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D-DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday 6th June 2024, KBS Parish Council organised an event in the grounds of Kingston Bagpuize house to commemorate and remember this momentous day in WW2.



Over 600 people came and enjoyed the fine weather accompanied by music and songs from the Wantage Silver Band and The Sisters of Swing. Over £700 was raised which will be shared between the RBL, TASC (The Ambulance Service Charity) and SCAS (South Central Ambulance Service Charity).

Thank you to everyone who came and all those who helped to make the event a success.

A tribute to and reminder of those who fought for our freedom and especially those who lost their lives so we might live ours.

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Virginia Grant, Kingston Bagpuize House



Plastic Free July was started in 2011 by a small number of local government employees in Western Australia. The project has since become an internationally recognised event with an estimated 140 million individuals and communities in 190 countries aiming to reduce their plastic usage. The month is all about encouraging change on a large scale, from our own homes, to institutions, community groups and companies.

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30th of July marks International Day of Friendship. It is a day to celebrate the importance of friends and international friendship. Hidden somewhere inside the News is a drawing of friends. Can you find it?

Please note that the QR code printed on the front page of last month's KBS news had an error in it and does not work properly, please accept our apologies and here is the new QR code which should take you straight through to the Village show schedule.





July was named to honour Roman dictator Julius Caesar in 44 BCE. Its original name was Quintilis, Latin for the "fifth month," indicating its position in the early Roman calendar. It was later changed to July by the ruler of Roman world, Julius Caesar, after his family name (Julius).

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

	Day/ Date T		Time	ime What & Where (KBSVH = Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall)						
	St John the Baptist			Parish Church, Kingston Bagpuize Services. – See full details on the Church Pages						
J	Monday	1 st	6.30pm	Parish Council Monthly Meeting – Swallow Room, KBSVH	10					
	Thursday	4 th	7.00am –	0.00pm General Election – Vote at Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall						
	Sunday	7 th		Last Chance to book Tickets for Drama Group: Murder Mystery 'Dressed to Kill'						
	Monday	8 th	3.00pm	3.00pm Village Afternoon Tea Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Village Hall						
	Tuesday	9 th	7.30pm	om Apple Blossoms WI. Micky Hinder from Zumba Gold 'Zumba for all abilities'						
	Saturday	13 th	Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club - Annual Summer Garden Party							
U	Saturday	13 th	2.30pm 8	k 7.30pm Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group: Murder Mystery – 'Dressed to Kill' KBS'	VH 18 & 28					
L	Monday	15 th	9.30am	Kingston Bagpuize Village Art and Craft Club KB Church Hall	22					
Y	Wednesday 17 th 4.00			pm Last Date / Time for copy to KBS News for the August edition						
	Thursday	18 th		Longworth & District History Soc. Guided walk around Radley College	19					
	Friday	19 th	7.00pm	KBS Film & Music Evening '6,894,620 reasons for Waking Ned' KB Church Ha	II 14					
	Sunday	21 st	1.00pm – 4.30pm Fyfield Village & Church Fete, Manor Farm House, Fyfield							
	Thursday	25 th		Oxford Flower Club: Vijay Bhatia 'Out of Africa'.	11					
	Monday	29 th	6.30pm	Parish Council Monthly Meeting – Swallow Room, KBSVH (August Meeting)	10					
AUGUST & SEPTEMBER										
Sa	aturday 31 st	Aug	2.00pm –	- 4.00pm Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club Village Show BS\	/H 14 & 24					
Τι	Tuesday 3 rd Sept Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club 'The Cutting Garden' KBSVH									

E	Bin Collection - late changes will be updated by Email to readers who have joined the KBS News Information email service								
	Wed	3 rd	** Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin **						
 	Wed	10 th	**** Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items ****						
JUL	Wed	17 th	** Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin **						
	Wed	24 th	**** Food Collection / Grey Bin Collection & Small Electrical Items ****						
	Wed	31 st	** Food Bin / Green Bin Collection/Brown Bin + Textiles & Batteries in a separate bag on top of the Bin **						

REGULAR EVENTS - Please check with the event organiser to confirm								
In Kingston B	agpı	ize 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		ୟ 4th Monday Each Month	1st Longworth Cubs	Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm				
Apple Quillers	10an	n – 2pm New Members always welcome	1st Longworth Explorers	s Wednesday 7.30pm - 9.00pm				
Clubbercise	Mon	day 8.00pm – 9.00pm	1st Longworth Scouts	Thursday 7.30pm - 9.00pm				
French for Fun	Wedr	nesday (Term Time only) 9.30 – 11am	At The Bowls Club, Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize					
KBS	Impro	overs & Above Saturdays 9 – 10.30am	Bowls Clubs Roll Up	Tuesday & Thursday 1.30pm				
Radminton Club		overs & Returners Wednesday 6.30 - 8pm	At Millennium Green Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize					
Badiiiiitoii Ciub	Interr	nediates & Above Monday 6.15 – 7.30pm	Junior Park Run	Sunday 9.00am				
KB Drama	3 rd Tuesday at 7.30pm & when it occurs		At Jubilee Sports	s Field, Edward Strauss Park				
Group		uesday 7.30pm	Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club Junior Training Friday 6 – 8pm					
J. G.	(see	Church Hall for other days)	In St John the Baptist Church Hall					
KBS Cafe	Thur	sdays 9.00am - 12 noon		1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the				
		1st Tuesday monthly 7.15pm for 7.30pm	KB Drama Group	month at 7:30pm (see Village Hall for				
KBS Pilates	Thursdays 1.30 – 2.30pm			other days)				
KB & S Tennis	Tues	day 9 - 11am Men's Open	KBS Art and Craft	Alternate Mondays				
Club		nesday 6.30-8.30pm Ladies Open	Friendship Club	9.30am - 12.00 noon				
	trict	3 rd Thursday every month at 7.00pm	Village Voices	Men - Alternate Mondays 9.30am				
History Society				Ladies – Alternate Tuesdays 9.30am				
Southmoor Baby		Friday (Term Time Only) 10.00 -11.30am	In Longworth Village Hall info at longworthvillage.org.uk					
& Toddlers	•	Tuesday 11am -12pm for more info		Monday 7.00pm – 8.30pm				
Southmoor Exerc		email bobsouthmoor@hotmail.com	IYENGAR Yoga class					
& Dar		Info email: nbiserk46@hotmain.com	(Term Time Only)	Tuesday 11.45am – 1.15pm				
Table Tennis	Tuesday 11am – 12moon			Wednesday				
(Over 55's)		Info email: bobsouthmoor@hotmail.com	KARATE	Little Ninjas (4-6yrs) at 5pm - 5.30pm				
Yoga Classes	Tuesday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (intermediate)			Family class at 5.30pm - 6.30pm				
i uga Ciasses		Thursday 6.00pm -7.00pm (beginners)	PILATES	Tuesday 9.15am & 5.45pm				
		Wednesday 10.30am - 11.15am (seniors)	TILATEO	Thursday 9.15am & 6.30pm				
In	Hint	on Waldrist Village Hall	ZUMBA	Thursday 10.30am				
Cedar Community	Cluk	Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 - 3:00pm						
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We have a new vicar!



After two years of welcoming delightful retired visiting vicars to keep our Sunday services going, we have wonderful news, **finally we were able to appoint a new vicar, the Rev. Catherine Schneider**. It has been a long time but worth the wait to get the right person for our growing village.

On being appointed Catherine said: - "I am delighted to be joining you in KBS this summer as we begin a new season together, sharing our lives and exploring what God might have in mind for the village. I was drawn to your warmth and kind welcome when I worshipped with you on the interview day, so I am really looking forward to getting to know the Village but thought I would kick off by telling you a bit more about myself. I am originally from the north-east of England but have been based in or around Oxford since arriving as a student at Christchurch over 30 years ago. I am married to Stephen, who works as a solicitor for Oxford University, and we have three young adult children.

I was ordained in 2019 and since then I have served as a curate in the Dorchester team, which serves twelve rural parishes in and around Dorchester. I have spent most of my time in Dorchester itself, ministering in the abbey while the rector was on sabbatical and in the vacancy after she retired.

Once I am in place alongside spending time with our congregation leading the Sunday services, I am looking forward to being involved with the children at school and at the new nursery and to getting involved with the families who have recently joined the village. When I am not working, I enjoy gardening, reading, meeting up with friends and family and going for walks, so you might well also bump into me on the Millennium Green, at KBS cafe or in the Waggon and Horses."

We are looking forward to welcoming Catherine in the late summer, until then our services will continue as normal with our lovely, retired vicars. *Chris Carpenter, Churchwarden*



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Sunday 7th 9.00am - Holy Communion

10.30am - Morning Worship

Children's Church in Church Room

6.00pm - Prayer and Praise in Church Room

Sunday 14th 9.00am - Holy Communion

10.30am - Morning Worship

Sunday 21st 9.00am - Holy Communion

10.30am - Morning Worship with live band

Sunday 28th 9.00am - Holy Communion

10.30am - Village Communion

July Highlights

Sunday 7th Children's Church 10.30am in the Church Room
Prayer and Praise 6pm in the Church Room



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

YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH IS HERE TO HELP

Services are continuing as usual during the interregnum till the next vicar arrives, with help from visiting vicars.

Please contact the churchwardens re baptisms, weddings, and funerals. If you'd like to find out more about our services and resources, or discuss spiritual matters, contact the churchwardens Chris Carpenter cw3.sjbchurch@gmail.com 07860 583740 and Ian Blelloch ianblelloch@chaco.com.

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Fir Tree Close Playground

During May the Parish Council carried out a survey of two options for the replacement of the Jubilee Fort in Fir Tree Close. Some 450 respondents voted overwhelmingly, using the Council's Website questionnaire, for the **Multi-play Castle!** Thanks are due to John Blandy School for making the children and families aware of the survey. Voting is now finished but more

information can be found at: kbsparishcouncil.org.uk/replacement-of-equipment-at-fir-tree-close.

The Parish Council will now look to replace the Jubilee Fort multi-play centrepiece with similar but updated equipment. The Parish Council is also hoping to include a basket swing, a replacement for the toddler multi-play with something more exciting, possibly a little playhouse, and also to replace the missing section of the agility trail with a new element. It is hoping that the new features will offer something for children of all abilities.

The next stage is to consider all companies who are capable of providing the type of equipment voted for and then offer by tender a contract for supply and installation. All this will take some time so it is unlikely that any installation will take place until the Autumn at the earliest.

Ollie's and Charlotte's View on Play Equipment



I showed my two kids; Ollie age 7 and Charlotte age 4 the two designs for the playpark next to The John Blandy School one morning over breakfast. Ollie got up first and his reaction was: 'The castle's going to be more funner than the pyramid because if you just did the pyramid it would just be like; climbing up the pyramid going down the slide. The castle can fit more people; like 25 people or 26. If we play with the castle we can make stick swords; you can watch out for enemies, you can attack, you can play bow and arrows, you can even have a meeting by yourself; chat chat chat chat chat chat look out for people, we can even hide; shhhh be quiet...you can play climb the tower, slide

down the tower wee weee weee...'

Later Charlotte got up and having not heard Ollie's response her reaction to the first picture I showed her was 'Aww no I don't want a pyramid.' When I showed her the castle she just jumped up and down excitedly saying 'castle castle castle'!

Grand Rummage Sale and Cream Tea



The event in aid of Cancer Research was held on 18th May in Southmoor Village Hall and was very successful,

with the total made on the day of £2,215.00. We would like to thank everyone who helped on the day, setting up, serving, clearing up and to all the attendees who turned up in force to grab the bargains and supported this worthy cause. A final thank you to the local businesses, shops, pubs, restaurants, and other individuals who kindly donated prizes for the Grand Raffle.

Monies are still coming into the fundraising and, when completed, we are hoping to reach a grand total of around £3,500 which will be paid directly to Cancer Research UK at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

Many thanks to everyone. From Hazel van de Mortel and Yvonne Cox.



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KBS Café



Every Thursday 9am to 12pm • Southmoor Village Hall



We will be closed on Thursday 4th July due to the Hall being used for the General Election.

At KBS Café, we offer a selection of beverages such as tea, coffee,

and hot chocolate, along with refreshing orange and blackcurrant squash. We also serve delicious cheese scones and a variety of 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

The café is a great place to make new friends and learn about the village. We have toys for the children so all ages are welcome. 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



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Out & About in Barbados



Pete Osman celebrating his birthday in Barbados with his wife, Karen, a bottle of Veuve Clicquot and a copy of the KBS News!



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The Lighter Shade of Pale

Letter from America - tales of a grand tour from Sue Lacey Bryant - part 2

From burly New York where the 'server' asked "Are you still workin'?" when I paused, defeated by the tower of chicken cacciatore on my plate, we headed north to the more delicately framed Boston. A magical train journey took us through woodlands and around the coast of Connecticut, through Mystic and on to Providence.

With its Italianate courtyard, the Isabella Stuart Gardner museum in Boston was equally joyous. It is, we are told, always blooming - transformed through a sequence of ten dramatic seasonal displays. It brings to mind the Four Seasons garden at Buscot Park, which is sheltered by red-brick walls. The planting offers endless curiosities. Fruit trees are trained along the walls between climbing roses. Look out for marrows, courgettes, gourds and runner beans nestling beneath the shrub roses.





Next stop Philadelphia, to be remembered for the American Revolution museum and the Liberty Bell, as well as the jazz club into which we wandered on the 'off chance'. We were smitten, returning there the next evening. Back home in KBS, I took to the net to check out local jazz venues.

There are several within striking distance - and I note for those interested that cocktails may be involved.

We rounded off our trip with almost a week in Washington. The Smithsonian museums are tremendous: the sheer scale of each collection is mind-blowing.

As a schoolgirl, I learned about Rain in the Face, a Lakota Sioux chieftain among the warchiefs who defeated Custer at the Battle of Little Big Horn. However, the national museum of the American Indian tells a different

story, focused on the influential native diplomats of the American Indian Nations who have negotiated treaties with the US. Most compelling of all was the national museum of African American history and culture. I found it gut-wrenching. Ever saddened by the data on modern slavery in the UK, which is a live problem in Oxfordshire, I'm a member of Anti-Slavery International. You can find out more at www.antislavery.org/slavery-today/modern-slavery/

We spent a couple of days at the National Gallery of Art where Monets and Renoirs abound, as they had when we began our trip to the States at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Interestingly I didn't sense the same dearth of attention to women artists in the collections we visited in the New Country as is often apparent in the UK. There are lots of initiatives to address this imbalance, and I'm planning to go to the exhibition of Women Artists in Britain 1520-1920 currently showing at the Tate Britain - "Now you see us."



The national Botanic garden is tiny but a joy, from Rosa Top Gun to the indoor garden, though we are now enjoying being in the cool of our own garden after the humidity of Washington. It's always lovely

to come home. The best sight of all was our youngest son meeting us at the airport and yet we were sorry to leave Washington; there is so much more to see.

Our grand tour was planned to celebrate my step into semi-retirement and it has prompted a resolution to take full advantage of the museums on our doorstep here in KBS, not least the Ashmolean and the Pitt-Rivers. It's easy to take their magnificent collections for granted so, meeting an old school friend last week, we headed for the Ashmolean to view the Wilton Diptych. Barely 14 miles from home, painted in the 1390s, centuries older than anything we could ever see in the States, the colours are magnificent.



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Next Meeting: 1st July (Monday) & 29th July (Monday)

• Swallow Room, KBS Village Hall

Parish Council Website: kbsParishCouncil.org.uk/ Parish Clerk email: Clerk@kbsParishCouncil.org.uk

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall on 3rd June and the full minutes are available on the Parish Council boards and online at kbsparishcouncil.org.uk/document-category/minutes.

Present: Cllr Robert Barnett, Cllr Oyebola Bello, Cllr Natalie Clements, Cllr Brian Forster, Cllr Virginia Grant (Chairman), Cllr Behnoosh Sabah, Cllr Steve Smith, Cllr Dianna Swale.

Apologies from District Councillor Jill Rayner and Cllr Kim Kousari.

Report from District Councillor Jill Rayner: written report provided.

Public Participation: Matter raised by residents about the s106 art carved boulders in Wellington Way POS and whether they constitute a safety risk with regard to children playing and cars entering the development. ROSPA to be asked to assess. Concern about children/teenagers creating a nuisance – police liaison to be contacted.

Clerk's Report: i. The Wellington Way boulders have been entered into a competition organised by the Oxford Preservation Trust. ii. Update on possibility of solar lighting for path between Fir Tree Close and the recreation ground. iii. Result of public vote on replacement of jubilee fort in Fir Tree Close playground: 454 votes in total, 354 in favour of multi-play castle, 100 in favour of rope climbing pyramid.

Planning Applications: P24/V0461/HH. The Council did not object to this amendment to the plan previously submitted on 1st May 2024.

Full details of all planning applications and decisions taken by the Parish Council and VWHDC Planning are listed on the website.

Update from Planning committee meeting: there is a proposal for a solar farm west and south of Millets. A meeting in the village hall for residents is planned. Date - tbc.

Accounts and audit: Internal Auditors report for 2023/24 accounts rated excellent with no recommendations.

New Play and Recreation equipment: Following the consultation with parents and children via the school and Facebook the council agreed to 6 specific items for inclusion in the tender for Fir Tree Close Playground. Additional companies are to be contacted to assess availability of products prior to detailed tender documents being drawn up.

Burial Ground: Revised Rules and Regulations and revised Fees were agreed by council.

Thames

Thames Water reservoir consultation

Whilst appreciating the need for water, the majority of this whole area is opposed to the proposal, which would probably take 10 years to construct, and require a dedicated new infrastructure, to provide the logistics for construction. Oddly, Thames water proposes to fill

the majority of the reservoir from the River Thames, and its tributaries, which they currently continue to pollute with sewage discharges, most of which appear to be illegal. Regards, Councillor Brian Forster











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Oxford Flower Club



25th July (Thursday) at 1.30pm • Vijay Bhatia 'Out of Africa' • Cumnor Village Hall

Having left a stressful management job 18 years ago, our demonstrator for May, Jennifer Allen Thompson decided to follow her passion for flowers and retrained as a florist. Her love of everything to do with flowers blossomed and after six years she graduated as a Master Florist.

Her demonstration for the afternoon was themed on 'A Good Read'. With a focus on all types of books, from Royal Ladies in Waiting to famous children's books, we were captivated with stunning displays accompanied by amusing stories and funny anecdotes. It was quite amazing to see how she interpreted the books in her displays. What a great afternoon.

Vijay Bhatia visits on Thursday 25th July with a theme 'Out of Africa'. Call Karen on 07967 555750 if you would like more information on our events programme and timings.











Nature Notes - Nature's Highway

The gardeners amongst us will be familiar with the adage "right plant, right place" and when planting out we can learn a lot from what grows locally in an area. Wild plants seem to have a peculiar knack of finding the right place not only to plonk themselves down but to adapt to our modern world and use it to their advantage to move themselves about.



Our roads and railways provide useful corridors along which they often freely travel. The classic example with a strong local connection is Oxford Ragwort, a plant whose native home is on the rocky slopes of Mount Etna but was introduced to the Oxford Botanic Gardens in the mid eighteenth century. From there the seeds soon found their way to the railway tracks where the stony ballast provided them with an ideal home. I remember learning many years ago how the fine dusty seeds of Orchids were moved along the M20 in Kent by the wind from passing trucks and cars. Trains performed a similar service for the Oxford Ragwort, eventually carrying it to all

corners of the country and making it the commonest of our Ragwort species.

Along the A420 bypass, the Pyramidal Orchids which regularly grace the verges around the Longworth turn, seem to have done well this year and have, I am told, managed to make their way out to the central reservation. Hopefully, protected there by Armco barriers, they will escape the dreaded mowers, allowing them to set seed and flourish.



Further East, along the Northern edge of the carriageway I noticed a haze of violet which on closer inspection turned

out to be Vipers Bugloss, a plant beloved by bees that tends to flourish in dry arid places. They regularly put on a good show along the verges near Tubney so it was great to see that they have spread to here and hopefully will colonise other suitable spots. Nature watching along roadsides is not the safest of activities for people, but maybe that is why some wildlife seems to prefer it there!

As usual please report any unusual or interesting wildlife sightings from around about and

do keep sending in any Hedgehog news to me at kbsnaturenotes@gmail.com

Peter Pool

Tip of the Month from Environment & Climate Group

July, hopefully a month of sunshine, warmth and BBQs. Who knows, there could even be some celebratory shared occasions on 14th July for the UEFA EURO 2024 final.

BBQs also create greasy pans. Don't clog up your pipes with all that extra grease, simply use some kitchen roll to collect it up and dispose of it in your food waste bin. You will also be helping to reduce the amount of sludge which could potentially end up in our rivers.

If you already have a build-up of fat in your pipes, an environmentally friendly way to help unclog

them is to apply baking soda and vinegar. A natural cleaning solution made of baking soda and vinegar also helps dissolve grease. Pour a cup of baking soda followed by a cup of vinegar down the drain. Let it sit for 30 minutes and then flush with hot water.





D-Day Memories from two KBS readers

I was born before World War 2 in South Gloucestershire, and lived in a village called Patchway, which most people would now consider to be in Bristol. My father owned a garage which sold petrol and carried out car and lorry repairs. It was located next door to our house. Patchway also was the site of the aero engine division of the Bristol Aeroplane Company, while less than a mile away was the main site of the Bristol Aeroplane Company which made the airframes.

Our garage was taken over by the American forces for the preparation and servicing of their service vehicles prior to their deployment in Europe via the D-Day landings. We were about 100 miles from Portsmouth, from which the landings were going to depart. It has always been a surprise to me that Patchway was selected by the Americans, due to the proximity of the aircraft works and all the engineering works in the centre of Bristol. I can only guess that it was chosen because Avonmouth was the port at which the trucks were landed from the USA. During the war, I spent many nights in our Anderson shelter in the garden, due to the invasive bombing of Bristol and, on more than one occasion when we emerged from the shelter, we found the tail sections of incendiary bombs in the garden and shrapnel damage to the petrol pumps.

The Americans were very friendly to us and my mother did quite well and enjoyed the gifts of nylon stockings, while I appreciated the bars of chocolate and the great new novelty of chewing gum! After the Americans had left our garage, my father used the Jeep to visit some pigs which he kept some distance from our house, and also used one of the heavy trucks as a breakdown vehicle. Hilary Knight

During the Second World War, my family lived in a village south of the Potteries in north Staffordshire. My father was working at a Royal Ordnance factory, which subsequently became a Post Office training school for telephone technicians and is now a prison. My mother did voluntary work at a building

which was part of the Town Hall and was used by the American servicemen for rest and recuperation, which they called "The Donut Dugout". In addition to the doughnuts which were produced there, they also had peanut butter, a treat which we had never enjoyed. Quite frequently, my mother was given a few doughnuts to take home, but the real treat was a jar of peanut butter! To this day, it is something which is always in our food cupboard, but the source dried up when the Americans left to fight in Europe. Alan Knight

Hilary and Alan added that their family's experiences showed Americans did not always justify the comment "Over paid, over sexed and over here".







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KBS Film and Music Night



19th July (Friday), 7pm

- St John the Baptist Church
- 'There are 6,894,620 reasons for Waking Ned'

Our next Film Night will be on Friday 19th July in the Church Room when we will be showing 'There are 6,894,620 reasons for Waking Ned'. In the tradition of The Full Monty, Waking Ned is reviewed as 'a true crowd pleaser ...entertaining from start to finish'. It is a comedy about friends pulling together to make a dream come true.

When Ned Devine dies from shock after winning the lottery, two good friends find the body and agree that Ned would want them to benefit from his good luck. They embark on an outrageous scheme to claim the ticket – but first they have to get all the townsfolk to go along with their plan!

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. We do ask you 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.

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



KBS Badminton Club

We continue to play at Southmoor Village Hall all through the Summer months. There's nothing like working up a good sweat to make you feel like

you're doing yourself some good! Our Saturday morning sessions will take place every Saturday in July from 9am – 10.30am with the exception of Saturday 13th July. We will instead be playing at the same time on SUNDAY 14th July. These sessions are for any competent players. The emphasis is on fun, although we do play to win! We also play every Monday evening from 6.15pm – 7.30pm. The play at these sessions tends to be at a slightly higher level, but can vary depending on who comes along each week. We have space for a couple more players both on Saturdays and Mondays so, if you're interested, please get in touch with me.

Jenny's Wednesday evening sessions run from 6.30pm – 8pm and are suitable for improvers and returners. If you've not played for a while it's a good place to start.

For all sessions, the first couple of visits are free so you can find out which suits you. After that, we ask you to pay a share of the monthly court hire costs. Please contact either me sharon@ cherrytree21.plus.com (01865 820399) or Jenny jenny.frame@live.co.uk first before coming along. Sharon Cooper



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13th July (Saturday) • Summer Garden Party June was a lively month for us.

We kicked off with a great speaker meeting: lots of plants to look at and anecdotes to amuse us. A visit to the wonderful Bridewell Gardens

was well worth it. Not only is the work they do to help people with mental health to be admired, but the gardens are too. If you missed it, they have an Open Day on Sunday 14th July. We were also offered the chance to look around one of our member's gardens and find out how prize-winning onions and garlic are grown! And finally, by the time this goes to press, the annual Plant Sale will have taken place at the Village Fete.

After all that, we're looking forward to a slightly more relaxing July. No speaker meeting this month. Instead, our annual Summer Garden Party takes place in the garden of one of our members on Saturday 13th July. It's a relaxed lunchtime 'do' with a two-course meal served and chance to chat with other Gardening Club members over a glass of your favourite tipple. Tickets cost £10 each – please contact Joan on skbgardeningclub@gmail.com by 6th July if you'd like one. Members, partners, guests and visitors are all welcome.

Preparations for the Village Show on Saturday 31st August are now well underway. If you'd like to help organise the show or assist in some way on the day, please get in touch with Penny using the email address above. We'll be in need of Stewards, help setting up the hall the night before, help serving tea and coffee and help selling raffle tickets among other things. The success of the Show will also depend on the number of entries. Anyone in the village can enter – children included – and there are a whole range of categories. Imagine how amazing the Show would be if everyone entered just one thing! The full instructions and entry form can be downloaded from our website www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk or using the QR code printed in the advert in this issue of KBS News. (Apologies if you tried to use the one printed on the front page last month – it started misbehaving after we'd tested it.)

Our regular meetings will resume on September 3rd with a talk called 'The Cutting Garden' followed by 'Bats in the Garden' – complete with bats - in October. Membership for the rest of the year is reduced to just £6 which will give you free entry to both meetings including refreshments and also the AGM with cheese and wine. Visitors are welcome at meetings for a fee of £4.If you'd like any further information, you can email us at skbgardeningclub@gmail.com. Sharon Cooper (Chair)



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Recipe of the month

Moroccan meatballs

Recipe courtesy of Leon Ingredients and Recipes

Ingredients – Will feed 6 - 8 but can be split and frozen for later use

The Meatballs

·1½ wholemeal flatbreads

(the smaller size, roughly 20 centimetres in diameter) or pitta

- 120 ml milk (Use water for a dairy-free dish. The balls will not be as soft but still good)
- ·1 kg fresh (not frozen) 10% fat minced lamb
- · A small bunch of parsley, finely chopped
- · A small handful of mint, finely chopped
- ·1 teaspoon dried oregano
- · 2 cloves of garlic, chopped
- *Note* Do not use frozen mince if planning to freeze some or all of the meatballs at a later date.

The Sauce

- · 30ml olive oil
- · 3 cloves of garlic, crushed
- · 2 x 800g tins of chopped tomato
- •1½ tablespoons Harissa
- · A handful of basil leaves, chopped
- · A handful of parsley, chopped
- · Salt and pepper

Method

Step 1: Rip the flatbread into pieces and soak them in the milk for 10 minutes.

Then put the bread into a mixing bowl, add the mince and stir in the parsley, mint, oregano, garlic and some seasoning. Mix well, then roll the mixture into walnut size balls (about 20g each).

Step 2: Either on a griddle pan (best) or under a very hot grill, brown the balls quickly - it's all about colouring them and not cooking them through... 5 minutes total cooking time with about three turns on the griddle.

Step 3: To make the sauce, heat the olive oil in a heavy-bottomed pan and gently fry the crushed garlic. Tip in the chopped tomatoes and Harissa and simmer for 25 - 30 minutes, until the source has reduced. Put in the meatballs and continue to simmer for a further 20 minutes with a lid on until the sauce looks about right.

Step 4: Lastly, stir in the herbs and have a final seasoning check.



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Restaurant Review



SIX by NICO Westgate Roof Terrace, Oxford, OX1 1NZ



Having previously dined at Six by Nico in Glasgow, I was excited to hear that the team had decided to open a restaurant in Oxford.

It opened on 20 May 2024 and we were lucky enough to visit it on its first night. It is an S6 bus ride away from the village and is open late afternoons onwards on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and from lunchtime onwards on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Closed on Tuesdays. That's good to know as many restaurants are closed on Mondays.

When I arrived I was given the opportunity to go straight to the table or to wait outside in an enclosed seating area, people watching and admiring the rooftops and steeples of Oxford. I was looked after by the staff.

The menu on offer was "The Chippie", a six-course tasting menu for £50. There was a matching wine tasting opportunity for £39. They had produced a regular menu and a vegetarian menu, which could be mixed. I had four courses from one and two from the other. A staff member describes the food to you as each course is served. My favourites were the Cannelloni and the Irn Bru Sorbet. The deep-fried Mars bar was disappointing - it was a tiny ball and not as tasty as expected (not enough Mars Bar!). The Chips and Cheese course was ingenious in its design and taste; the Scampi was colourful and delicious; and the Fish Supper was enjoyable.

We were quite full by the end of the meal which had been complemented by a glass of delicious wine from a brief but perfectly formed wine list. The plan is to change the menu every six weeks. This experience is quite different to many of our other ventures.





I think it is good value for money for the quality of the food and service if you are looking for a special treat. The restaurant itself has been beautifully and strikingly refurbished and furnished. It felt comfortable and welcoming and there was enough privacy per table.

By Winch, Two KBS Foodies



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Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group



13th July (Saturday), 2:30pm & 7:30pm

· Southmoor Village Hall

A busy June as the group took two of the one-act plays we performed in the village hall in April to the Oxfordshire Drama Network one-act play festival in Abingdon. Reminiscing and Housebound were both very well received with Housebound, directed by Ian Ashby, being invited back to perform for a second time at the Gala evening. We have also decided on November's production which we will start to cast soon. All will be revealed in the next KBS news!

Meanwhile, we are busy rehearsing for our interactive Murder Mystery production **DRESSED TO KILL** which will take place (twice) on Saturday July 13th. We are offering both entertainment and food at a really reasonable price but, by the time this edition of the KBS news lands on your doorstep, there will only be a few days left for the deadline to book tickets which must be purchased online and in advance and by 7th July at the latest as there will not be tickets available on the door.



Dates for diaries: Saturday July 13th

- · 2.30pm Murder Mystery with a cream tea served in the interval £17
- · 7.30pm Murder Mystery with hog roast, salad, dessert, tea / coffee £22

Doors will open half an hour before each performance, with a fully licensed bar, teas and coffees and free parking. Follow us on Facebook for booking details, also in our advert in this edition of the news. This is our big fund-raising event

for new lighting, we only have 102 seats available for each performance and really hope to sell them all so fingers crossed for two full houses.

Dressed to Kill Synopsis

It's 1983 and the Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group are getting ready to perform their first ever 'Fashion' Musical Show' to raise money for new stage lighting in the village hall. The latest in high street fashion will be 'modelled via performance' by some of the group's members to a ticket-paying audience. It's

an ill-thought-out hybrid mess of a production and, as the clock ticks towards 'curtain up', tension is mounting. Before the audience have taken their seats, rivalry, discord, and conflict bubble over and one of the drama group members ends up murdered ...

Our Murder Mysteries allow the audience to quiz the suspects and try to decide who the killer is! We have a compere, a two-act scripted play and then an audience question and answer session before the 'big reveal'. There will be a different murderer for each performance. This year's production guarantees a lot of laughs and some showstopper moments.

Tickets can be purchased individually, and our online booking form then enables you to enter the names of friends also attending so we can seat you together. So, get together with friends to form a team - be that 2 or up to a max of 6 per team and come back to the 1980s with us for some sleuthing fun. 1980s dress is encouraged but optional. Prizes for the winning team and best dressed at the event.



- Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group

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Magnus Macfarlane - Sporting reminiscence

At Oxford University there are over 400 clubs and societies, including most sports from Tiddlywinks to Quidditch, Croquet to Octopush and Tai Chi Chuan to Ultimate Frisbee; and Olympics may be on your mind this month. Most colleges have their own pitches and courts as well as sharing University Parks.



We have just passed the 70th anniversary of Sir Roger Bannister breaking the record for the 4 minute mile. Celebrations started with 1500 people running the community mile (look out for repeat events in the years to come). This year saw a new track record at the University Iffley Road running track, in a race with a world class field won by Ossama Meslek in 3.56.15. Roger was a Neurologist, and while training to be a doctor, a student at Exeter College. His athletic training was for the most part "light". In the 1952 Olympics he came 4th in a new British record time. This spurred him on to train harder

and in May 1954 he broke the world record on the cinder track after working the morning shift in London. He then retired to concentrate on his medical career and was a fellow at Pembroke College.

There is a famous old story about the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm. Two British eights had qualified for the final. Both were teams from Oxford, one from New College and one from Magdalen College. Traditionally, as at Henley, there was the toss of a coin at the beginning of the race to decide who would race on which side of the river. Traditionally, as a gentleman, the winning Captain would offer choice of side to the loser; traditionally, as a gentleman the loser would respectfully decline the offer. New College won the toss. When offered Magdalen chose which side to race on and won the gold medal. College colours were fairly simple



choices back in the day and New College were traditionally brown. King Gustaf V was so impressed by New College team's behaviour despite the toss situation and losing the race, that he offered the Swedish Royal Colours to New College to be their sporting colours. They still use purple today.

What will happen to our Olympic athletes this year? The record shows 7 medals in 2012, 9 in 2016 but only 2 in 2020. Oxford has had students winning medals since 1896.



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In the Kennet LV division 1 west wins were recorded against Wantage, Abingdon 'A' and 'B' sides and a loss at Thatcham and 4th in the Division. Division 2 results show defeats against Hungerford and Milton Hill, a win at Kintbury with a Defeat against Didcot and 4th place in the league.

Not forgetting our ladies, who are a match for the men, proved by their win in the annual Ladies RLL against the men's KLV team last season. The RLL results are a win against Didcot and defeats against Hagbourne and Abingdon, a friendly match at Faringdon resulted in a win. In the ABL mixed league a loss was recorded at Ramsbury and Aldbourne, leaving them in 5th position.

We are always looking for new members to join us, for details our website is *kbsbc.co.uk*.

Mick Fuller (club captain)

Longworth & District History Society



18th July (Thursday) • Guided walk around Radley

June and July are our visits to local places of interest, and June's visit was to The Map Room at the Bodleian, a followup to the talk we had in February by Nick Millea, the Map Curator of the Bodleian Library. It was a most interesting visit and we saw maps of Oxford, how it was in Roman times and how the City has changed over the years. There were maps of many other towns and cities too, and many photographs of interesting buildings.

On Thursday 18th July we are having a guided walk around Radley College by the Archivist there (£5 each). Details from either me (prwoodward@btinternet.com) or Kathy (fletchers10@hotmail.com).

In August we have no meetings but start again in the Village Hall in September. Pam Woodward

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Kingston Bagpuize Village Art and Craft Club



15th July (Monday) at 9:30am

· St. John the Baptist Church Hall

June saw us working on our own projects as we chatted to each other. There was an Alpaca re-named Al-patch, a hand sewn wall hanging using scraps of fabric and bits and pieces (apologies to those who now have Dave Clark Five in their heads), an art piece using water colours plus different crocheted items, with some of us preparing for our table at the Village Fete if people would like to see more of our work.

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 15 July 2024** and we look forward to welcoming new members.

Jean Allsworth 07397 530144



- KBS Village Art and Craft Club



Apple Blossoms WI



🔿 9th July (Tuesday), 7:30pm

- Southmoor Village Hall
- · Zumba Gold

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th July at 7:30pm in Southmoor Village Hall. We will be joined by Micky Hinder from Zumba Gold. This should be a fun evening of modified Zumba for all abilities. Zumba Gold is a version of Zumba designed for older adults or those with mobility issues. The class is slower-paced and focuses on balance, coordination, and flexibility. We encourage all participants to wear their brightest clothes and get ready to party!

At our meeting in June, we welcomed Lisa Hanton from Style Acre. This was a very engaging evening and the short film they showed, 'Life of Kevin' definitely sparked an interest in some of our members to enquire about volunteering.

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. To keep up to date with our news and what we are up to, please use the QR Code to go straight to our Facebook page.



Apple Blossoms WI



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 Toni Briggs, Apple Blossoms WI Secretary, appleblossomswi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk







KBS Tennis Club

We have been busy dodging the showers and when the sun has been shining our open sessions have been really busy.

The new membership year commences on July 1st with full adult membership costing just £92 - for full details of memberships please see our website (www.kbstennis.org).

The summer league matches are in full swing and we must give a shout out to our newly formed Ladies C team who have won their first sets and are growing in confidence - I'm sure their first

match win will happen soon.

We are holding our inaugural 'American Doubles' inter club tournament in July - details in next month's edition. So there is a lot happening at KBS tennis.....

If you would like to join us either in some social tennis or some please competitive games see our website for further information (www.kbstennis.org).





Meet Everest - the mascot for the Ladies C team:)



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John Blandy Primary School

On 4th June 2024, We (Year 6) set off on our residential to Kilvrough Manor in Wales. We were on the coach for 3 hours but we stopped at the services for a toilet break and a snack - biscuits- before boarding the coach once more. We passed over the glorious Prince of Wales

Bridge and looked out over the ocean as we crossed into Wales. After a few more hours of driving, after what seemed like forever, we finally came to Swansea. The drive through the city was magnificent. It was very tiring hauling our luggage up the stairs as it was quite heavy and some of us had quite a lot, but we eventually did it because we persevered (and also because we had a little help from our friends and teachers).



After that we met our leaders (Jamie and Ed) in the lounge where they gave us a talk about what to expect and how to act safely and look after their equipment properly. Next we got a tour of the manor and we were shown to our rooms. Then we got some free time to get settled into our room, unpack everything and also make our beds (with some help from others as it was a bit challenging for some!). Later that day, we did some orienteering around the grounds so that we knew how to get around the property safely. The next day we woke up bright and early, excited for the day ahead

filled with climbing fun on the coast. It was challenging and some of us were a bit scared but everyone showed great resilience - one of our school values - and climbed to the height they were happy with. The following day, we had a great day caving and it was so much fun facing all of the obstacles and trying to overcome our fears too. We had an amazing time sliding through little gaps and getting super

wet! At the end, some of us went through a small tunnel which had ankle-deep water in, called the "Washing Machine," whilst some of us were allowed to jump into a small lake outside the cave! Even though it was a bit cold, we still wanted to do it over and over again!

On the last day, we went bodyboarding in the sea, which was lots of peoples' favourite part of the residential. We had a brilliant time and came home exhausted!

Ellie, Tahir, Chloe & Dommunity Councillors





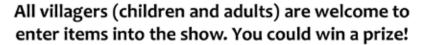
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Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor

Village Show

Saturday 31st August

2 - 4pm at the Village Hall, Draycott Road



If you plan to enter anything, entry forms and fees must be handed in no later than 8pm on Thursday 29th August 2024

For full instructions, a list of the categories and an entry form, download the Schedule using the QR code below or visit www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk



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Anti-Social behaviour and Illegal use of Electric Scooters

Over the last five plus years KBS News has regularly received photographs of vehicles parked, either partially or in some cases wholly obstructing footpaths/pavements around the village. More recently photographs have been received of persons riding electric scooters on footpaths/pavements.

The KBS News team are in agreement with residents. Obstructing a pavement with a vehicle is Anti-Social and the illegal use of Electric Scooters needs to be stopped. However, KBS News will no longer publish any more of these photographs. We call on residents to read

the following and act directly where needed.

Pavement Parking

BEHAVIOUR

The Highway Code says: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code

Rule 243: You **MUST NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.

DO NOT stop or park:

- · near a school entrance
- · anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- · at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- · on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- · opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- · near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- · opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- · where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- · where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- · in front of an entrance to a property
- · on a bend
- · where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities.

KBS News recently consulted the Thames Valley Police (TVP) regarding pavement parking in KB & S and explained the problem. We were advised that if no immediate dangers were taking place TVP cannot

be involved. If a vehicle is posing an immediate danger, that is a different matter but, the action should be taken by the observer at the time.

If you view a vehicle posing an immediate danger you should call Thames Valley Police on 999. If you view a vehicle is not posing an immediate danger but is being parked in an Antisocial way you may call Thames Valley Police on 101 and report the situation.

Electric Scooters

KBS understands that it is illegal to operate Electric Scooters on any public road, pavement, or cycle lanes. Other rules apply in UK towns and cities where Electric Scooters are available for hire. As persons riding electric scooters on footpaths/pavement are almost certainly committing a criminal offence, the observer should report the matter to TVP. We suggest 101, to avoid overloading the 999 service. Please see: www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters.

Other Anti-Social matters

Thames Valley Police's Website describes Anti-Social Behaviour at: www.thamesvalley. police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/what-is-antisocial-behaviour. If you observe or become aware of Anti-Social behaviour described in TVP website call 101.





Dog News

Thank you for your messages of support in favour of additional resources in our villages for dog walkers. I will send my letter and proposal to the Parish Council and

see if this could be considered as part of the neighbourhood plan.

This month a feature on dog food. Our cockapoo started puppy life as many do on dog roll and kibble but quickly became disinterested. We also had to manage a few yeast infections in the ears and dry, flaky skin.

The breeder recommended moving on to a raw diet, which I knew nothing about and I was sceptical. After doing my research and trying a few products, my dog is now almost 4 and permanently on a raw diet. He loves his food and his motions are smaller and less smelly! While I cannot categorically say that this is the reason, he no longer has ear infections or itchy skin. I have talked to other dog owners for whom this diet may have resolved similar issues.



To feed a balanced raw diet an 80/10/10 or BARF (Biologically Appropriate Raw Food) is recommended. This is a mix of 80% muscle meat, 10% bone and

10% offal/organ meat. Adding vegetables is also beneficial to provide other vitamins and minerals. You can purchase your own selection of meats from butcher's counters, chop, weigh the portions and serve. However, there are an increasing number of companies out there who have done the work for you, producing packs for the freezer that can be defrosted as required. Some local producers are Cotswold Raw and Henley Raw but there are many more that supply local pet stores.

What about travelling abroad? This is a little more challenging, especially after BREXIT as you can't take raw meat from the UK to Europe. French butchers do sell a wider range of meats and offal than in the UK. Alternatively look up BARF products in the region you are travelling to and you will find some products available e.g. at Maxizoo a large pet store chain in France and some online producers that deliver if you are residing in one place.

Food for thought? Email me with your doggy tips and experiences *jackson.anne51@gmail.com*



PLEASE pick up after your dog and use the bins provided!

Failing to clear up after your dog may result in a fine of up to £1000!



Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club - Juniors



Every Friday, 6.00pm

KB Cricket Club

Howzat.... The Cricket season is well underway with your local club Kingston having a great start to the season.

All of our Junior Teams, U11s Softball & Hardball, U13s and U15s Hardball are hovering towards the top of their respective leagues. U11s play on Sunday mornings, U13s on a Thursday evening and U15s on a Monday evening. Why not pop down and support them. If you have a child who fancies playing or finding out a little bit more about cricket why not come along to Friday night 6-7 for u11s & 7-8 for u13s & u15s. Relax with a hot dog and drink from the bar as you enjoy your child playing in the sunshine, when it comes. Email me for information on *KBCC.juniorcoordinator@gmail.com*.

We have also seen a similar start to the season for our adults, all 3 weekend teams are close to if not top of their leagues. While on a Wednesday evening our T20 Teams are successfully knocking the opposition for 4s and 6 sixes....

Every Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon through June, July and August there are adult games. Why don't you come along and relax to the sound of the ball hitting bat.

Message from the Royal British Legion

I was delighted to see how we marked the 80th anniversary of D-Day with a wonderful evening at Kingston Bagpuize House, led by Virginia and the Parish Council, which raised funds for several charities including the Royal British Legion.

There were other events in our villages including an afternoon tea organised for and by The Friends at Petypher House raising £120 for the RBL.

On behalf of the RBL, thank you to all who participated in this anniversary. Kevin Hadley (RBL)



D-DAY CELEBRATION CONTINUED...

There were two giant bouncy castles for children and adults. Eight silhouettes of soldiers were generously lent by Dan Barton who founded the charity 'Standing with Giants'. In the marquee Rob Belk's timeline of the villages' war dead in both world wars was displayed, as well as further photos and information about WW2's impact on our villages, particularly the airfield, and information about 'Standing with Giants'. Elegant Cuisine provided a BBQ and bar, while the Oxford Cow served ice cream. Kevin Hadley and other Members of the Royal British Legion (RBL) and first responders also attended.

Kerry Hastings of the Parachute Regiment read the national tribute at 9.15pm and after the national anthem the beacon was lit by Ian Charlton. Prizes for the evening's raffle were donated by local businesses and residents and included Kevin Hadley's generous offer a flight, for 1 person, over the village. Over £700 was raised which will be shared between the RBL, TASC (The Ambulance Service Charity) and SCAS (South Central Ambulance Service Charity).

Some photos from the evening:





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