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Work Begins To Improve Safety At A420 Junction



Plans to extend the 50mph zone at the Charney Road and Pinewoods Road section of the bypass will mean overnight road closures (7pm–7am) from 21st to 30th September.

The changes are part of a wider push by Cllr Lee Evans to improve safety on the road network around the village.

Parking along several key roads in the village has been an issue for some time, and a survey has been launched to capture the views of the community. See page 24 for more details on how to have your say.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thursday 24th September, KBS Cafe @
Southmoor Village Hall



A Call For Consideration

Residents living near the Rec raise concerns about anti-social behaviour - see page 8



Village Lunch

Monday 5th October 2026

Please come and join us in the Village Hall at 12.30pm. To book your place, cost £5 per person for a two-course hot meal and good company, please contact, by **Thursday 24th September 2026**, Hazel Brennan (821358) or sign up with Stephen Haywood at the KBS Café.

We look forward to hearing from you by 24th September.

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

Oxford Open Doors 2026



Open Doors returns on 12th–13th September, giving free access to over 130 venues across Oxford. Turn to page 27 for Magnus Macfarlane's top picks on what to see.

Enter Darcey's Creative Writing Competition for ages 7-15 See page 22

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Village Diary

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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	At The Bowls Club, Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	
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	At Millennium Green Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	
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	At Jubilee Sports Field, Edward Strauss Park	
KBS Gardening Club	1st Tuesday each month 7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club	Junior Training Fridays 6-8pm
KBS Pilates	Thursdays 1.30-2.30pm	In St John the Baptist Church Hall	
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	3rd Thursday every month at 7.00pm	In Longworth Village Hall	
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	2nd & last Thur of month 10am (not in Dec)	In Hinton Waldrist Village Hall	
		Cedar Community Club	Tuesdays & Wednesday 9.30am-3pm



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Services in September at St. John the Baptist

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Sunday 6th	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Morning Worship with Children's Church
Sunday 13th	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion All-Age Service
Sunday 20th	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Morning Worship with Children's Church
Sunday 27th	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion Village Communion with Children's Church



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

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- The church will now be open for private prayer every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 9am to 5pm.
- Sundays 6th, 20th, 27th Children's Church 10.30am in the Church Room with crafts and activities, all children and families welcome.
- Diary date Saturday 3rd October Fun with Flute ! 3pm in the Church see page 24 for details

YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH IS HERE TO HELP

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

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Morning Service & Sunday School Sunday 11.00 am

Communion monthly 2nd Sundays
location: (south side of main village)
Digging Lane, Fyfield OX13 5LY
more information:

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Tel: 01367 358895 Email: cconde@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Sunday Mass 10.00 am

VILLAGE VOICES

Send your views to editorkbsnews@gmail.com

Celebrating Eddie Edney's 90th Birthday

Friends and family came together to celebrate a remarkable milestone as long-time villager Eddie Edney marked his 90th birthday on 29th July.



Born in nearby Hinton Waldrist, Eddie has spent a lifetime at the heart of the local community. Known for his warm smile, quick wit, and wealth of local knowledge, he remains one of Southmoor's most respected residents.

To mark the occasion, Eddie, his wife Myrna, and sons Kevin and Martyn hosted an afternoon tea at Sudbury House on 1st August, bringing together family, friends, colleagues, and neighbours for a memorable celebration.

Guests shared stories and memories spanning decades, reflecting Eddie's lasting contribution to village life and celebrating the strong community spirit that makes Southmoor special.

Adding to the occasion was the news that Eddie's neighbour and friend of 66 years, Ron Green, will also celebrate his 90th birthday later this year, giving Southmoor another opportunity to honour one of its treasured residents.

More than a birthday party, the afternoon celebrated family, friendship, community, and nine decades of memories. As glasses were raised in Eddie's honour, one thing was clear: Eddie Edney is not only celebrating 90 years of his life, but 90 years of helping make Southmoor a wonderful place to call home.

Happy 90th Birthday, Eddie, from all your friends and neighbours in Southmoor.

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KBS Café



Every Thursday 9am to 12pm • Southmoor Village Hall

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Thursday 24th September

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

Our age range is from 0 – 100+ and everyone is welcome.

Our aim is to make the Café a friendly and welcoming place where people can relax and be themselves. All are welcome.

We are friends you haven't yet met.

We look forward to seeing you.

Caroline Ashby 07984523955 and Ruth Hastings 01865821386



KBS Out and About in Iceland



Carole Watts and her daughter Emma took their copy of KBS News on a cruise to Iceland. They were fortunate enough to have a perfect view of the total solar eclipse from the ship, just outside Ísafjörður.



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We're looking for a volunteer to deliver our village newsletter to the **Spring Hill** area. No experience required; just a pair of comfortable shoes, a little spare time and the ability to resist reading everyone else's copy before they do!

It's a great excuse for a walk, a chance to help your community, and you'll earn the gratitude of your neighbours (and maybe the occasional wave).

Interested? Get in touch, we'd love to have you on the team!

Contact Jo at distributionkbsnews@gmail.com





Parish council Website: kbs-parishcouncil.gov.uk

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

As notified in the August edition of KBS News there wasn't a parish council meeting in August. However the usual routine and responsibilities of the parish council have continued as usual and the clerk has responded to queries and concerns received by email.

Both the parish council planning committee and the burial ground committee met on August 5th.

On July 22nd the VWHDC Planning Committee considered the application P25/V2700/S73 submitted by SNG BDW (Sovereign Network Group (SNG) and Barratt David Wilson (BDW)), with proposed amendments to the s106 for the Ferrers Green development. The planning officer had recommended approval and after discussion the application was approved by the committee.

The revised terms for allocation of monies for recreation and sport will benefit several established clubs in the village and provide funding for more recreational space to benefit village residents. The draft minutes of the meeting can be found on the VWHDC website www.democratic.whitehorsedc.gov.uk listed under Meetings, Agenda and Minutes.



KBS Neighbourhood Development Plan

A further meeting with VWHDC to discuss some further revisions to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan takes place at the end of August. This has been necessary to ensure that the proposed Draft Policies and supporting text give absolute clarity and avoid duplication.

Once the final draft of KBS NDP is completed together with the Consultation Statement the NDP can be submitted to the VWHDC NDP Team for the remaining stages of the application process. The KBS NDP Steering Group will continue to update residents on progress both at monthly parish council meetings and in the KBS News.

Resident Concerns

The KBS Parish Council has been made aware of the following:

Residents living close to the Rec have raised concerns about excessive and persistent inappropriate behaviours and language from groups of children at various times of the day and into the evenings without regard for everyone else. There is adventurous, indeed dangerous, tree climbing happening and especially with the current drought conditions and excessive heat the trees are stressed and liable to drop branches with the potential for serious injuries.

We understand it is the school holidays and also that it's fun being outdoors but that shouldn't be to the detriment of all the other residents who wish to use and enjoy being in this public village space.

Alan Knight - Obituary



In February our father Alan Knight passed away at the age of 89 years, after a short illness. He and our mother Hilary came to the village in the 1960s following him taking up a new position as a lecturer and chartered mechanical engineer in the Department of Engineering Science at Oxford University.

Over the years, Alan became friends with many others in the village and participated in the village groups and activities, such as the Wine Circle and the Longworth History Society. His love of all things mechanical led him to his interest in vintage cars and motor bikes which he regularly used and travelled around the UK and Europe. He was often to be found in the garage tinkering with something mechanical, usually belonging to someone else, as he was always helping others with his engineering skills.

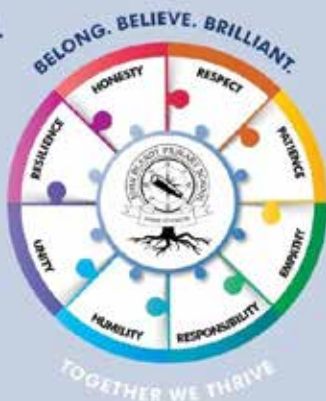
Alan enjoyed spending time with his three children and seven grandchildren teaching them how things worked and how to ride a bike and drive a car. He had been married for 63 years to Hilary and will be greatly missed by everyone.

Debi, Andrea and Barry



JOHN BLANDY PRIMARY SCHOOL
OPEN MORNING

Thursday 12th November
9.15am to 10.30am



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KBS Nature Notes

RIP Eddie Grundy. No, not the lovable rogue from The Archers, but his namesake, the blackbird who has been resident in the garden since the spring. Eddie got his name from his preference for the fermenting windfall apples – like the cider shed dwelling character from Ambridge. When the RSPB recommended taking down bird feeders, earlier in the year, to help prevent the spread of disease, Eddie was quite miffed as he enjoyed the scraps that fell onto the floor. And so, each morning, Eddie got his own breakfast. We had a set routine: once we opened the back door, he came hopping down the garden expectantly. He would then pop under



Eddie Grundy



Painted Lady Butterfly

“his” bush until breakfast was served and then came out to enjoy. Woe betide breakfast being late. It’s amazing what a withering look you can get from a blackbird. Sadly, Eddie succumbed to the hot weather, and probably too many cider-y apples. Farewell our feathered friend.

On a happier note, I do like a bit of citizen science. Does anyone else join in the Big Butterfly Count? I sent in a couple of results. There have certainly been plenty of butterflies around this summer but interestingly I haven’t seen a single Tortoiseshell. I did however see a plethora of Painted Lady butterflies. Apparently, it has been a good year for this particular species (see photo). There have also been plenty of Red Admirals and Holly Blues as well as the ubiquitous Large and Small White butterflies. The survey also includes day flying moths and one species that has been in abundance this year is the Hummingbird Hawk moth – so named as it resembles a hummingbird as it flits between flowers collecting nectar. Mr C managed to take a photo of one on our white buddleia (very popular with the butterflies and moths). On enlarging the image, we could clearly see it taking a drink!



Hummingbird Hawk Moth

If anyone has any other photos of Hummingbird Hawk moths, or anything else they would like to share. I am always interested in receiving anything from the natural world that may be of interest to our readers. Please send them to kbsnature2025@gmail.com. Best wishes, *Linda Collins*

KBS Café

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer

Thursday 24th September

9am to 12 noon

Southmoor Village Hall

We will be holding a Raffle in support of the cause.

If you would like to donate a Cake or Raffle prize, please contact Caroline Ashby on 07984 523955 or Ruth Hastings on 01865 821386



Don't forget our 'Out & About with the KBS News feature.

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So, how was the Village Show? As I write this, we're enduring the fifth heatwave of the year and haven't seen rain for a very long time. Conditions for growing fruit and vegetables have been extremely challenging and all but the most drought-tolerant of plants are struggling. Trying to keep things alive using a watering can has been a labour of love, so I'm waiting with bated breath to see if anyone has managed to grow anything worth entering. Hopefully, the heat won't have had such an impact on the arts and crafts or household categories! In any case, it's always worth visiting the show just to catch up with people, enjoy some tea and cakes and try one's luck in the raffle, so I hope that you enjoyed it if you took part or visited.

If you haven't tried the Gardening Club yet, now is an excellent time! The cost of membership has been reduced to just £6 for the rest of the year. This will give you free entry to our remaining talks, which include complimentary refreshments, and also our AGM, which takes the form of a cheese and wine evening. The first of our remaining speaker meetings is on Tuesday 1st September when David Hinckley will talk to us about 'Herbs: cultivation, culinary & medicinal uses' and then on Tuesday 6th October, in a change to the published programme, Nicola Hope will be talking to us on a topic related to growing produce.

Our talks start at 7.30pm (doors open 7.15pm) at Southmoor Village Hall and are free for members or you can come along as a visitor for £4. We're a friendly group and the meetings tend to be suitable for any level so, as long as you have an interest in plants, nature or the environment, you'll be welcome. You can find out more at www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk or email us at skbgardeningclub@gmail.com.

Sharon Cooper (Chair)



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Recipe of the month

Roasted Sausage and Potato Supper

Prepare: 10-15min **Cook:** 55 mins **Serves:** 4-6

Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil
2 large onions, sliced lengthways into wedges
2 red peppers, deseeded and cut into large dice
2 garlic cloves, chopped
1 tbsp chopped thyme leaves
500g (1lb 2oz) baby new potatoes, unpeeled and halved
12 sausages, pricked with a fork
200ml (7fl oz) white wine
salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 220°C/200°C fan/Gas 7
2. Place all the ingredients except the wine in a large, resealable freezer bag. Seal the bag shut and shake well to coat everything in the oil. Alternatively, put everything in a large bowl and turn the ingredients until they are fully coated in the oil. Tip into a large roasting tin, spreading the ingredients out into one even layer and ensuring that the sausages aren't covered by any of the vegetables. Season well with salt and pepper.
3. Roast for about 30-35 minutes until golden, then remove from the oven, turn the sausages over and toss the vegetables in the cooking juices. Pour in the wine and return to the oven for a further 20 minutes or until browned and the sausages are cooked and the potatoes tender. Serve hot with a dollop of mustard on the side



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The Corn Room 64 Corn Street, Witney

The Corn Room opened in March 2026. Paul Piper, General Manager, and Jay Bartlett, Head Chef, are at the helm, having relocated from the Lamb in Crawley. Their aim is to provide Witney with a unique and relaxed dining experience.

We always like an excuse to visit Witney. We drove to the longer stay section of the car park opposite Waitrose (3 hours free parking) and walked up to Corn Street.



My friend had booked a table for lunch via Google. The front of house lady was friendly, enthusiastic and welcoming. She immediately put us at ease with no hint of rushing. She looked after us throughout the meal. When we arrived, we could choose to sit inside or outside. The restaurant is situated at the top end of Corn Street just on the bend with a broad pavement so we chose to eat outside. There was no direct sunshine and plenty of space. Perfect for the 26-degree temperature! Quite continental!



The restaurant inside is pleasant with vibrant artwork on freshly painted dark green walls. There are 32 seats inside (20 outside). The ambience is that of country chic with lovely wood furnishings and a dash of tweed and velvet. It was quite warm inside.

You can go to the Corn Room just for a drink at the bar, which is well stocked with house cocktails, wines by the glass, draft and bottled beers, spirits and soft drinks. However, we recommend that you stay for a meal, having experienced lunch today. The menu is small and seasonal à la carte and you can also select a number of small plates if preferred.

We chose the crab panna cotta and the cured and charred sardine as starters and the plaice and halloumi burger as main courses. Each dish was beautifully presented and exuded the flavours as described on the menu. For example, the apple and lemon trimmings enhanced the crab whilst the sundried tomato beurre added taste to the plaice. My friend's burger had harissa to spice it up and blackberry gel, golden beetroot and dill to complement the sardines. The chips were really good - tasty and crunchy. Throughout the meal there were interesting combinations of flavours and textures. It was, as per the chef's goal, a unique experience.



I would comment that the coffee was disappointing as a black decaffeinated americano – might be worth checking feedback from other customers. Try Exhale!

Prices are competitive and there are definitely options on the menu to enable you to eat a reasonably priced meal. Definitely give it a try! We'll be back for sure.

The restaurant has monthly events which are detailed on the website and the owners are happy to arrange celebrations such as a wedding celebration and birthdays.

Wilrich, two KBS foodies



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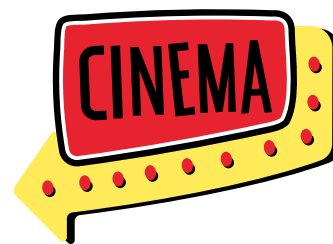
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Many thanks, **Peter Beer 01865820805 and Margo Evans 01865820900**
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Hi everyone, I put an ad in KBS news in July saying that my work situation was changing later on this year so I would not be undertaking anymore jobs as a client of mine offered me a full time offer from Dec this year which was withdrawn on Monday 3 August 2026 with no reasons so I am back working self employed again so will be taking bookings from Dec this year for next year inside and exterior from the spring next year. I will also be keeping my advert in the KBS as well and if anyone keeps in touch with the Longworth group, please could you pass on this message for me.

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News from the Bowls Club

Our 30th gala day went ahead with six visiting teams from surrounding clubs partaking in the day's competitions against teams from Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor BC. All enjoying a lunch provided by the club, finishing mid-afternoon.

A French Boules night was held on Friday 7th August resulting in members and their guests having a fun evening learning or improving their skills in playing Boules. Friday 14th saw a 4 nation competition comprising teams made up from members from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, play each other in a dress code suitable to support their home nation. Results will be reported in the next edition of the KB&S News.

Don't forget the coffee morning to be held 16th September starting at 10:30. All are welcome including non-members. *Tom Waring, Club Captain*

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Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to KBDG!

Rehearsals are underway for *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Pantomime* by James Barry, and we're delighted to welcome lots of new faces to KBDG, including some who will be taking to the stage with us for the very first time.

Tickets are now on sale, with a special Early Bird offer available until 30 September. We've already sold several seats and, with previous KBDG pantomimes selling out, it's well worth booking early.

Thursday 26 – Saturday 28 November, plus a Saturday matinee

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Following a change in the law, booking fees must be included in advertised ticket prices. So, while the price may look slightly higher than in previous years, the ticket price itself hasn't increased. We remain committed to keeping KBDG productions affordable.

Join Dorothy and Toto as they follow the Yellow Brick Road in search of the Wizard, meeting the Scarecrow, Tinman and Cowardly Lion along the way. There'll be Munchkins, a Wicked Witch, monkeys, plenty of laughs, and all the magic and mayhem you'd expect from a traditional pantomime. Our production is James Barry's licensed pantomime based on L. Frank Baum's original story, rather than the 1939 MGM film. So, while the film's famous songs aren't included due to licensing restrictions, audiences can

look forward to a fresh musical soundtrack and all the familiar characters and pantomime fun.

With free parking, a licensed bar and soft drinks, it's a great value family night out in the run up to Christmas. And if you fancy getting involved, it's not too late! We're always happy to welcome new members, whether you'd like to perform as part of the chorus, help backstage or lend a hand with any other aspect of the production. Come along to a rehearsal or contact our Chair, Michael Lacey, at michael1944lacey@gmail.com.

We can't wait to see you in the Land of Oz.



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Longworth & District History Society



17th September 7.00pm • Southmoor Village Hall

For our September meeting we are going back to Roman times. Our speaker, Byron Russell, is going to tell us all about everyday life in North Leigh Roman Villa.

Byron was a founding member of North Leigh Roman Villa Volunteers, which was established with English Heritage in 2020 in order to enhance the experience of visiting the villa by offering guided tours and by opening the mosaic house.

Do come and hear all about life back then. The date for the meeting (in Southmoor Village Hall) is Thursday 17th September, 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. All welcome – members free and only £4 for visitors. Refreshments are served at the bar, and there will be books to borrow or buy.

Pam Woodward, 01865 820500



Tip of the Month

Come to see a FREE film at KBS Village Hall – 7 pm on Friday, 25th September, no booking required!!

How have you been coping with recent heatwaves? Lawn like straw and plants half dead with the hosepipe ban? Spending more time indoors avoiding the sun yet struggling to find somewhere cool?

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Things can and do change! Since Covid who carries cash with them? Most folk now pay with plastic cards or even their phones and there are no longer banks on every high street. It took the Suffragettes just 11 active years to get votes for women, and they didn't have social media or even television as a tool.

This film is an opportunity for you to hear for yourself robust evidence from 9 of the UK's top climate and nature crisis experts on what can be done and the benefits of doing so.



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Youth Matters

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and managed to keep cool in the many heat waves we endured.

Did anyone see the solar eclipse? It was certainly worth the wait since the last total eclipse in 1999 and was incredibly cool. Solar eclipses are caused when the moon passes directly between the earth and the sun, obscuring the sun from view. Different parts of the world saw a partial or total solar eclipse, with the best views being seen in countries such as Spain and Greenland. The latest eclipse, which occurred on the 12th of August, was the first total eclipse seen in Spain since 1905!

Run by KBS writer Darcey Prince who will be judging all entries!

Creative Writing Competition

"An ordinary day in the village turned extraordinary when..."

What story can you create using this sentence in no more than 500 words?

Ages 7-9 Ages 10-12 Ages 13-15

Send your entry to the email address: kbscreativewriting@gmail.com
Winners of each age category will receive a £10 book token and be featured in the KBS News!

Include the age group you are entering, name, address and email address.
We will send you an email informing you as to whether you have won!
Good luck! Let your imagination run wild, have fun and be creative – stories that are exciting, original and have a great plot and characters will be chosen as winners!

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES:
SEPTEMBER 30TH 2026 AT 6PM**

Did you watch the European athletics championships? It was a magnificent show from Team GB! I was very privileged to be able to go and watch the women's 800m final and the men's 200m final (among others) at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. It lived up to everything it said it would be. Keely Hodgkinson was one of my personal favourites, she ran superbly and secured a close silver behind Switzerland's Audrey Werro, the breakout star this year who has become the 3rd fastest of all time over 800m. Nadia Battocletti of Italy was also amazing, she won her 2nd gold of the championships, with the one I saw over the 10,000m. She waited patiently behind the other athletes, never more than a few strides away from 1st place and with 200m to go, hit another gear and left all those behind her (quite literally) in her dust. Another star for me was Amy Hunt, who has definitely solidified herself as one of the best sprinters the UK has ever seen, and indeed Europe as well!

On a different note, September is widely known as the 'Back to School' month, and, after a long summer break, going back to school can certainly seem daunting. Starting year 7, year 11 and so many other milestone years can be exciting and even scary. I feel school can sometimes seem very intense and tiring, particularly in the first few weeks, so I thought that an activity that encourages creativity and limited boundaries could be fun for some to do.

I've been able to successfully set up a creative writing competition with three different age groups, ranging from the 7-9 years, 10-12 years and 13-15 years. I decided to keep guidelines minimal, in order for maximum creativity to flourish. Have you seen the advert in the News this month? Check it out if you haven't! The only requirements I have is that your piece of writing is no more than 500 words (feel free to write as much or as little as you are able, it can be less than 500 words, but still needs to make sense and be an engaging story) and you base your story around the quote: "An ordinary day in the village turned extraordinary when..."

Winners will receive a £10 book token and be featured in the KBS News!!

For more details, take a look at the advert and get writing! The deadline is on **September 30th at 6pm!** I hope to judge them as soon as possible and include the results in the November edition of the News! Have a great September and a super first month back at school!

Darcey



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Apple Blossoms WI



8th of September (Tuesday) 7.30pm • Southmoor Village Hall

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

Puddings and Fizz – oh, what a treat!

Our August meeting saw the return of one of the highlights of the WI calendar – our annual members-only Puddings and Fizz evening. With a wonderful setting, an excellent turnout and the weather on our side, it was the perfect recipe for a thoroughly enjoyable summer evening.

Our talented members certainly did not disappoint when it came to the puddings. The tables were filled with a tempting array of treats, all beautifully baked and generously shared. Accompanied by a glass of fizz, they were enjoyed by all and provided plenty of talking points throughout the evening. The relaxed atmosphere was filled with cheerful chatter and laughter as members caught up with friends old and new. Music and a light-hearted quiz added to the fun, with the raffle giving several lucky winners the chance to take home some wonderful prizes. A big thank you to everyone who baked, organised, donated prizes and helped make the evening such a success. It was a delightful summer gathering and a lovely reminder of the friendship and community spirit that make our WI so special.

Beyond the tape....

Ever wondered what really goes on behind the crime scene tape? Join us on 8th September as we welcome Hayley Scott for a fascinating talk, A Day in the Life of a Crime Scene Investigator.

Drawing on 14 years of experience with the Metropolitan Police, Hayley will take us behind the scenes of a profession that most of us only glimpse through television dramas and newspaper headlines. From burglaries to murder investigations, she will share real-life experiences and explain the crucial role that crime scene investigators play in gathering evidence and helping to solve crimes.

This promises to be a truly captivating and interactive evening, offering a unique insight into what really happens once the police tape goes up. Hayley will reveal how crime scenes are examined, what investigators look for, and how even the smallest detail can help build the bigger picture of events. Both educational and entertaining, this is sure to be a memorable evening. You may never look at a discarded coffee cup, muddy footprint or stray fingerprint in quite the same way again!

Guests are very welcome (just £5 on the door). No need to book in advance - just come along and join us. **Naomi & Jules, Apple Blossoms WI**

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Celebrating 50 years of Sobell House Hospice — caring for patients and families since 1976

2026 marks the 50th anniversary of Sobell House opening its doors to provide palliative care. Today they offer a wide range of in-patient and home support for patients and their families across our community.

GUEST SPEAKER

Greg Birdseye
Trustee & Volunteer Ambassador, Sobell House

Greg's talk begins with a brief history of the modern hospice movement, then traces how Sobell House itself has grown to support people in need across our community.

DATE Tue 13 Oct 2026

TIME 7:30pm

VENUE Southmoor Village Hall

ENTRY £5 on the door

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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!!



Report from Cllr Lee Evans

In the year or so that I've been your County Councillor, I've learned a lot. One of the biggest lessons has been that things rarely happen as quickly as I would like – and that you have to persevere if you want to get things done.

One issue requiring patience has been my campaign to get safety improvements at the Charney Road and Pinewoods Road junctions on the A420. Since I was first elected, I've had lots of conversations at County Hall about what could be done. The challenge for me was threefold: finding a plan that the Council would agree with, be willing to fund, and that people in the nearby villages supported. There were some suggestions that I know many of us might have liked – such as a large roundabout – but, to be blunt, they did not tick those boxes. And I concluded it would be no good asking for the same thing over and over again with no realistic chance of getting it.

The best plan that could be agreed was to extend the 50 mph section of road so that it includes both junctions, meaning you will no longer have to turn into 70 mph traffic when joining the A420. The road will also be reduced to one lane at the junctions, as it is towards Faringdon, before opening up to two lanes at National Speed Limit to the A415 roundabout. These proposals received public support in the consultation, and will be delivered with overnight road closures (7pm to 7am) from 21st to 30th September.

All things considered, I think these changes will improve safety at the junctions, although of course they won't solve every problem. For example, I've made it clear that the Council must also do more to clarify who has priority when crossing the junction, and that the effects of the changes will need to be monitored carefully afterwards. As always, I'd welcome feedback from residents.

Since I was first elected, lots of people in KBS have been in touch with me about local parking issues. And so I've put together a survey to find out what people would like to see happen - including on Fir Tree Close/Laurel Drive, Draycott Road, Cherrytree Close/Faringdon Road, and Oxford Road. You can find the survey on my website: www.leeevans.uk.

My aim at this stage is to understand what people think before deciding whether any of these ideas should be taken forward. Even if there is strong support for parking restrictions at some or all of the locations, I would still need to persuade the County Council to approve the restrictions and identify the funding to implement them. I'll keep in touch as things progress, but in the meantime I'd be really grateful if you could complete the survey and share your views.

As always, you can find out more about what I've been up to as your County Councillor at www.LeeEvans.uk and [Facebook.com/LeeEvansOxfordshire](https://www.facebook.com/LeeEvansOxfordshire). If there is anything I can do to help in the village, please email me at lee.evans@oxfordshire.gov.uk or call 07724 601096. Thank you.

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A light-hearted, eclectic, presentation of classical and folk flute music through the ages (18th – 21st C) featuring solo flute plus flute in ensemble with guitar, violin, oboe, clarinet and piano



FREE ENTRY AT THE DOOR

There will be a voluntary retiring collection in aid of Malawi Association for Christian Support



Fun With Flute

Peter Rivers, a village resident, with his family and friends, will be giving an afternoon concert in the village church on Saturday 3rd October at 3pm. A light-hearted, eclectic, presentation of classical and folk flute music through the ages (18th-20th centuries), featuring solo flute, plus flute in ensemble with guitar, violin, oboe, clarinet and piano.

There will be an interval with refreshments. All welcome including children. Free entry. A wonderful way to spend an autumn afternoon.

There will be a voluntary retirement collection in aid of Malawi Association for Christian Support - a charity that our church and village have been supporting for many years, raising money for the hospitals in Malosa and Malindi. We hope that any money raised at this event will go towards the purchase of much needed specialist hospital beds.



Kingston Bagpuize Village Art and Craft Club

7th September (Monday) at 9:30am • St. John the Baptist Church Hall

Despite the very hot weather we have managed to continue crafting. We enjoyed the village fête, although I forgot to take a photo of our 4 club tables that were full of goodies made by members and it was nice when people showed interest. 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 09.30 and finishing at midday with the first meeting being free. Our first meeting in September is on Monday 7th. We are now at full capacity for the Church Hall but we are happy to put your name down on a waiting list to allow us to inform you when a place is available to meet new friends.

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Oxford Flower Club



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Our demonstrator in July travelled all the way from Merseyside to be with us for the afternoon. Louise Jones is a highly respected National Demonstrator who has been a member of NAFAS for 34 years. Her career started very differently being involved with the Salvation Army, followed by the prison service, before becoming a demonstrator as well as a National Floral Judge.

Her expertise was very evident as she entertained us with great designs in very interesting home-made containers. The theme for the afternoon was 'Elements', concentrating on Space, Texture, Line and Form. With Gold and Silver medals at Chelsea to her credit, members found her inspiring, as well as giving us helpful tips for our own arrangements.

In August we have our visit to Lord and Lady Heseltine's garden at Thenford.

New members are always welcome, so if you're looking for a new interest, call Karen on **07967 555750** for more details on how to join our friendly club. We meet every fourth Thursday afternoon of the month in Cumnor Village Hall. No experience needed, just a love of everything floral. **Karen**

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KBS Badminton Club



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

After a summer of sunshine, September brings a welcome return to more familiar routines, with schools going back and the evenings beginning to draw in. Badminton at Southmoor Village Hall is a great way to get back into regular exercise. We promise not to make you run laps around the playground.

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

Beginner: Currently full (waiting list available). Contact Scott - spj74@outlook.com

Intermediate: Currently full (waiting list available). Contact Jenny - jenny.frame@live.co.uk

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

Magnus Macfarlane

Open Doors 2026

Sometimes 400 words is just not enough. This is one occasion when there is an overwhelming array of choice and opportunity for you. Open Doors is upon you again. If you haven't already, get your skates on and plan to do so many things for free in Oxford as the Oxford Preservation Trust working with the University throws open the doors of over 130 buildings over the 12th and 13th of September. Some of these are normally paid venues and some of these are places you would never get into normally.

A joy for me is getting into libraries, they are like hallowed ground. I have been to the Radcliffe Camera, the Duke Humphries, the Weston, Lady Margaret Hall, St. Edmunds Hall, Harris Manchester, Mansfield, Queens, Balliol's Historic Library, Lincoln and Jesus. Earlier this year I was in the Schwartzman library on its opening day and this year through Open Doors the Law Library will be open.



Taylorian Library

Don't forget to go to chapels – I always go to churches when I travel – it's where people want to display wealth and power. Include the Oratory with its magnificent reredos (decorations at the back of the altar). On this theme the Islamic Centre is open – it's like a mini college, with a dining hall, library, Mosque, accommodation and gardens built in limestone.

In St. John's college alone there is a walking tour by William Whyte - Wow - highlight of the weekend; free concerts; children's activities; meet the college Harris hawk Missy; a garden tour and yes! a library tour.

Annually I seem to accumulate lots of pictures of the gardens that one can get into. Loads of colleges are included this year with prominent garden tours. Check out the musical offerings from wind quintets to medieval bands.

In the Sheldonian you can glory in the Robert Streater ceiling – 27 panels depicting truth dispelling ignorance, rapine and envy from the University. Go up to the cupola and view Oxford from among its dreaming spires. Of all the places you can go in Oxford this is as close as you get to being amongst the spires.

Can you find the Bocardo Jail? Heritage bus rides? Alex Wenham? A unicorn? The Yoga centre? The Romance of the Rose? The Crypt? King Charles III garden? The Saxon tower? The Gutenberg printing press? Old Minis? The old leper hospital? The college barge? The swing bridge? The Painted Room? or The Divinity School classroom?



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Do Solar Panels and a Heat Pump Actually Work Together?

Solar panels and heat pumps get sold as a natural pair. In one important way, they pull against each other. Panels make about 80% of their electricity between March and September. A heat pump does most of its work in the colder half of the year. So you generate the most power exactly when the heat pump wants the least.

That doesn't rule the combination out. It just means you should go in with your eyes open.

A heat pump runs on electricity, and a decent one gives you between three and four units of heat for every unit it draws. The better installs manage a bit more. That's why it can cost less to run than a gas boiler, even though electricity costs more per unit than gas. Your panels make some of that electricity for nothing, so for some of the year part of your heating comes free.

Winter is the problem. In June, a typical array might make 15 units of electricity on a bright day. By December that can drop to three or four, and December is when the heat pump is flat out. Solar will carry a fair bit of your heating in spring and autumn. In deep winter it barely touches it. If someone tells you panels will run your heat pump all year, they're having you on.



Monthly Circle Dancing at the KBS Village Hall Friday, 4th September 2026

Time: 7 p.m. - 8.45 p.m

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.

Regular sessions will be on the 1st Friday of the month

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joancoo@outlook.com

Feel free to ring / email if you want further information

So where does it actually stack up? Older homes off the gas grid are often the best fit, especially if you're currently on oil. A good few of the village homes around Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor are in exactly that position. Oil is dear and the price jumps around, so moving to a heat pump can save more there than it would in a house on mains gas. If you've already got solar and your old boiler is on its last legs, adding a heat pump is a sensible next step. What I'd be wary of is a single package selling you panels and a heat pump together on the promise of nearly free winter heating. The winter numbers don't back that up, and it's a lot to spend on a misunderstanding.

Worth knowing: the Boiler Upgrade Scheme currently pays £7,500 towards a heat pump, or £9,000 if your home is off the gas grid on oil or LPG. And there's no VAT on heat pumps until at least March 2027.

If you're thinking about it, get a proper heat loss survey from a heat pump installer before you commit to anything. That's the best way to know whether your home is ready.

Llewellyn Kinch, Director – MakeMyHouseGreen.com



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News from Southmoor Baby and Toddler Group



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



We hope all our members are having or have had a lovely Summer break. The group traditionally starts up again in September in line with the local school dates. However, this year we are asking members to keep an eye on our Facebook page because as this article is being written we don't currently have enough volunteers for starting again in September. Fear not; our current volunteers are busy filling in application forms for organisations who specialise in finding volunteers for groups such as ours and getting in touch with local businesses to see if they can release some of their workers for a few hours to help run the group. We are also hoping that this article may attract some new volunteers to the

group. The group really needs two main volunteers to take on the commitment of running it but there are lots of smaller volunteer roles if you feel that your time and abilities don't match up to all the tasks that need taking over. For example washing up, greeting new members and handing out welcome sheets, operating the card machine, setting up the adult tea and coffee facilities etc. All the small tasks add up and it's great all round if we find a good team who can take on such tasks regularly during term time. If you think you could/would like to help please get in touch ASAP by emailing: southmoorbabytoddlergroup@hotmail.co.uk

We realise that the government's change in childcare hours last September affected the amount of members using the group but we then worked hard to spread word further afield to make sure that the group was well attended. Over summer flyers have been distributed at local events attracting families with young children and we've done a few facebook posts to keep members engaged.

Lots of people in the village have enjoyed using the Baby and Toddler Group over the years; I myself found it having landed here from London with a toddler in tow. Having come from using the Children's Centres in London which all had wonderful outdoor spaces that were used for regular Baby and Toddler activities I was shocked to find that most of the Children's Centres in Oxfordshire had been closed down and a lot of the Baby and Toddler groups and activities had no outdoor space at all! This is where Southmoor Baby and Toddler Group really stood out from the others; the outdoor space gives so many more opportunities for play activities (water play, ride-ons, etc.) and was also a breath of fresh air (literally!) instead of being stuck in a stuffy hall during the hotter months. It saddens me that in the current economic climate so many families are forced to work long hours to make ends meet and this doesn't allow time to spend with young children at groups such as ours. I hope that families can see the benefit of attending local groups and activities with their young family members as it often also leads to adult friendships and a support network of others in similar situations too.

We run most Fridays from 10am until 11.30am during term time in the Southmoor with Kingston Bagpuize Village Hall. If it's your first session with our group it's free but Soha residents can have 3 free sessions. We have 3-week passes available on arrival; just ask. We also don't want to turn families away who are experiencing financial hardship so do talk to us if the cost of attending is keeping you away.

You can keep updated with the latest news on our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/southmoorbabyandtoddlergroup>



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Botley Road Reopening and Traffic Filter Trial

Network Rail has confirmed that Botley Road in Oxford will reopen to traffic on Sunday 20 September. The reopening of Botley Road had previously been planned for the end of August. However, during excavation work relating to drainage for the new road layout, three minor gas leaks were identified on part of the gas network owned by SGN.

Tim Walden, Network Rail Great Western Route's Capital Delivery Director, said:

"We know the continued closure of Botley Road has had a significant impact on residents, businesses and everyone who relies on this route, and I'd like to apologise again for the additional disruption this has caused."



Meanwhile the Oxford Traffic Filter Trial will begin on the 28th of September. This trial replaces the congestion charge scheme that's been running since October 2025. KBS residents who already have a permit for the congestion zone will automatically receive 25 day passes to drive through the new traffic filters.

If you don't already have an Oxfordshire Resident's Permit, you'll need to register for one before you can drive into the city centre.

Apply for a permit here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/oxford-traffic-filters>

Spot The Difference

There are 7 differences between these two pictures, can you find them all?



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