Hall**

Before I forget, an important date for your diary – the next Village Show will be on Saturday 22nd August this year. The hot, dry summers we've experienced over the last couple of years have meant that things have ripened or flowered earlier. In response, we've brought the show date forward slightly in the hope that this will help us match with the peak of productivity. It also means we avoid clashing with the week that children return to school, which is usually a super busy and stressful week both for parents and children. Some of the categories will make great projects for children to work on during the school holidays, so we hope that lots of parents will encourage their children to take part and bring them along to the show. More details will follow later in the year.

Our next regular talk is on Tuesday 3rd March and will appeal to anyone who's interested in nature. Peter Philip from Butterfly Conservation will be telling us why butterflies and moths matter and how we can help them in their aim of saving these beautiful insects from decline in his talk 'Gardening for Butterflies and Moths'. Even if you only have a small outdoor area there will be ways you can attract and observe them. We're hoping to organise a guided walk in the Thames area later in the year to see if we can spot any of our local varieties. As usual, the talk is at Southmoor Village Hall at 7.30 pm (doors open 7.15 pm). It's free for members or £4 as a visitor. We provide complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits after the talk and there'll also be a raffle.



If you're not yet a member, there's still time to join. Membership costs just £15 for 2026. This gives you free entry to the remainder of our talks during the year, invitations to members' open gardens and free entry (\*) into RHS gardens (\*conditions apply).

Email [skbgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:skbgardeningclub@gmail.com) or check out our website [www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk) for more information and see the programme for the year.

*Sharon Cooper (Chair)*



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## KBS Nature

As promised, here are the results of this year's RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. This year we had a new approach – Mr C decided it would be a good idea to do the counting earlier. So as we sat down once again with the obligatory mug of tea at the ready... nothing! But all was not lost and eventually the birds started turning up. We had similar numbers to last year and similar species, although we were pleased to see a female Blackcap rock up to gorge on some asparagus berries. The Blackcap is a warbler with a beautiful song. The male has a very distinctive black cap on its head whilst the female's cap is chestnut coloured.

Here is a table comparing this year's count with 2025 and, being a scientist, I couldn't resist including a bar chart!



Inevitably, following the count, more birds turned up in the garden – a quarrel of sparrows (yup, that's a collective noun for them), Goldfinches and a pair of Goldcrests. These delightful little birds are distinguishable from Firecrests in that the latter have a black and white eye-stripe – as I learnt from Winterwatch.

Talking of Winterwatch, it was lovely to see our guide, Klay from Nature Scotland, appear in one of the features explaining how birdwatching at a nature reserve near his university in Hull inspired his career path.

I have just visited my hometown in Devon that was badly affected by recent storms. You may have seen on the news that the Grand Pier at Teignmouth was washed away. The day I went to have a look (and check out my parent's memorial bench which was, amazingly, not affected!), all was calm. However, a walk a few miles along the coast at Dawlish Warren, timber from the pier had washed up on the beach: a sober reminder of the destructive power of our seas.



Goldcrest



Female Blackcap

In next month's edition: Look who's been coming for tea... (clue it's not a tiger). In the meantime, don't forget to send me any photos, drawings or thoughts on anything from the natural world that may be of interest to our readers at ([kbsnature2025@gmail.com](mailto:kbsnature2025@gmail.com)).

Best wishes, Linda

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## Update from John Bland Primary School

### Ofsted December 2025

Just before Christmas we welcomed in Ofsted under the new inspection framework that was introduced to schools just a month prior to our visit. Under the New Framework, the gradings have changed and there is no correlation between the gradings of the old framework and the new framework.

We were visited by 3 HMI inspectors and 1 Quality Assurance HMI inspector over 2 days, who spent their time speaking with leaders, observing teaching, looking at pupils' work and observing them in their learning and play, as well as speaking with children, staff, parents, governors and our Trust Leads and Link Trustee.

We received our new Report Card mid-January, and I am delighted to share with you the findings of our Inspection report. We achieved a consistent 'expected' standard in all of the 7 areas graded and Safeguarding graded as being 'Met'. As outlined in the Ofsted Guide for Parents, it states, "the 'expected' standard is a high standard, to make sure that your children receive everything that they need and deserve".



There are many positives highlighted within the report, and I have selected just some of these below:

- Leaders know the school well.
- Leaders, including governors and trustees, have a shared, inclusive vision of the school.
- The school environment is consistently safe and calm.
- Pupils understand the school's high expectations and they behave responsibly in lessons and at social times.
- Leaders and staff know pupils' needs well.
- Partnerships with parents and carers are positive.
- By the end of Reception, children are well prepared for Year 1.

The link to read our report card in full can be found here: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/140307>

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the staff team on our extremely positive report. They work incredibly hard, with the children at the very heart of everything they do. I would also like to thank the Governors, who both support and challenge the school on a strategic level, ensuring that we are continually striving for the very best as leaders and teachers within the school.

*Suzanne Elliott (Headteacher)*

### Community Governor

We are very lucky to have a thriving and dedicated Local Governing Committee within the school. However, we currently have two spaces on the Governing Body for a Community Governor. This can be anyone outside of school, ideally without links to the school and with skills outside of education, who could add to our committed team to help continue to drive our school forwards. If you are interested in becoming a John Bland Community Governor, please do get in touch via the school office – [office@jbl.faringdonlearningtrust.org](mailto:office@jbl.faringdonlearningtrust.org).



### KBS Tennis Club

The tennis club has been running since 1985 and has an active membership of over 200. Membership is open to all, with our youngest members starting in development programmes at five years of age. We also have members in their 80s still playing.

The whole philosophy of the club is to encourage participation and, to that end, we offer some of the lowest membership fees in the county.

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## Apple Blossoms WI



10th March (Tuesday) at 7:30pm • Annual general Meeting • Southmoor Village Hall

*“There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven’t yet met” (William Butler Yeats)*

### A full house for Basic, Better, Best

February’s WI meeting was a lively and thoroughly enjoyable evening as we welcomed John Place for his wonderfully entertaining “Basic, Better, Best” challenge.

With an excellent turnout and the room buzzing from the outset, members settled into groups to consider a fascinating array of objects. John shared the stories and background behind each piece, giving us more to go on than guesswork alone. We were all surprised how a little history and context could completely change our view of something.

There was, of course, a light-hearted competitive element as we decided which items were basic, which were better, and which deserved to be called the best. Quiet discussions around the room were followed by moments of surprise and laughter when the true values were revealed - and not all of our confident conclusions proved correct!

John was an excellent and informative speaker, holding everyone’s attention with his knowledge and engaging style. It was a great evening of discovery, discussion and good WI company, made all the better by such a strong attendance. Our thanks go to him for such an enjoyable and enlightening talk. Congratulations to our worthy winners - Jenny and Sam!

### March Matters – It’s AGM time!

Next month we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. This is an important evening in our WI calendar, when we elect our new committee for the coming year and reflect on everything we’ve achieved together.

All are very welcome to attend, but please note that only WI members are eligible to vote. If you’re curious about what we do or are thinking of joining, our AGM is a great opportunity to come along, meet us and find out more. We’re always pleased to welcome new faces!

**7:30pm**  
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## Report from Cllr Lee Evans

I'm writing this KBS News report in the days after 'Budget Council' - a mammoth meeting at County Hall spent looking through spreadsheets and financial statements to consider the County Council's spending plans for the year ahead. I wanted to use this update to let you know what happened when I was there - and I promise it isn't as boring as it sounds!

Firstly, before the meeting, I read through the Council's Budget pack. This is prepared by the ruling administration of the Council, which is Liberal Democrat. I'm an opposition Councillor, so I see my role as being to pore over the details to see whether the right judgements are being made about how to spend your money. I had three tests I wanted to apply to their plans:

- Are the real priorities of residents being addressed, including fixing our roads?
- Is money being wisely spent - and how could more money be invested in frontline services?
- And finally, are the needs of rural areas being taken seriously?

At the meeting, a series of amendments were proposed - including one I had helped to draft. It proposed that we should put slightly less into reserves this year, among other measures, to address the pothole emergency on our roads. It would have redirected £1.3 million every year into the road maintenance budget, enough to fix 20,000 potholes a year.

During the debate, I spoke in favour of this amendment and urged other Councillors to vote for it. I specifically mentioned the appalling state of local roads in our area, including the A420 which is getting worse by the day. However, I'm sorry to say that when a vote was taken it was defeated by the majority on the Council. This is a big setback as I really hoped the pothole emergency would be taken seriously by the Council, but it wasn't to be.

I know it may seem like I'm a bit of a broken record on our roads, but I think the state of roads in Oxfordshire is appalling - and until that changes, and we see the improvements we need, roads will remain top of my agenda. In spite of this defeat in the Council chamber, I will continue to do whatever I can to fix our roads and get the investment that we need in Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor, as well as the wider Kingston & Stanford division that I am honoured to represent.

If you want to find out more about my work as your County Councillor, please visit my new website at [www.LeeEvans.uk](http://www.LeeEvans.uk). And as ever, if there is anything I can do to help please get in touch on [lee.evans@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:lee.evans@oxfordshire.gov.uk), 07724 601 096 or via [Facebook.com/LeeEvansOxfordshire](https://www.facebook.com/LeeEvansOxfordshire). Thank you.

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## Possible Village Church Closures

We have experienced some falling plasterwork from the church ceiling. The building will continue to be open for services but, while we are investigating the cause, it may be necessary to close the church at short notice during the week.

Your patience and understanding are much appreciated and we do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Your village Churchwardens**



## Oxford Flower Club

 **Every fourth Thursday at 12pm • Cumnor Village Hall**

We kicked off the year by welcoming a very talented demonstrator, Nick Grounds, at our meeting in January. Nick is a highly regarded NAFAS demonstrator, known for not only his humorous talk, but his creative and foam free floral designs. His varied career, to include being an auctioneer, has been useful when putting together his floral creations. He loves nothing more than to recycle items no one else wants. Displays for us included a bamboo root, lampshade, dolly pegs and an industrial lamp, none of which needed floral foam. A combination of such artistic talent with entertaining and engaging stories made for a fascinating afternoon.

Future meetings include an owner of a nursery in Chippenham that specialises in clematis plants, as well as florists, demonstrators, tea afternoons and an outing in June.

With a varied and full programme for the year already organised, it's a good time for new members to enrol. We meet on the fourth Thursday afternoon of the month from 1.30-4.30 in Cumnor Village Hall. Call **Karen** on **07967 555750** for more details.



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## Youth Matters

Hello KBS! I can't believe we're already three months into the year now and spring is certainly on its way! All of the beautiful flowers coming up all over the village are definitely brightening up the area and the weather has slowly become warmer!

Did you watch the Winter Olympics in Italy this year? I'm more focused on the Summer Olympics (later to come in 2028) but this year the winter games struck my interest. I was astonished at the skill of the athletes competing in all the sports, but was particularly

amazed by the half-pipe snowboarders, the figure skaters, skiers and skeleton competitors. Matt Weston won the first medal for Team GB and it was also the best one to win - gold! Weston dominated the skeleton field, winning by a significant margin in the final run: 0.88 seconds. That doesn't sound like very much, but it was a large amount in the sport! But what is skeleton? Skeleton is known as a 'sliding sport' where an athlete rides a small sled on their stomach as they zoom around a frozen track at speeds around 80mph, and they have no brakes! The sled is reliant on the athlete's body to steer it round the fast turns and narrow lanes. It is tremendously exciting to watch!



Instead of the monthly mind boggler, I thought I would talk about volunteering. I have been volunteering at the Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary for the past few months. After working there for some time, I have come to realise the hard work that is put in behind the scenes to keep charities going. Almost all of the people I have met there are volunteers and without them, the stalls wouldn't be cleaned, the donkeys wouldn't get brushed, fed, watered and so much more. Volunteers are really important as the work they do is essential but they do not get paid as they are willing to give up their free time to help an organisation. But, it's not just animals you can volunteer with, you can volunteer in so many different places as long as you are the right age. You could volunteer in a café, a shop, an animal rescue centre, a sports event and so much more! Sometimes, you can even volunteer or help organisations very close to home, right within the village itself! You could join the litter picking volunteers or help out at the KBS café by bringing in homemade cakes! The possibilities are endless and it is a really valuable way to spend your time as you are helping others and also learning about what it might be like to have a job. Do you have any spare time? If so, do you think volunteering could be for you? Write it below!

*I hope everyone has a lovely start to the spring and wishing the best of luck to the Year 11 students who are preparing for their GCSE exams in May and for the students who are choosing their GCSE options this year. Darcey*

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## Magnus Macfarlane The Divinity School Ceiling

Being in the Oxford Guild of Tour Guides is an honour, a privilege and great fun. Not least because qualification requires six months of training and four exams and, at the end of it, you are independently assessed by the Institute of Tourist Guiding. It doesn't stop there. Every year in the winter season we have up to 12 training sessions to keep us up to scratch. Throughout this process we get the best speakers and the most significantly knowledgeable people to tell us about Oxford. Rarely, if ever, can I remember a point where we have all been so wrong about something.



The Divinity School

For years we have been telling guests in the Divinity School, that the bosses (roof carvings) were the initials and family crests of the 465 people who gave money towards the building. Dr Duncan Taylor, who gave us a recent lecture, can only establish that there have been 7 confirmed donations. His investigations have revealed a completely different story. The decorative ceiling is all about politics. At the end of the Wars of the Roses, Edward IV, a Yorkist (emblem a White Rose), finally triumphs over his Lancastrian opponent Henry VI (Red Rose). Both occupied the throne of England twice. During the war, like so many others, the University had changed sides and allegiance. The ceiling is all about Oxford University showing its support for Edward. It includes supporters of the anti-Lollards (whose teachings proved a problem), and excludes Lancastrian supporters such as Duke Humphrey (who provided the library above!).



Edward's rose soleil

The Divinity School itself might have been used since 1456 for teaching and, in the beginning, it was only used by 40 or perhaps even only 20 students of theology. The room was built to impart the wow factor for the teaching of religion. It works. The ceiling is almost an afterthought and isn't completed until 1481 which is coincidentally the year of Edward's death. The bosses display heraldic crests, monograms, texts, animals, leaves, and green men.

One of the problems in the research is that, in the 15th Century, people did very little reading, symbols were highly interpretive and some of these bosses have up to 4 layers of meaning in them. Some are riddles, others are pictures within pictures and others Rebus. As I write, they are conducting photogrammetry of the bosses. (The science of creating accurate 3D models, commonly used for digital archiving, surveying, and asset creation.) Some of the photos attached are 3D prints.

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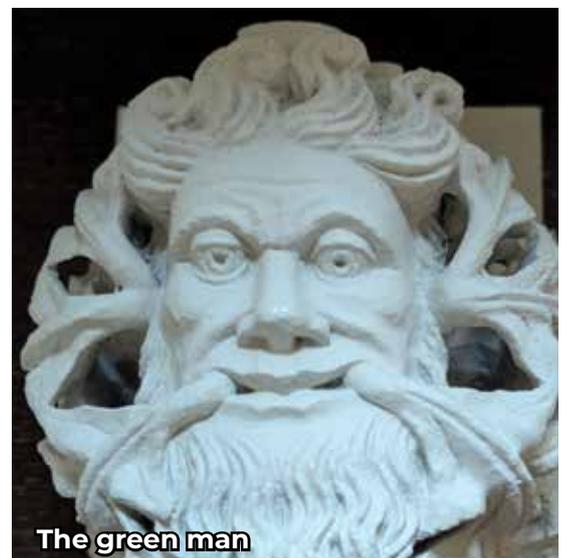


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The green man



## Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group



Diary dates for *The Unfriend* production - 23rd to 25th April

### KBDG present *The Unfriend*, by Stephen Moffatt

Rehearsals are well underway for April's production –*The Unfriend*, a comedy which has recently successfully run in the West End. Written by Stephen Moffatt (Sherlock, Dr Who), the plot centres on a suburban couple whose polite invitation to a stranger on holiday has hilarious consequences.

The group will be performing the play from Thursday 23rd April to Saturday 25th inclusive. Curtain up at 7.30pm, fully licensed bar and other refreshments available.

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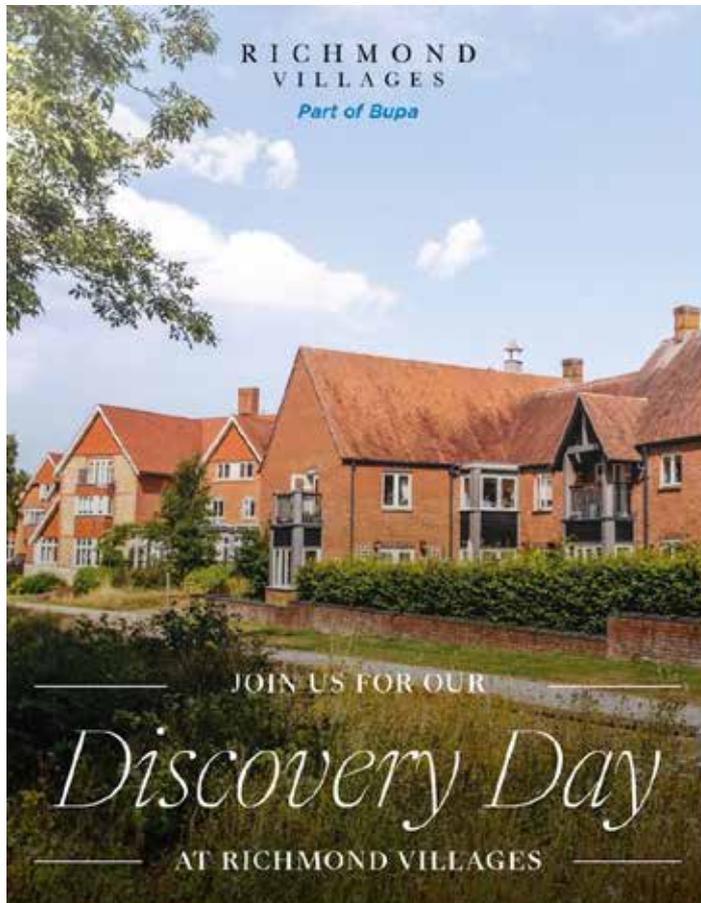
## Kingston Bagpuize Village Art and Craft Club



Alternate Mondays at 9:30am • St. John the Baptist Church Hall

A pleasant start to February found members working on their own projects as they chatted over tea and biscuits. We welcomed two new members who joined last year but had been delayed in attending. 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 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 9.30 am and finishing at midday with the first meeting being free. Our next meeting is Monday 9th March. At present we have reached 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 so we can meet new friends.

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## Wildlife to Spot on the Millennium Green

Spring is in the air, and a new information board has sprouted on the Millennium Green designed by celebrated local artist Holly Astle.



It's now over a quarter of a century since the village bought land on the edge of the village to secure a green space for future generations. With the arrival of six hundred new houses at the eastern end of the village, the Millennium Green will now be a green space at the very centre of the village! It's a peaceful natural haven not just for residents but also for the wide variety of wildlife that now makes the Green their home. If you haven't found us yet, please come and have a look round, especially if you have kids. We're down the Old Oxford Road behind the big trees. And if you'd like to help look after this wonderful space why not join the village green team. [www.bagpuizegreen.com](http://www.bagpuizegreen.com).



## News from Southmoor Baby and Toddler Group

 **Every Friday 10-11:30am • Southmoor Village Hall**

Fundraising Success! We are pleased to announce that one of our fundraising applications has been successful - and not only that, but they've donated double the amount that we were asking for! Soha have awarded us £1000 to cover our regular running costs and expenses.



They are keen to make sure that Soha residents in the area were given the opportunity to come to their first session for free but as we already offer that to everybody coming to the group for the first time, we would like to offer Soha residents the opportunity to come to their first 3 sessions for free. Just write 'soha' on the signing-in sheet under

the payment column and ask for your '3 session pass'.

We've also had a number of private donations which all go together to secure the weekly running of the group for quite some time. Thank you to all the members and volunteers who have been helping with filling in forms, setting up fundraising initiatives and donating their hard-earned money.

We are now also on Easy Fundraising which is a site that anybody can use if they do online shopping. It's free to use and you can generate donations on your weekly shop at Tesco, Sainsbury's, ASDA, Waitrose, Morrisons, Ocado and Iceland plus many other stores like Ebay, Argos, Amazon. Anybody can sign up for their shopping to generate an income for Southmoor Baby and Toddler Group at no cost to themselves so please have a look: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/southmoor-baby-and-toddler-group>

Our weekly sessions run most Fridays from 10am until 11.30am during term time in the Southmoor with Kingston Bagpuize Village Hall. If you are new to the group your first session is free. Book your slot here: [bookwhen.com/southmoorbabytoddlergroup](http://bookwhen.com/southmoorbabytoddlergroup) or email: [southmoorbabytoddlergroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:southmoorbabytoddlergroup@hotmail.co.uk)

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**KINGSTON BAGUIZE  
DRAMA GROUP**  
*present*

# THE UNFRIEND

*by Steven Moffat*

**23rd – 25th April 7.30pm**

A polite invitation to a stranger on holiday  
has hilarious consequences!

*Southmoor Village Hall  
doors open 7pm*

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW**

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/kingston-bagpuize-drama-group](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kingston-bagpuize-drama-group)

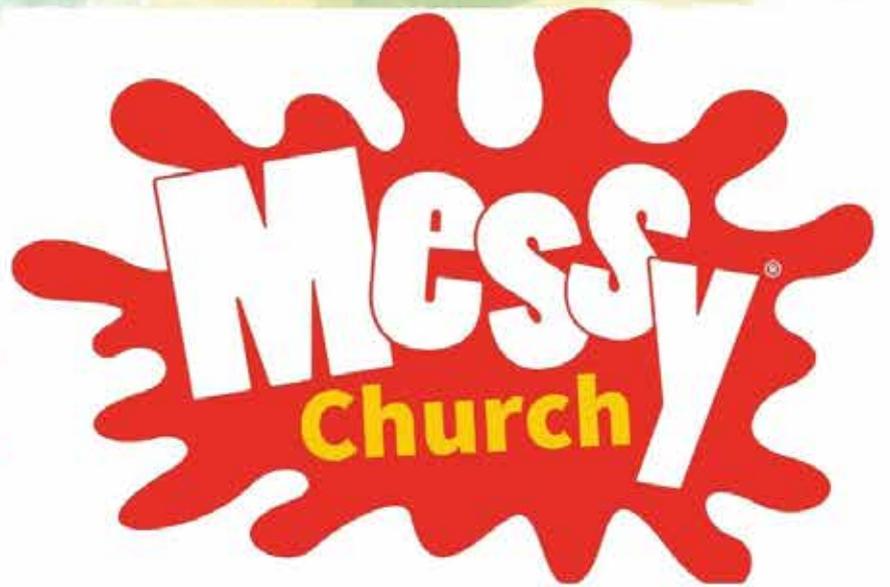


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# Holy Week



**Sunday, 29th March, 2026 10:30 am start  
SOUTHMOOR VILLAGE HALL**

## **Get ready for Easter!**

Journey through the events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Good Friday with refreshments and craft activities. All ages welcome.

**Junk Modelling**

**Making Crosses**

**Hot Cross Buns**

**Biscuit Decorating**

**Make a Hosanna Banner**



Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor