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The Clock is Ticking!



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November 20th marks World Children's Day.



It's a day to highlight the challenges and opportunities children face around the world. Hidden somewhere inside the News is a picture of playing children. Can you find it?



Remember, remember, the fifth of November!

Every 5th November in Britain on Guy Fawkes Day, we remember the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, when Guy Fawkes and fellow Catholic conspirators attempted to blow up Parliament and assassinate James I of England.

Remembrance Sunday on 10th November.

Time & Place:

10.30am On the Millennium Green processing
to Memorial Green

10.50am for Act of Remembrance.

Jane Cranston Deputy Lieutenant is attending.

Army representatives from Dalton Barracks
and RAF from Brize Norton will be present.

The Village Scout Groups will be taking part.

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Chairman's Chat

The blackberry season is well and truly behind us now – and a bumper season it has been. It is sad to think that when the developers finally move into the fields to the East of the village and the A415, one of the first things they will do is grub out all the bramble bushes that line the old London Road between Kingston Bagpuize and Fyfield that have been so prolific in the years since the road was first closed to traffic.

Things are also moving to the West of the village. Following on last month's on-line consultation, Nicholas King Homes expect to be putting a Planning Application into VOWHDC early in the new year for 249 new houses (35% affordable) to be built to the west of 'Little London' on land bordered by the A420 and the Faringdon Road.

On a completely different subject, a small contingent from the History Society recently made the trip to Stanford in the Vale on a wet Sunday afternoon for the launch of Southmoor's Dr David Ashby's Stanford in the Vale - the Hidden Past Revealed. David, a lecturer at the University of Winchester, first began his investigations as a Scout Leader in 2008 and the book, written as part of the Stanford in the Vale Research Project, describes how the village evolved from a Neolithic settlement through Roman, Saxon and Mediaeval times to the present day.

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Village Diary

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

| Day/ Date | | Time | What & Where (KBSVH = Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall) | Page |
|---|---|-------------------|--|---|
| NOVEMBER | | | | |
| St John the Baptist Parish Church, Kingston Bagpuize Services. – See full details on the Church Pages | | | | 5 |
| Sunday | 3 rd | 10.00am | Village Litter Pick meeting point at the corner of Draycott Road and Faringdon Road | 6 |
| Monday | 4 th | | Applications for John Blandy School primary school places opens | 24 |
| Monday | 4 th | 12.30pm | Village Lunch Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall | 29 |
| Monday | 4 th | 6.30pm | Parish Council Monthly Meeting – Swallow Room, Southmoor Village Hall | 10 |
| Tuesday | 5 th | 7.15pm | Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club, AGM with cheese & wine KBSVH | 13 |
| Thursday | 7 th | 9.15am- 10.30am | John Blandy School Open Morning for September 2025 New Starters | 24 |
| Friday | 8 th | | 20mph Speed Limits. Last day to comment on proposals | 29 |
| Friday | 8 th | 7.00pm | KBS Film and Music Night. ‘The Pursuit of Happyness’ starring Will Smith. St Johns Church | 14 |
| Sunday | 10 th | 10.20am | Remembrance Service on the Millennium Green followed by Service at the Memorial Stones | 1 |
| Monday | 11 th | 5.00pm – 8.00pm | Southmoor Little Angels Recruitment Evening | 27 |
| Tuesday | 12 th | 7.30pm | Apple Blossom Women’s Institute “Peter Buchan-Symons, Origami designer” KBSVH | 22 |
| Monday | 18 th | 4.00pm | Last Date / Time for copy to KBS News for the December edition | 2 |
| Thursday | 21 st | 9.00am | KBS Café with the ‘Mens Choir” Southmoor Village Hall | 6 & 7 |
| Thursday | 21 st | 7.00pm | Longworth Hist Soc. Sarah Somerville “Work in Historic Houses A Guide’s Guide” KBSVH | 12 |
| Saturday | 23 rd | 10.00am | Millennium Green Working Party | 27 |
| Wednesday | 27 th | 8.00pm | KBS News AGM All residents are invited to the Swallow Room KBSVH | 6 |
| Friday | 29 th | | KBS News December Edition Publication Day | |
| Thursday 28 th – Saturday 30 th | | | Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group ‘Calendar Girls’ Southmoor Village Hall | 11 & 32 |
| DECEMBER | | | | |
| Sunday | 1 st | 10.00am -4.00pm | Christmas at the Farm | 7 |
| Sunday | 1 st | 3.30pm -5.30pm | St John the Baptist Parish Church, Messy Christingle, KBSVH | 5 |
| Monday | 2 nd | 6.30pm | Parish Council Monthly Meeting – Swallow Room, KBSVH | 10 |
| Tuesday | 3 rd | | Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club, Christmas Supper KBSVH | 13 |
| Thursday | 5 th | | Longworth Hist Soc. Christmas meeting “Cotswolds Christmas” Sean Callery KBSVH | 12 |
| Saturday | 7 th | | Father Christmas Trail | 14 |
| Monday | 9 th | 10.30am – 12.45pm | Festive Block Printing Workshop KBSVH | 20 |
| Thursday | 26 th | 2.30pm | Village Boxing Day Walk at the Millennium Green | |
| REGULAR EVENTS - Please check with the event organiser to confirm | | | | |
| In Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall | | | In Scout Hut, Faringdon Rd (Term Time Only) | |
| Apple Blossoms W I | 2nd Tuesday each month 7.30pm | | 1st Longworth Beavers | Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm |
| Apple Quilters | 2nd & 4th Monday Each Month 10am – 2pm New Members always welcome | | 1st Longworth Cubs | Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm |
| Clubbercise | Monday 8.00pm – 9.00pm | | 1st Longworth Explorers | Wednesday 7.30pm - 9.00pm |
| French for Fun | Wednesday (Term Time only) 9.30 – 11am | | 1st Longworth Scouts | Thursday 7.30pm - 9.00pm |
| KBS Badminton Club | Improvers & Above Saturdays 9.00 – 10.30am | | At The Bowls Club, Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize | |
| | Improvers & Returners Wednesday 6.30 - 8pm | | Bowls Clubs Roll Up | Tuesday & Thursday 1.30pm |
| | Intermediates & Above Monday 6.15 – 7.30pm | | At Millennium Green Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize | |
| KB Drama Group | 3 rd Tuesday at 7.30pm & when it occurs | | Junior Park Run | |
| | 5 th Tuesday 7.30pm (see Church Hall for other days) | | Sunday 9.00am | |
| KBS Cafe | Thursdays 9.00am - 12 noon | | At Jubilee Sports Field, Edward Strauss Park | |
| KBS Gardening Club | 1st Tuesday monthly 7.15pm for 7.30pm | | Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club Junior Training Friday 6 – 8pm | |
| KBS Pilates | Thursdays 1.30 – 2.30pm See KBS News Ad | | In St John the Baptist Church Hall | |
| KB & S Tennis Club | Tuesday 9 - 11am Men’s Open Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm Ladies Open | | KB Drama Group | 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month at 7:30pm (see Village Hall for other days) |
| Longworth & District History Society | 3 rd Thursday every month at 7.00pm | | KBS Art and Craft Friendship Club | Alternate Mondays 9.30am - 12.00 noon |
| Southmoor Baby & Toddlers | Friday (Term Time Only) 10.00 -11.30am | | Village Voices | Men - Alternate Mondays 9.30am Ladies – Alternate Tuesdays 9.30am |
| Table Tennis (Over 55’s) | Tuesday 11am – 12 noon Info email: bobsouthmoor@hotmail.com | | In Longworth Village Hall info at longworthvillage.org.uk | |
| Yoga Classes | Tuesday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (intermediate) Wednesday 10.30am - 11.15am (seniors) Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (beginners) | | IYENGAR Yoga class (Term Time Only) | Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm Tuesday 11.45am – 1.15pm |
| Village Walk | Last Thursday every month 10.00am (Not Dec) | | KARATE | Little Ninjas (3-5yrs) at 4pm - 4.30pm Kids Class (6-12yrs) 4.35pm - 5.25pm Mixed Class (6yrs+) 5.30pm - 6.30pm |
| In Hinton Waldrist Village Hall | | | PILATES | Tuesday 9.15am & 5.45pm Thursday 9.15am & 6.30pm |
| Cedar Community Club | Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 - 3:00pm | | ZUMBA | Thursday 10.30am |

NOVEMBER BIN COLLECTION

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

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| Wed 6th | Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin |  +  +  +  |
| Wed 13th | Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items |  +  +  |
| Wed 20th | Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin |  +  +  +  |
| Wed 27th | Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items |  +  +  |



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| Sunday 3rd | 9.00am - Bereavement Service 10.30am - Morning Worship Children's Church in Church Room |
| Sunday 10th | 10.20am - Service of Remembrance on Millennium Green 11.00am - Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Stones 6.00pm - Prayer and Praise in Church Room |
| Sunday 17th | 9.00am - Holy Communion 10.30am - Morning Worship |
| Sunday 24th | 9.00am - Holy Communion 10.30am - Village Communion |

November Highlights

Sunday 3rd - Bereavement Service 9am for anyone who would like to remember a lost loved one, to pray and light a candle for them

Children's Church 10.30am in the Church Room

Sunday 10th- Remembrance Day 10.20am on the Millennium Green and 11am at the Memorial Stones
Prayer and Praise 6pm in Church Room



Coffee and biscuits after all our services – a good time to chat and make new friends.
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Village Litter Pick



The next Village Litter Pick • Sunday, 3rd November at 10am



Meeting point, as before, at the corner of Draycott Road and Faringdon Road. Early arrivals can admire and enjoy sitting on the beautiful new bench there.

Many hands make light work, so everyone is most welcome. Bags and litter picks provided, but good to have your gardening type gloves with you. As ever, children and dogs are great to have along.

KBS NEWS AGM

**The KBS News AGM will take place on
Wednesday 27th November
at 8.00pm
in the Swallow Room at the Village Hall.**

**All residents will be welcome.
Please come along and meet
The KBS News Team**

The Priority Services Register

Hopefully, you were able to have your electric blanket safety tested last month. Have you also signed up to the PRIORITY SERVICES REGISTER (PSR)?

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CAN'T SING. WON'T SING !!!

That was just over a year ago.....if you want to hear the gentlemen sing now, catch up with them at the Kingston Café on Thursday, 21st November. It will be interesting to see the audience's reaction to a dozen or so elderly men bobbing up and down to the 'Bold Gendarmes'!

A few days earlier, on 15th November, by special request, they will be returning to Petypher House. Then we must wait and see how the December programme pans out – in all probability, carols in the village hall and who knows where else!

The ladies of Village Voices, for their part, are also into the full swing of their Autumn season. Last month they performed in Hinton at the Cedar Community Club, at Bampton Bush Club and at the Café. They are now preparing for a busy lead up to Christmas in the village.

Out & About in Quebec City in Canada



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



KBS Café



Every Thursday 9am to 12pm
• Southmoor Village Hall

On Thursday 21st November the “Men’s Choir” are coming to sing at the Café.

This is a very friendly Café whether you live in the Village or not. We welcome everybody whatever their age. It is a great place, if you are new to the Village, to get to know other people, and learn about what goes on in the Village.

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

If anyone would like to make a cake occasionally, please contact Caroline on 820936 or Ruth on 821386. *We look forward to seeing you! Caroline Ashby*



Macmillan Coffee Morning



We would like to say thank you to everyone who came to support this good cause and the people who donated raffle prizes including KBDG, Q Gardens Farm Shop, Letcombe Regis Richmond Village and Windrush Soft Furnishings.

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Caroline Ashby and Ruth Hastings

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October at Millennium Green Junior Parkrun



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October is always a lovely time at Millennium Green with all the Autumn leaves. This Autumn has been a bit chilly and the puddles have appeared early this year. But that has not deterred our amazing runners. Even on a wet and windy day, we had 33 runners braving the elements and it spurred everyone on to achieve some fast finish times too!

We have awarded some rare 100 wristbands this month to Ahmed, Matt and Charlotte which is a fantastic achievement. We have gratefully welcomed 3 new Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers – Martha, Alice and Katie who have taken over on barcode scanning. We also couldn't do without Aleezah and Rebecca on timekeeping, who continue to come every week even though they are no longer working towards any Duke of Edinburgh award. And Annie Richardson even came to volunteer on her birthday! Happy Birthday Annie! Parkrun will keep you young.



Jacob Behan completing his Sunday Morning Parkrun

What is a junior parkrun? It is for children aged 4 to 14 (and their families) to run a timed 2km run every Sunday morning at 9.00am. It is free and it is fun and there is no time limit to complete the course.

It's easy to register with parkrun, just head over to their website <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/> and you can complete a free registration form in a matter of minutes. You will then have a unique barcode which is scanned each time you run so you can track your progress. You can earn wristbands for completing a specific number of runs (11, 22, 50, 100, 250) and you can take your barcode to any other parkrun in the country (and abroad) and take part in another junior parkrun or even join the adults on a Saturday morning (providing a parent or family member can run and keep up with you).

Too old to be a junior runner but want to volunteer? We welcome volunteers to help each week and we always need marshals, time keepers, barcode scanners and people to set up and clear away. If you register with parkrun as well then we can book you in and you can earn volunteer credits for t-shirts for all the times you volunteer. Plus you get to be part of a happy band of volunteers who like to get up and out on a Sunday morning and cheer on our amazing runners.

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News from The Parish Council



Full Council Meeting 4th November (Monday) and 2nd December (Monday) at 6:30pm • Swallow Room, Southmoor Village Hall

Parish Council Website: kbsParishCouncil.org.uk/

Parish Clerk email: clerk@kbsParishCouncil.org.uk

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall on 7th October and the draft minutes are available on the Parish Council boards and online.

Present: Cllr Natalie Clements, Cllr Brian Forster, Cllr Virginia Grant (Chairman), Cllr Kim Kousari, Cllr Steve Smith, Cllr Behnoosh Sabah and Cllr Dianna Swale.

Apologies from Cllr Robert Barnett, District Cllr Jill Rayner and County Cllr Juliette Ash.

Minutes of the meeting and appendices on <https://kbsparishcouncil.org.uk/document-category/minutes>.

Clerk's Report: Complaints about surface of Waggon Path.

Planning Applications: P24/V1960/MPO. Rose Cottage, Sandy Lane, Southmoor, OX13 5HX – To Modify planning obligation 92V21 dated 6 August 1992. KBSPC Planning Committee voted no objection. P24/V2024/HH. Honey Rose Cottage, 4 Race Farm Lane, Kingston Bagpuize OX13 5AU; proposed first floor side extension. KBSPC Planning Committee voted no objection.

External Audit Report: Cllrs acknowledged the report and considered points raised.

Budget Proposals for 2025-26: The following committees put forward proposals: Recreational Facilities, Speeding/Road Safety, Burial Ground, and Environment. To be considered by the Finance Committee.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November: Service on the Millennium Green at 10.20am followed by Act of Remembrance by the Memorial Stones 10.50am. There will be representatives from the Army and Airforce and the village scout groups.

Neighbourhood Development Plan: The Steering Group was ratified by Council. The next meeting is on Tuesday 29th October.

Willowfields Energy Park – Solar Farm for EXAGEN

Exagen creates next generation renewable energy projects. The proposal is for a solar farm on land between the River Ock and A415 covering land between Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor, Garford and Frilford. Visit www.exagen.co.uk for details about the company, this proposal and Exagen's commitment to provide a community benefit fund tied to the project for its lifetime. Following in-person drop-in sessions in Garford and Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor village halls on July 18th and 25th, it's expected the formal planning application will be submitted to VWHDC planning. Visit www.bit.ly/WillowfieldsSurvey to give your feedback on Exagen's plans.

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Public Consultation Concept Map

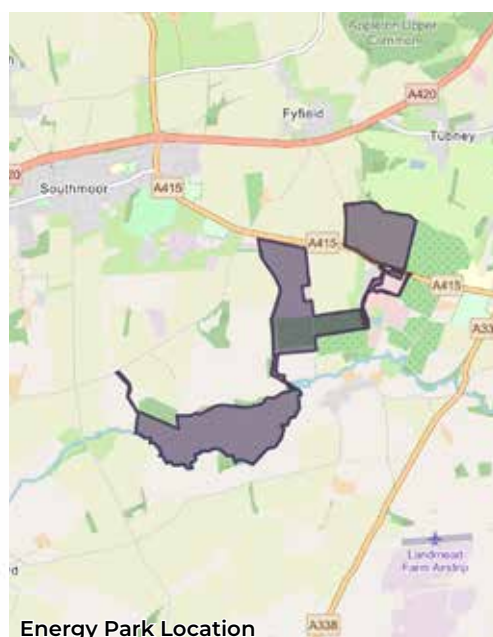
The plan on this page shows the initial design for the project within the land available for renewable development.

All fields included for solar have additional planting of new hedgerow and trees to screen the solar array and reduce visual impact. We want your input on what other additional screening would be beneficial.

The battery storage and substation compound area is outlined on the layout with the final design for the substation compound to be finalised.

The final design will be informed by ongoing consultation and environmental assessments, including a landscape and visual impact assessment, heritage assessment, agricultural land classification survey, ecology surveys, transport assessment and a flood risk assessment.

We will seek to maintain agricultural use through sheep grazing around the panels.





Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group



28th to 30th November • 'Calendar Girls'
• Southmoor Village Hall

Calendar Girls - Sponsored by **Newton**

Not long now until curtain up on Calendar Girls. At time of writing, we have already fully sold out Friday evening's performance and sales are consistently strong for all other performances. We do advise you book online ASAP if you are planning on coming to ensure you don't miss out.

In addition to sponsorship support from Newton, we are also very grateful to the local businesses who are advertising in our programme. A big thank you to The Oxford Cow for your continued support of KBDG. We are also grateful to Millets Farm where some of our Calendar Girls headed recently in search of 'considerably bigger buns' for the production.

The set has been completed and the cast continue to work hard at rehearsals. Calendar Girls is technically quite a difficult production to stage, so we are very grateful to our technical and backstage crew's 'problem solving' abilities.

November's chosen charity is Anthony Nolan and we will have a cash collection for them at the end of each performance.

Dates for diaries (and calendars): 28th to 30th November, including a Saturday matinée performance.

Age guidance 12+, Licensed bar, teas and coffee, free parking.

Adult: £14 Under 16 £10 Group of 4 adults £50

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Calendar Girls at Millets
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Nature Notes - Nice Weather for Ducks Fungi

As a nation we do tend to talk about the weather rather a lot and this year it is probably justified. A friend in another south Oxfordshire village reports that up to the start of last month, his rain gauge had so far recorded 164% of the annual average rainfall, with three months of the year still to go! The effects that conditions like we have seen impacts on our wildlife in many and various ways. One group of organisms however that always seem to do well in wetter years are fungi.

The range and size of fungi to be discovered is huge with there being upwards of 15000 species identified in the UK. Most of these have often unpronounceable scientific names, with those bearing "proper" names limited to either the ones that have a distinctive appearance or are edible or more alarmingly the ones that can kill you. From an edibility point of view we often split the fungi world into two camps - mushrooms which we feel comfortable in eating and toadstools which



we do not. Death Cap is probably the name that springs to mind and the rightful fear its reputation has engendered in most of us since childhood probably goes a long way to explain our reticence when it comes to foraging for fungi in the wild. In between the good and the very bad there sits a

range of others that either don't taste too nice or will give you hallucinations or make you sick - or all of those! One that falls in to the later camp is the distinctive red and white spotted Fly Agaric that is most frequently seen on the dust jackets of books on the subject, so it was therefore really nice to hear from a reader who had come across a small troop (for that is the term) of them at the back of Wellington Way. Hearing from other sources too that it seemed a good year for them I ventured out in the garden to see if I could track down one of my own down. Sadly not, but I did locate a whole range of others that were equally fascinating that I snapped with my phone camera, but I shan't be tasting any. The rain is still persisting as I write this so I'll settle down with a fungi guide to try to put a name to them all.



Please report any interesting sightings as usual to kbsnaturenotes@gmail.com. **Peter Pool**



Longworth & District History Society



21st November (Thursday) at 7pm
• Southmoor Village Hall • Sarah Somerville - "A Guide's Guide; working in historic houses in the 21st century"

Our next meeting is on Thursday 21st November, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start, in Southmoor Village Hall. Our speaker for this evening is Sarah Somerville who will present "A Guide's Guide: working in historic houses in the 21st century". Never a dull moment as we will discover!

We look forward to seeing you there - members free and visitors £4.

Also, tickets will be on sale for our Christmas meeting, which will be on Thursday 5th December, "Christmas in the Cotswolds" by Sean Callery.

Pam Woodward



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**Southmoor &
Kingston Bagpuize
Gardening Club**



**5th November (Tuesday) at
7:30pm • Southmoor Village
Hall • Annual AGM**

We had an excellent October!

Local bat expert David Endacott brought 3 different kinds of bats to our meeting so that we could see the fascinating little creatures that we're sometimes lucky enough to glimpse in our gardens up close and learn more about them. A few days later, we had a group outing by coach to RHS Wisley where we were able to offer our members free entry – a perk worth more than our annual membership fee! The weather was very kind to us and we all spent a lovely day exploring the site and admiring the views and wonderful planting.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th November when we'll be holding our annual AGM with cheese and wine. Once the necessary formalities are out of the way, this will be a chance to look back at what we've done over the last year – speaker meetings, garden visits, practical workshops etc. It's also an opportunity for members to have their say about what they'd like to see the club doing and there's often some lively discussion! Starts 7.30pm at Southmoor Village Hall.

At the AGM we'll be taking payment for membership renewals (or new memberships if you're not yet a member). The cost for 2025 will remain very reasonably priced at £15. Membership will entitle you to free entry to our 8 speaker meetings (and we have some interesting ones lined up!) with complimentary refreshments, free entry to members' open gardens and the opportunity to join us for various visits which we will plan during the year. **We'll also have tickets on sale for our Christmas Supper on Tuesday 3rd December** – also £15 so don't forget some cash! As last year, this will take the form of a 2 course sit down meal with festive music, fun and games and we'll attempt to outdo last year's chaos! Hope you can join us. For more information, see our website www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk. *Sharon Cooper (Chair)*

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Kingston Bagpuize Village Art and Craft Club



4th November (Monday) at 9:30am • St. John the Baptist Church Hall

October was a busy month for the club, we started with an exciting morning as Marea Brown showed us how to Block Print, the morning went by too quickly but everyone did well, thank you Marea. This was followed by a great talk about colour, showing how different colours can complement each other which can help an individual to choose what is best for them to wear.

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

The club meets on alternate Mondays throughout the year in the St. John the Baptist Church Hall,

Kingston Bagpuize, starting at 09.30 and finishing at midday with the first meeting being free. Our next meeting is Monday 4th November 2024 and we look forward to welcoming new members.

Jean Allsworth 07397 530144



- KBS Village Art and Craft Club



FATHER CHRISTMAS TRAIL SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Father Christmas will be resting his reindeer while he drives around Kingston and Southmoor with his helpers on Saturday 7th December, inviting you to bring him gifts of food for local families who will need to rely on food banks this Christmas, and toys for The Salvation Army's Children at Christmas Appeal.

He knows things are tight for everyone but asks that you are generous and make it a happier Christmas for children and families who have very little to look forward to this year.

While Father Christmas drives around there will be mulled wine, mince pies, a raffle and children's games at 3 Rimes Close, Kingston Bagpuize. Please see more details in the December KBS News.



KBS Film and Music Night



8th November (Friday) at 7pm • Church Room •

'The Pursuit of Happyness'

Our next Film Night will be on Friday 8th November in the Church Room when we will be showing, 'The Pursuit of Happyness' starring Will Smith who was nominated for an Academy Award for his role in the film.

It is based on the true story of Chris Gardner, a San Francisco salesman who is struggling to make ends meet. His girlfriend walks out leaving him to bring up their 5 year old son, Christopher (Jaden Smith) on his own. Chris' determination finally pays off when he lands an unpaid internship

in a brutally competitive stockbroker training programme where only one in twenty interns will be given a job. Without a salary, Chris and his son are evicted from their apartment and are forced to sleep on the streets and in shelters for the homeless. Join us to find out what happens next!

It is a free evening organised by members of St John the Baptist Church and tea, coffee, popcorn and chocolates will be provided from 7pm with the film beginning at 7.15pm. For the last two months, we have actually had more people than Church chairs. **We do ask you please to let either Peter Beer or Margo Evans know if you will be joining us so that we can ensure there are sufficient chairs for everyone.** We would hate to have to turn anyone away. Many thanks.

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Recipe of the month

Autumn pudding

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/autumn_pudding_30736

Ingredients (Serves 6)

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 400g/14oz English pears, peeled and cut into quarters
- 300g/10oz cooking apples, peeled and cut into quarters
- 500g/17oz ripe plums, halved
- 450g/1lb fresh blackberries
- 200g/7oz caster sugar
- 15g/½oz butter
- sunflower oil, for greasing
- 10 thick slices white bread, crusts removed

Preparation

1. Place the fruit, sugar and butter into a saucepan and cook on a medium heat for 15 minutes, or until softened. (Don't stir too often as the fruit will become mushy.)
2. Remove the pan from the heat and pour the contents into a colander set over a large bowl. Leave to stand for 8-10 minutes, stirring once or twice, so as much juice as possible is released by the fruit. You should end up with around 600ml/20fl oz.
3. Pour the fruit juice back into the saucepan, bring to a simmer and cook for 10-15 minutes, or until the volume of the liquid has reduced by half. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside to cool for 20-30 minutes.
4. Lightly oil a 1.5 litre/2 pint pudding basin and line with clingfilm, leaving plenty overhanging the edge. Cut a slice of bread using a round cutter and dip it quickly into the fruit juice. Place in the base of the pudding basin.
5. Cut the other bread slices in half and dip one at a time into the juice. Arrange in slightly overlapping vertical pieces around the inside of the basin, making sure they are soaked in juice without being soggy.
6. Once all the sides of the basin are lined with bread, pour half of the remaining fruit juice over the drained fruit and stir very lightly until it looks plump and glossy. Spoon the mixture into the pudding basin.
7. Dip the remaining slices of bread in the fruit juice and place over the top of the pudding, trimming the bread where necessary to give a neat finish. Reserve any remaining fruit juice in a small bowl.
8. Place the pudding onto a dinner plate. Cover the top of the pudding with the cling film, place a plate on top (make sure it fits inside the basin) and weigh down with a couple of tins. Chill in the fridge overnight.
9. When ready to serve, remove the weights and plate and open the clingfilm. Place a serving plate on top of the pudding and invert. Remove the basin and peel off the cling film. Brush any gaps where white bread is showing with the reserved fruit juice.



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Cooking time: 1-2 hours





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Restaurant Review

Hanney Spice Restaurant, 1 School Road, West Hanney OX12 0LA



A friend had recommended the Hanney Spice Restaurant after picking up a delicious takeaway from the friendly staff so we decided to give it a go.

After a 9 min drive from Kingston Bagpuize, we parked outside where others were parked already to pick up their takeaway. It seems popular for takeaways. There was also plenty of parking behind the restaurant and disabled access was good into it.

We were shown to our table in a small dining room that was bright and quite colourful where the tables had lovely white tablecloths (which I thought was brave for an Indian restaurant.) There were already quite a few people there and the staff were clearly busy and pleasant, if not the most attentive.



We spent time looking at the menu which was huge with plenty of curry options and a few vegetarian and vegan options but unfortunately there were no such options amongst the chef's special

page. There was a separate seafood menu too and plenty of advice on food allergens (a whole section dedicated to this in the menu and many

details given).

After browsing through it we ordered Crab Maliber and Prawn Puris and Poppadoms to start. The crab fritters were disappointing as it was hard to distinguish the crab and were not particularly appetising. They were deep fried and tasteless. The prawns were tasty but the fried bread accompaniment was rather greasy. We did enjoy the crunchy poppadoms and tasty relishes though and we did not manage to finish them.



Our main courses were a mixed bag too. The Meeen Molee was delicious. There was a good portion of fish in it. The chicken pasanda too was greatly enjoyed, with a generous amount of chicken in a tasty sauce with a mild and tasty level of spice. Not so successful with the Vegetarian Balti which was covered in a layer of oil and rather heavy on large slices of under cooked onion which was disappointing having tasted lovely baltis in the past in Birmingham. The naans were large and tasty and the Peshwari Naan was particularly appreciated, the portions were generous, and a side was included with the Balti and the pilau rice chosen was colourful.

The restaurant was busy and the other guests seemed to be enjoying their meals so maybe we were unlucky in our choices. On a Monday night they do a banquet, 5 courses for £16.99 which might be worth considering. The cost was reasonable for the meal, our starters were £5.15 and £6.50 and mains (£14.95 to £10.95) With sides about £3.95.

We left feeling disappointed as the restaurant had the potential of a good meal but was not delivered to us. **Wilrich, Two KBS Foodies**





KBS Tennis Club

We recently held the finals of this year's tennis festival despite the weather attempting to spoil the day. Between the showers we were able to complete all the matches. Thank you to everyone who took part, it was a very enjoyable event and a big thank you to everyone involved in the organising both on the day and behind the scenes.

List of winners as follows:

- Open singles: Hugo Martin
- Ladies singles: Angie Burrell
- Men's singles plate: Robin Picchi
- Senior Men's singles: Mike Sitch
- Men's doubles: Freddie Page and Gary Williams
- Ladies Doubles: Justine Cardy and Angie Burrell
- Senior Mixed Doubles: Freddie Page and Diane Tamblyn
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The winners of senior mixed doubles, ladies singles and open singles



The winners of ladies doubles, senior men's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles



Tip of the Month from The Climate & Environment Group

Plastic production has sharply increased over the last 70 years. In 1950, the world produced just two million tonnes. It now produces over 450 million tonnes and it's estimated around 350 million tonnes of this plastic ends up as waste. 6 million tonnes heads to rivers or coastlines, then 1.7 million tonnes of this finds its way to the ocean. Sadly, as good as plastic can be for many things such as food storage containers for use again and again, once finished with, it only breaks down into smaller and eventually tiny pieces.

With plenty of rivers nearby to us here in KBS we can do our bit to help the sea creatures under threat by not dropping any plastic as litter. An added bonus would be to just pick up one piece of plastic litter each day and put it in a bin. Our sea creatures will love you for caring ... and there will be less plastic to eat in your next meal of fish and chips!

Sources: Marine Conservation Society (mcsuk.org) & Ourworldindata.org. Head to their websites for more information about our oceans and you will find good news stories there too.



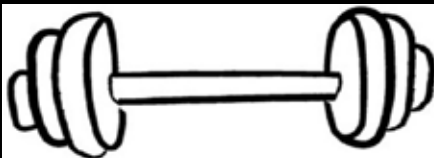
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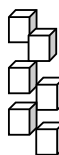
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The Oratory

I am constantly surprised and delighted by new things that I find in Oxford.



The Oratory

Religion in this country's history has meant from time to time either Catholics or the Protestants had dominance usually to the exclusion and detriment of the other. In the middle of the 1800s, a compromise was being reached. The suppression of Catholicism was relaxed and, in Oxford, Saint Aloysius Catholic Church was built. Today, it is the Oxford Oratory.

Tucked away as it is and set back on the Woodstock Road just up from Saint Giles, you would be forgiven for thinking, when looking at the outside façade, that it was not a particularly imposing building. As you enter, however, there is instantly a wow factor. Facing you behind the altar in a semicircle is the reredos: two rows of statuettes, 26 figures wide, with 20 figureheads above, in the middle a relatively tiny figure of Christ in an enormous spire. Along the right-hand side are richly decorated side altars, including the lady chapel and one full of relics.



The Lady Chapel

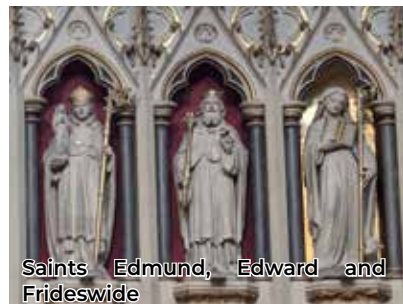
There is a fundamental difference between Catholicism and Protestantism. Catholics decorate a church to the glory of God. They paint the walls and ceilings, they fill it with Saints, relics and stained glass. Protestants believe all this to be a distraction from praising God, so they whitewash the walls, smash the Saints, the relics and the stained glass. Being so new, this church has not experienced the Protestant alterations.

Amongst the Saints, there are some lovely surprises. The top row is all British Saints, including St Edmund of Abingdon, after whom St Edmunds Hall is named; Saint Frideswide, the patron saint of Oxford; and nestled between them is a king, Saint Edward the Confessor. The four nearest the congregation feature Saints Andrew, David, George and Patrick, our patron saints.

Although built in 1875, it was at first run by the Jesuits and did not become the Oratory until 1990. The Oratory was brought to England by Saint John Henry Newman, founder of the Oxford Movement, although not to Oxford in his lifetime.

There is a Newman shrine.

Today, most of the walls are painted whitish and indeed, in 1940 it was in battleship Grey - cheap and available. The murals underneath are gradually being restored. Give it a look, go for the wow.



Saints Edmund, Edward and Frideswide

PS: Look out for the Christmas Carol season in the Colleges.

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In November, we'll be playing every Wednesday evening from 6.30 – 8pm and every Saturday morning from 9 – 10.30am. We'll also be playing on Monday evenings from 6.15 – 7.30pm but please note there is **NO SESSION** on Monday 25th November as the Drama Group has a dress rehearsal. The Wednesdays tend to be a bit gentler than the other sessions, but all sessions are run for fun. It all takes place at Southmoor Village Hall.

The costs are very reasonable and it's a great way to meet people and keep fit. Please contact either sharon@cherrytree21.plus.com (01865 820399) (Sat or Mon sessions) or jenny.jenny.frame@live.co.uk (Wed sessions) before coming along to check there is still space available.

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Apple Blossoms WI



12th November (Tuesday) at 7:30pm
• Southmoor Village Hall • Origami



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

The KBS Community Mall was held on Sunday 6th October and we had over 300 visitors through the doors. Our thanks go to all the stall holders and WI members who made this another successful day. Updates will follow in relation to how the funds raised will go towards helping local charities.

Our October meeting was a games night run by a small group of some of the members. It gave the committee a much-needed night off from having to do all the organising! It was such a lovely evening, and we hope to see the visitors that came along back at our next meeting.

Peter Buchan-Symons, an origami designer and artist based in Oxford, with over 20 years of paper-folding experience will be joining us at our meeting on Tuesday 12th November at 7:30pm at the Village Hall. This is an ideal entertainment activity that fosters creativity and wellbeing. Participants will love folding a selection of easy models, and all paper and materials will be provided, so no need to bring anything with you Example above.

Is Heat Leaking from your Home Costing Both You and the Planet?

The Environment and Climate Group will have a loan of a Thermal Imaging Camera during the coming winter which will be made available to assist villagers in reducing their heating costs and help the planet at the same time.

To help us with our planning, it would be good to know how much interest there is from villagers in this opportunity to identify the ‘leakiest’ areas of their homes, help keep themselves warmer and reduce heating bills.

If you would like to either have your property checked or even better would like to get involved in carrying out checks in your area of the village, then please send an email with the subject line Thermal Camera to kbsenvironmentgroup@gmail.com and include your name, location and contact details.

More details about this free offer when plans are finalised will appear in the next edition of KBS News.

Visitors will be made very welcome for a small charge of £5 per visit. Bring some extra pennies for the raffle and for tea/coffee/wine.

The Apple Blossoms WI are also thrilled to be supporting the upcoming production of Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group’s ‘Calendar Girls’. Do get your tickets if you haven’t already, and we’ll see you there!

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 **28th November (Thursday) • Gill McGregor 'Christmas Cheer and Flair' • Cumnor Village Hall**

Displays of autumnal flowers were in abundance from our demonstrator Vijay Bhatia in September. Her creative use of pumpkins, hula hoops and driftwood for her 'Out of Africa' themed programme was truly inspirational. Amazing bold coloured flowers brightened the stage on a dismal afternoon weatherwise.

Members excelled when invited to bring a small display of their own. Wreaths, baskets, table displays and pumpkins filled with garden flowers, conkers and apples formed a grand display. We welcomed 5 new guests who we hope will join as regular members.

October is our AGM, while in November we welcome Gill McGregor with a 'Christmas Cheer and Flair' themed meeting.

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Once again, it's been another busy, fun-filled half term and this term there have been lots of opportunities already for parents and carers to come into school. At the start of the term, we invited in our new Reception parents for a coffee morning. It was a chance to meet other parents and also meet with the headteacher and class teacher informally. All of our parents and carers across the school were invited in once again for our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. The pupils in Year 6 loved being able to serve the adults their cakes. This was then followed by a cake sale for the children at breaktime. We raised a fabulous £307 for the charity.

Just before half term, we once again invited in our families to join us for our Harvest Celebration...



On Thursday 17th October, John Blandy primary school hosted a harvest assembly at 9am. Lots of parents and relatives came and listened to harvest songs and the children from each of the year groups gave a variety of information about harvest including poems and sharing with everyone what harvest is like around the world. We also had a visit from our new Vicar, Reverend Catherine and would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who donated to the harvest table. All the food will be

given to families who need the support and will be located in the school office. Community Council: Lily and Ria.

We are looking forward to welcoming in our parents and carers over the next term as our Community Cafes start up and of course for our many Christmas festivities!



John Blandy Open Day

Is your child turning 5 during the academic year 1st September 2025 - 31st August 2026?

We will be holding our annual Open Morning on Thursday 7th November 9.15am-10.30am. This is a chance for you to meet Mrs Elliott (Headteacher) and to hear what our wonderful school has to offer your child. It will also provide you with the chance

to tour the school and see our school in action. **To book a place, please contact the school office - office@jbl.cambrianlt.org**

Applications for primary school places opens 4th November 2024 and closes 15th January 2025. To make your application, visit: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications>. **If this date doesn't work for you, please contact the office to arrange an alternative visit.**

John Blandy Football Team 1972

Whilst sorting through some early archives for the Longworth & District History Society recently I came across this "Memory Lane" photograph from the Oxford Mail featuring John Blandy School football team in 1972/3.

I can recall this achievement and many of the proud young lads that took part.

Ronald Green



The Lighter Shade of Pale

Sue Lacey Bryant

“Does that mean you celebrate two Thanksgivings and Christmas?” I asked my American visitors, who live right by Niagara Falls on the USA-Canadian border. “Yup, 2 turkeys and 1 goose” came the reply. .

I'm a quarter American, and only started celebrating Thanksgiving when my Dad came to live with us a couple of years before he died. Relatives in Fort Lauderdale helpfully sent across recipes for pumpkin pie and Green Bean casserole. This latter is served with sweet potatoes and marshmallow pudding. Honest!! The BBC's version is here if you want to try it: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5rB7nyb3JW1GPRqVWK36nCV/green-bean-casserole>

We made an occasion of it for Dad and the best of friends joined us. These days we try to get them over to KBS around the end of November for roast turkey followed by pecan pie (my favourite). We raise a glass to my Dad, praise the chef for the excellence of the turkey and give thanks for friends.

This brings me to The Archers, where once the highlight was listening out for whether it was Jill putting the kettle on at Brookfield or Clarrie at Grange Farm. I'm relieved that after a run of heavyweight stories, in a troubled world, this rural drama recently highlighted how two turkeys escaped through broken fencing and Eddie slipped in the mud. May we all live in quiet times.

By the way, if you've never taken the Studio Tour at The Mailbox in Birmingham, I recommend it.

I've always been daunted by cooking the Christmas turkey. Safe to say that Oxfordshire Council website has good advice on defrosting the bird, cooking it and how long the leftovers can be left out to cool before squeezing them in the fridge (within 90 minutes). <https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/advice.page?id=b4XEN5tQJbs>.

As for geese, they too will be available through local suppliers. However, if you prefer your birds alive and flying, Port Meadow is the place. A Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Port Meadow is a popular haunt for local twitchers. “Annual winter floods bring spectacular flocks of wildfowl and waders. Lapwing and Golden Plover can number over a thousand while Teal, Widgeon and Canada Goose are often seen in their hundreds.” <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/directory-record/673/port-meadow>. Sue



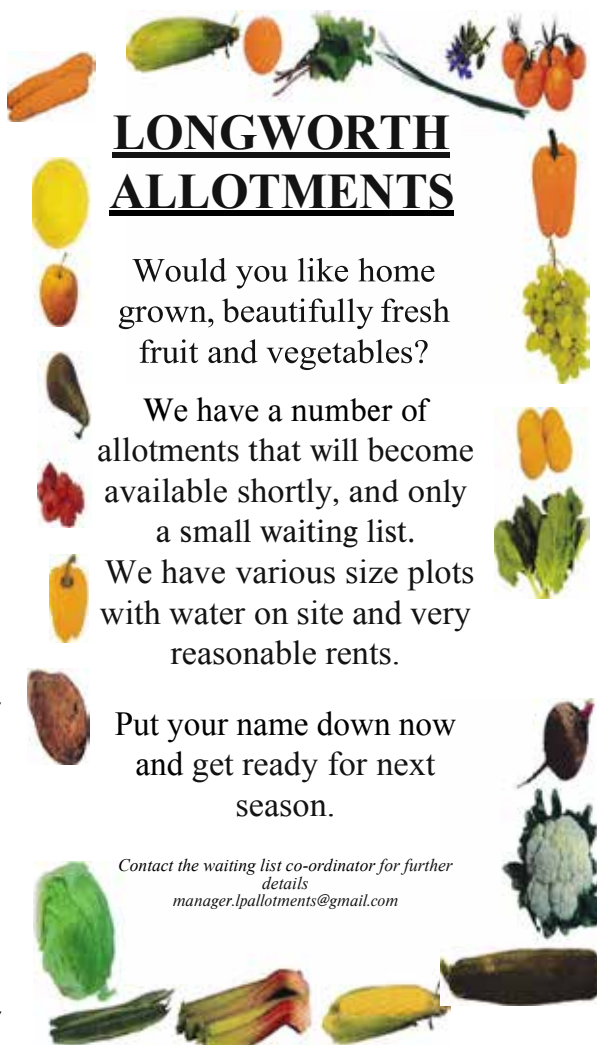
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Dog News

This month I thought I would cover a few training tips that we've picked up over the years with our own dog.

Pulling: I think most of us have experienced a dog pulling on the lead. A trainer showed us a couple of very effective techniques.

1. Have your dog on your left, have the left hand holding the lead but the rest looped in the right hand. If your dog starts to pull away from you, release the looped lead and turn 180 degrees to the right to go back. Then start again. Your dog will soon understand that the progress forward will continue if they don't pull.

2. Another technique is just to stop if the dog is pulling. Once the dog stops moving forward as well, continue walking.

3. Walking to heel using a treat reward can also work quite effectively.

Recall: We have been working with our dog on recall with a whistle. A trainer explained that if you are shouting for your dog to return, your voice can sound anxious and sharp, not a great incentive for your dog to return to you. The whistle however, holds no emotion. The trainer also suggested a high value reward that they called 'the jackpot'. Some meat and cheese is a real prize. This technique is working well and our dog knows that the whistle is worth responding to.

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Pest Corner



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When deciding to tackle the problem yourself, PLEASE think about safety in regards to what you are using, how much and where.

Open traps can catch birds (all of which are protected as are their eggs and nests), bats and hedgehogs and bait can be taken from all kinds of wildlife as well as pets and children.

Think about where you place such things and consider using lockable boxes. There are specific boxes made to stop hedgehogs entering them and minimising the risk of them eating what they shouldn't or being caught in a trap.

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In the Kennet League, our teams had reasonable results in the summer, with the KL team finishing in 4th place. The KLV'A' side had a very successful season finishing 2nd to a very strong Thatcham side. The KLV'B' team finished in equal 4th place with Hungerford. In the Ashley Baker League, a respectable 3rd place was achieved and 5th place was achieved In the Ridgeway Ladies League. Mixed friendly included away wins at Harwell, Abingdon, Faringdon and Carterton with losses at OUP, Begbroke and Shrivenham. Only two matches were played at home, a win against Harwell and a loss against Witney Town.

At our AGM, the attendance was reasonable with quite a few absentees. Some committee places remain vacant as do the Club captain, KLV'B' men's team Captain, the Competition Secretary and the Catering Manager. Unfortunately, if the captains are not replaced then those fixtures could be lost. We are always looking for new members to join us, why not give the sport a try. See our advertisement in this issue. **Mick Fuller 01865 820818.**



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With Christmas post looming I thought it was a good time to not only say thank you, but to remind you this is ongoing. I'm collecting stamps for the bone cancer stamp appeal. Any stamps, used, new, international are welcome. Just need to cut them off the envelope leaving approximately 1cm border around it. The stamps are then sold by the charity to raise funds, and just 1kg of stamps can help fund one hour of life-saving research. With thanks to the post office and (Hinds Head) Coop for their continued support of this too.

With my best wishes Catherine Christensen



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Existing 30 mph speed limits on the main routes through the village will remain on the A415 Abingdon Road, Spring Hill, and Oxford Road as well as the remaining village roads not listed. Documents giving more details of the proposals are available for public inspection online by visiting <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Objections to the proposals and other representations specifying the grounds on which they are made may be sent in writing by 8th November 2024 to: Traffic Regulations Order & Schemes for the Director of Environment & Highways, Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND (email: christian.mauz@oxfordshire.gov.uk)



Village Lunch

Monday 4th November 2024

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| Samaritans - www.samaritans.org , 1116 123 | | | Childline www.childline.org.uk , 0800 1111 | |
| The Cedar Community Club - where older people meet with friends old and new 01865 686472 | | | | |
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Book Review

THE FIGURINE, by Victoria Hislop, published by Headline.

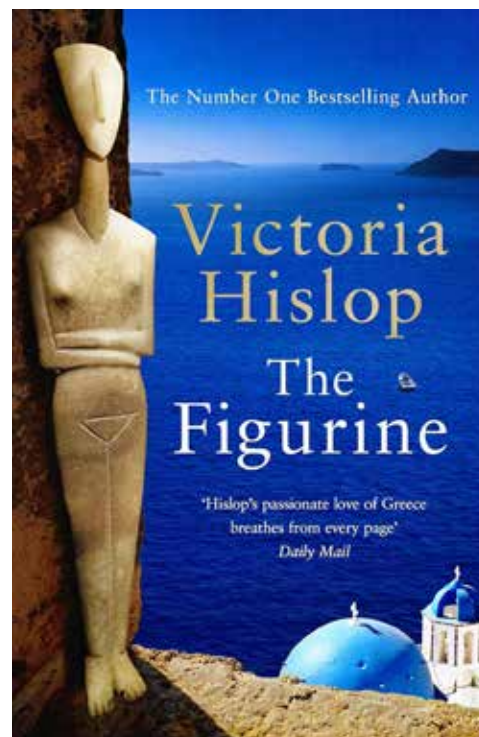
When we go on holiday, many of us like to bring home souvenirs to remind us of happy times, or to recall the atmosphere or culture of the places visited. This can be especially true if our holiday destination is so very different from our familiar home environment. This was also true in times past when the wealthy went on Grand European Tours and brought back items for their own personal collections to display their wealth.

This is the background for Victoria Hislop's latest book, *The Figurine*. Set in Greece, and beginning in the 1960's, the story follows a young English girl, Helena, as she learns about her Greek heritage against a backdrop of dictatorship and the roles played by her Greek family. As she grows, so does her appreciation of ancient Greek artefacts and her understanding of beauty and where it belongs.

We are introduced to her student friends in Oxford and the man who charms her and everyone else. The author is skilled in evoking the landscape and atmosphere of Greece, which she knows so well and loves. She is a storyteller who draws the reader on to discover more about the land and its history, the characters and their secrets as the story unfolds.

The book begins slowly but rewards the reader with increasing twists and turns before the finale. Readers of other Hislop novels will enjoy this new one and new readers will be encouraged to find her previous works.

Review by A. Bookworm



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| Organisation | Contact Name | Telephone Number / Email Address |
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| Apple Blossoms Women's Institute | Elizabeth Oastler | 07741 013342 appleblossomswi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk |
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| Cedar Community Club | Clare Stroudley | thecedarcommunityclub@gmail.com |
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| Crime Stoppers | | 0800 555111 |
| French for Fun | Kathy Fletcher | 01865 820193 |
| Friends of John Blandy School | | johnblandyfriends@gmail.com |
| Junior Park Run | Kathryn Hall | millenniumgreenjuniors@parkrun.com |
| John Blandy Primary School | Suzanne Elliott | 01865 820422 office@jbl.faringdonlearningtrust.org |
| KB & S Café | Caroline Ashby / Ruth Hastings | carolianeashby@gmail.com |
| KBS Art & Craft Friendship Club | Jean Allsworth | 01865 820085 allsworth@btinternet.com |
| KB Millennium Green Trust | Guy Browning | 01865 821218 kbsmilgreen@gmail.com |
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| KBS Parish Council | Sarah Bates | clerk@kbsparishcouncil.org.uk |
| Kingston Bagpuize Parish Church | Chris Carpenter | cw3.sjbchurch@gmail.com |
| KBS Bowls Club | | Kbsbc.hon.sec@gmail.com |
| Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club | Simon Watts | 07786 337118 simon@swatts1.com |
| Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group | Sally Lacey | kbdg.sec@gmail.com |
| KBS Tennis Club | Rachael Moon | kbstennisclub@gmail.com |
| Kingston Colts Football Club | Emma Willoughby | secretary@kingstoncolts.co.uk |
| Longworth & District History Society | Kathy Fletcher | 01865 820193 |
| Longworth Yoga | Jennifer Duncan | 01865 820339 sandjd@tucksmead.co.uk |
| Pilates Matwork | Rona Bennett | 01865 820754 ronastella@btinternet.com |
| Southmoor & KB Gardening Club | | skbgardeningclub@gmail.com |
| Southmoor Baby and Toddler group | Jo McBrien | 07596 248626 southmoorbabytoddlergroup@hotmail.co.uk |
| Southmoor Exercise & Dance | Sarah Bishop | 07890 592304 biserk46@hotmail.com |
| Southmoor Pilates | Murray Stewart | murraystewart@hotmail.com |
| Southmoor Village Hall Bookings | | southmoorvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk |

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