



KBS NEWS

The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village News

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A Good Fight Well Fought

Ask anyone what can happen in nine months and they'll probably relate the timeframe to hearing the patter of tiny feet. But for a small group of villagers it represents a quite different journey – a campaign to protect the fabric of life here and to challenge plans for aggressive and unsustainable development.

We've sought your support in the form of a village meeting, petitions, demonstrations and letter writing, and we've been spurred on by the sense that most residents here would rather not see such rapid and disproportionate expansion – particularly where it results in the loss of open space and delivers no amenity value in return. Unfortunately, it seems that local opinion has little part to play in the politics of kick-starting the economy and meeting central government housing targets.

Despite our best efforts, we now look set to see the dramatic increase in population we were trying to avoid, with the building of more than 250 new homes approved on sites opposite The Waggon, behind the Village Hall, and west of Witney Road. We still have a complaint outstanding with the Local Government Ombudsman relating to the Vale's decision-making process on the Witney Road site and we await her response. Surprisingly, the Council has shown a blatant disregard for our 'last resort' challenge by publically approving the development anyway back in April: a curiously premature move in our opinion.

The only application that seems to have the broad support of our community is still to be heard by the Vale's Planning Committee (we understand most likely in September). The revised joint proposal of Ginny Grant and Landframe to erect 12 new houses close to Kingston Business Park would see a replacement sports pavilion, enlarged sports pitches and new public footpath from the village to these facilities (application P12/V1125). It's not too late to lodge your support for this application, either in writing or on the Vale's website – www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

By the time you read this, a decision will have been made on a proposal to build four detached houses on the corner of Beggar's Lane (application P13/V0788/FUL). Ironically, although this is a greenfield site which has been turned down for development in the past, the Vale's decision to permit Pye Homes to build 50 new houses diagonally opposite now provides grounds for this application to be approved. But these small developments feel like a much better way for the village to grow, through gradual and sustainable expansion. The reality, however, is that small developments tend not to deliver affordable homes, and that is something we also need more of.

So we're stuck between a rock and a hard place. And nine months on, we can now expect the patter of tiny feet... and plenty of big feet... and a good deal more traffic too.

We'd like to thank everyone who has supported our campaign (in person and in spirit) and to those who provided financial contributions, without which we could not have secured the expert help of a planning consultant. Your suggestions for how you'd like to see the village benefit under 106 agreements have been passed on to the Parish Council, and we look forward to hearing about their progress. *KBS Village Action Group*
So that's it it would seem. Democracy is dead and we just have to accept the decisions of a faceless committee who didn't have the courage, let alone the manners, to address a public meeting and face us to explain why they think they know best and why our village has been chosen for destruction by increasing the housing stock by nearly 30%. Our thanks however do go to Neil Evans & his Village Action Group for a brave fight. Ed.

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Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

I've said it before and I'll say it again, whoever invented the automated telephone answering system, should have been shot at birth.

What can be more frustrating than to dial a number then have to spend the next five minutes frantically stabbing digits before eventually being told they are experiencing an abnormally high level of calls and you'll have to hold on though your call is important to them, but never mind here's some crap music to listen to. The experience is particularly galling when you are calling BT or some other communications outfit.

Now here's an idea, if our calls are that important to them why don't they (a) employ more staff to answer the phones or (b) call us back.

Am I being naïve here in believing they really think your call is important? What they are really saying, as I mentioned about banks, is that their time is far more important than yours so go away and try again sometime when it may be more convenient for them to accept your call. What used to take a couple of minutes to make a swift enquiry to a company, can now take twenty minutes just to get through, if you're lucky that is. Progress? I don't think so.



VILLAGE DIARY (inc Mobile Library Dates)

Village Hall Booking Details tel: 0777 153 9901 email: southmoorvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk

JULY	Day	Time	What & Where (SVH = Southmoor Village Hall)	Page
Monday	1 st	7.00pm	KBS Parish Council Meeting – Swallow Room, SVH	11
Monday	1 st	Mobile Library **	10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15	3
Tuesday	2 nd	6pm	'Woodlyn' Faringdon Rd, Southmoor	10
Wednesday	3 rd	7.30pm	Millennium Green Supporters Meeting–Swallow Rm, SVH	
Thursday	4 th	2pm	L.H.S Walk – Minister Lovell – Wash Meadow Car Park	17
Saturday	6 th	11am – 3pm	Art Exhibition – Fyfield Church	4
Sunday	7 th	11.30am–3.30pm	Art Exhibition – Fyfield Church	4
Tuesday	9 th	7pm	WI Meeting – 'Improve your Photography' Open Meeting	12
Wednesday	10 th	2 – 4pm	Swallow Room SVH	12
Monday	15 th	4.00pm	Last Copy Date / Time for August KBS News	2
Monday	15 th	Mobile Library **	10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15	33
Saturday	20 th	2pm – 4pm	Fyfield Fete – Manor Farm –House, Fyfield	4
Friday	26 th	6pm	Bowls Club – Quiz & Hog Roast	15
Monday	29 th	Mobile Library **	10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15	3
September				
Saturday	14 th		Annual Gardening Club Show - SVH	
Saturday	21 st		Bowls Club GRAND Jumble Sale	15
Friday	27 th		Bowls Club Quiz + Fish & Chip Supper	15
Saturday	28 th		Art & Craft EXHIBITION SVH	9
Sunday	29 th		Art & Craft EXHIBITION SVH	9
October				

Regular Events each Month

What	Where	Day	Time
Apple Quilters	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd & 4th Monday	9.30am - 12am
Baby & Toddler Group	Southmoor Village Hall	Friday Term Time Only	10am - 11.30am
Brownies	John Blandy School	Every Tuesday Term Time	6.30pm – 8.00pm
Church Youth Group	1 Oxford Road	Every Sunday Term Time	6.00pm - 7.30pm
French for Fun	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	Every Wednesday	9am - 10.30am
IYENGAR Yoga class	Longworth VH from Jan 8 2013	Tues Term Time Only	11.00am - 12.30pm
KB Drama Group	St John the Baptist Church Hall	Every Tuesday	7.30pm
KB & S Bowls Club 'Roll Up'	Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize	Tuesdays & Thursdays	1.30pm
KB & S Cafe	Methodist Chapel	Every Thursday	9am - 12 noon
KB & S Gardening Club	Southmoor Village Hall	1st Tuesday from Feb	7.15pm for 7.30pm
KB & S Health Walk	Leaves Southmoor VH 10.45am	Every Tuesday	10.30am - 11.30am
KB & S 14+ Drop In Centre	Methodist Church Hall	Friday Term Time Only	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Kingsmoor Community Club	Hinton Waldrist Village Hall	Every Tues, Wed, Fri	10.00am - 3.00pm
1st Longworth Beavers	The Scout Hut Faringdon Road	Every Thursday	6.00pm - 7.15pm
1st Longworth Cubs	The Scout Hut Faringdon Road Contact	Every Tuesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Longworth Explorers	Mike Furse 01865 820162	Every Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
1st Longworth Scouts		Every Thursday	7.30pm - 9.00pm
Pilates	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Thursday	7.30pm - 8.30pm
Pilates Class	John Blandy School	Every Monday	7pm & 8.15pm
Serendipity Meeting	Southmoor VH Swallow Rm	2nd Wednesday	2pm - 4pm
1st Southmoor Guides	John Blandy School	Every Wednesday	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Southmoor Karate Club	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Sunday	10am - 11.30am
KB & S Womens Institute	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd Tuesday	7.30pm
Zumba	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Monday	8.15pm

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KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

<http://kingstonbagpuizechurch.wordpress.com>



Sunday 7th July 9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Joe Cotterill
10.30am	Morning Worship	Speaker: Revd David Wilcock
Sunday 14th July 9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
10.30am	All-Age Service	Speaker: Mr Matt Rowland
Sunday 21st July 9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd David Pickering
10.30am	Questions of Life Service	Speaker: Revd David Pickering
Sunday 28th July 9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Joe Cotterill
10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Suresh Menon

JULY HIGHLIGHTS: Also – A Huge Thank You! - To all who helped with the Fete!

SATURDAY 6th JULY & SUNDAY 7th JULY: ART EXHIBITION IN FYFIELD CHURCH: Local artists will be exhibiting a variety of artworks and photography in Fyfield Church on Saturday and Sunday, open from 11am – 3pm (Sat) and 11.30am – 3.30pm (Sun). No admission charge, donations to church funds welcome. On the Sunday we shall include something of an artistic theme at the Village Service at 10.30am and will be able to peruse and discuss these interesting artworks over coffee afterwards.

SUNDAY 14th JULY – ALL-AGE SERVICE: The 10.30am service at Kingston is our famous All-Age Service. Last month the kids took over and led the service, on other occasions we've had helium balloons and planting sunflowers and the Battle of Jericho re-enacted in the churchyard (by the kids, much though the adults might have liked to help). Who knows what will be happening this month?

SATURDAY 20th JULY – FYFIELD FETE: From 2.00-4.00pm, at Manor Farm House on Fyfield Green, a great event in the Fyfield year, all Kingston and Southmoor folk are warmly invited to come and enjoy the stalls, refreshments and congenial company to be found at the fete.

SUNDAY 21st JULY – QUESTIONS OF LIFE: At our Questions of Life Services (at 10.30am at Kingston on the 3rd Sunday each month) we look at life's big questions, with time to discuss them after the talk. This month we look at the huge and terrible question of Suffering, a dark reality for all of us who walk this world. Do come and share your thoughts, and hear those of others, on this vital issue.

CHURCH GROUPS: We have a range of groups for adults and children. Call David on 820451 or Hazel on 821358 for more information.

Do contact our Vicar, The Revd David Pickering (820451), re baptisms, weddings, funerals or pastoral care (on any day of the week except Saturdays).

Fyfield Chapel (Evangelical)

www.fyfieldchapel.org.uk

Sunday Service: 11.00 am

Crèche and Sunday School

Communion: 2nd Sunday in month

Evening Tea & Fellowship

5.30 pm 1st Sunday in month

Home Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

8.00 pm 3rd Friday in month

(for details please email
or call 01865-769473)

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Priest: Fr Leslie Adams, 1 Coxwell Road, Faringdon, SN7 7EB

Tel: 01367 243510, email: blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com,

Masses: Sunday One Mass at 9.00am. Weekly Masses: Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.15am. Details of Masses on Holy Days and of Reconciliation - please refer to the Parish Newsletter available at Blessed Hugh Church or from the Parish

Website: <http://www.blessedhugh.org.uk/>

**BUCKLAND AND FARINGDON PARISH CENTRED AT
BLESSED HUGH CHURCH FARINGDON**

PLEASE pick up after your dog and use the bins provided and also keep your hedges and trees cut back from the footpaths and clear the cuttings away. It is becoming increasingly difficult at times, especially now the light summer evenings are upon us, to walk along the footpaths without getting poked in the eye with overhanging trees and bushes or stepping in dog faeces. Please remember that if shrubs or bushes are on your property it is your responsibility to keep them trimmed back from public footpaths.



Don't forget to enter our Church Fete Photo competition. Send your entries to editorkbsnews@gmail.com by July 6th. Two categories: Junior up to and including the age of 14 and Senior. Suitable prizes awarded to the two winners and runners up.



VILLAGE VOICES

I would like to say a huge thank you from myself and the serving soldiers I sent parcels to. Andy, Carolyn and the community, you truly are wonderful people for your kind gesture of donating stuff for me to send in my parcels. I was touched and overwhelmed by what you had all done. I was shocked and could not believe the response shown. It just goes to show there are good people out there. Many of the men and women I sent to are now safely back in the UK, but they have asked that I send you all their best wishes and thanks for your kindness, they say it is overwhelming that people at home still care about them which means a lot. Kelly Ludlow and Caitlin Mattingley.

Our condolences go to the family of the late Stella Rose who was involved with collating the KBS News for many years.



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JULY OSJ Proms at the Ashmolean, Tuesday 2 July 7.30pm, Ashmolean Atrium, Beaumont Street, Oxford

Concert programme:

Brahms 4 Songs for female voices, 2 horns and harp, Op. 17

Schubert Auf dem Strom, D. 943 – Orchestrated by John Lubbock

Brahms 12 Songs for female voices, Op. 44

Brahms Serenade No. 2 Op. 16

Soprano - Anna Shackleton with the OSJ Ashmolean Voices

Tickets: £25 (chair), £10 (cushion), £100 (season ticket) Box Office: 0845 680 1926 or www.osj.org.uk

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For more information, please call RONA on:-

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Email: ronastella@btinternet.com

Village Notice Board

We have been informed that it is planned that Hanney Road at Mill Orchard/Dandridge Mill (by the bridge) will be closed on July 2nd for approximately 2 days for road repairs.

CALLING ALL VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS!!!!

KBS NEWS would like to print an updated CONTACTS LIST of village clubs & organisations, and would appreciate you letting us have NAMES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF CONTACTS so we can include it in the AUGUST KBS News.

Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall

Some regular users may have noticed that work has started redecorating the interior of the hall which is expected to last for the next few weeks. This will also include other remedial work including the tidying up around the exterior, and the swapping around of some of the cupboards. It is not expected that this work will interfere with any of the hall bookings. However, if there are any concerns please contact Dawn Cox or myself 820051.

Ron Green

Art & Craft Exhibition amended date

The village hall management apologises - as a result in a clash of events the Art & Craft Exhibition will now take place over the weekend 28th/29th September at the Village Hall and not on 5th/6th October as published last month. All local artists are invited to exhibit their work for a small fee and if they wish offer their work for sale to the public. Also as announced earlier Stanford Art Group members will also be exhibiting. More details will be available later or contact Ron Green on 820051

Coffee Morning & Sale

In aid of Oxfordshire charity Young Dementia UK. Friday 6 September, 10.30-12.30 Tubney Farm House, Abingdon Road, Tubney

Enjoy coffee and cake and browse around the many interesting stalls selling quality, unusual gifts set in the lovely garden of Gwyneth Goss. Details from Gwyneth 01865 390483

Alice's Day 2013

Delightfully scroobious, or uffishly vorpal? 'Nonsense' is the theme for this year's Alice's Day.

Join Alice, the Mad Hatter and friends for a whirlwind of nonsensical free events in more than 20 of Oxford's historic locations and world-class venues. Exhibitions, tea parties, street performances, talks, activities and – new for 2013 – a topsy-turvy trail will take you to some of Oxford's most beautiful landmarks. Dress up, bring a picnic! For more information on Alice's Day past and present, visit: www.storymuseum.org.uk/alice

Date: Saturday 6 July 2013. Time: All day. Place: Venues across Oxford city centre. Cost: Most events are free

The Way We Were

Kenneth Carlisle, then Minister of Roads, cuts the ribbon to officially open our Bypass on 17th December 1992, watched by Robert Jackson MP amongst others.



The traffic free photo of the new Bypass reminds us of when we could negotiate the roundabout without damaging our tyres due to the worn out road surface the County Council seems to ignore. Happy days indeed.



You couldn't make it up. At the height of the gale, the harbormaster radioed a coast guard and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff.
(Aberdeen Evening Express)



FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT?

No: 6 The Plough, West Hanney

Having had a bit of a day and hearing the Plough had new management we thought we would give it a try for a swift evening meal.

This superbly typical thatched English Village Inn dates back to around 1525 when it was built as an estate worker's cottage; it became a pub almost 200 years ago.

The pub boasts log fires, and a friendly atmosphere in the bar and homely restaurant.

Dining outside in the walled garden is possible in fine weather,

The Plough dates back to 1525

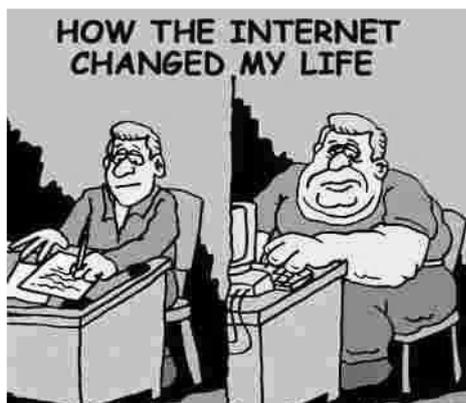
but tonight we took up our positions in the restaurant.

As the only diners at this time the service as you would expect was excellent and a dining choice was available from the printed menu or the Special's Board.

I chose my favourite pub food, which is Steak and Ale pie with fries and mushy peas.

It didn't disappoint. Though not home made, the pies are supplied by a local butcher and as a bit of a pie connoisseur, trust me, it was delicious. Light flaky pastry topped meat that melted in the mouth. Golden chips, mushy peas (by special request) and a little jug of extra gravy – oh yes.

The bride chose cod, chips and again mushy peas, with the fish light and flaky and the batter just right. The Plough was a good choice and hopefully the standard of cooking and service will be kept up. The waitress was helpful and very friendly adding to the very pleasant dining experience. The single course for two, with a bottle of wine, came to under £33. Pretty good I thought. *Eton Loveitt*



Caught on Camera.....

There was an incident at the Village Hall on Monday 17th June at between 20.00 and 21.30 hours when the police were called due to anti-social behaviour involving several youths interrupting the tennis players and drinking alcohol.

PCSO Sue Haynes has been shown the CCTV coverage and as a result has identified the youths concerned and she will take steps to speak to them concerning their behaviour.

WINE OF THE MONTH

Welcome to this first of a new feature in the News. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy the wines we select each month as much as we will enjoy researching and tasting the selected wines!

This month, as summer seems to have finally arrived, we have selected a Champagne, ideal for summer parties and celebrations.

This is Champagne Veuve Monsigny Brut No.3, from the Aldi Supermarket, at only £12.99.

This champagne, produced in collaboration with Champagne Philizot, is a traditional blend of equal parts Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Meunier. Ageing in cellars 5 years more than the legal minimum has enhanced its complexity, length and balance. This champagne has recently beaten some of the world's best champagnes in a blind taste test, and ranked better than some costing ten times as much. It was described by the Judges as "classy and complex".

Having tasted this champagne, we all felt that although classified as "Brut", it lent a little more towards "Demi ~Sec", but not overly so. However, we would recommend this as a good wine at a very reasonable price, so, if you have a celebration coming up or just wish to enjoy a glass of good fizz, go and buy a bottle or two and enjoy! Cheers!

The KBS Wine Quartet.



WORDS OF WISDOM

Pennies don't fall from heaven, they have to be earned here on earth. *Margaret Thatcher*





Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club

Our next meeting on July 2nd will be the Annual Garden Party, this year taking place in the gardens of 'Woodlyn', Faringdon Road, Southmoor thanks to Chris and Julie Carpenter. Bring along your own drinks and glasses - we also suggest you bring a folding chair - to enjoy a delicious picnic followed by a dessert of strawberries and fresh cream, cost just £7 each.

The first of the Gardening Club's summer visits took place on Monday 10th June with a leisurely walk around the beautiful gardens of Worcester College, Oxford, accompanied by their senior and most knowledgeable gardener, followed by tea in the college Buttery. Thanks to Jean Warr for organising our visit and accompanying us on the tour.

At our meeting on 4th June, Rebecca Flintham, a part time field teacher for the RSPB, gave a fascinating talk about our disappearing wildlife and how each of us can help in our own garden to prevent threatened mammals, birds and insects from becoming extinct from our countryside in the future. Our regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month; everybody is very

welcome. Admission: Members £1.50 Visitors £2.00, tea or coffee with biscuits included. Each month we hold a raffle, plus a Members' table where often plant and gardening goodies are available for sale with donations to our adopted charity for 2013 Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance. For further information about the Club visit skbgardeningclub@gmail.com or contact Chairman Steve Smith on 01865 820399.



The Gardening Club visit Worcester College Gardens

Kingsmoor Community Club at Hinton Waldrist

We are open 3 days a week. We aim to give our members a day out, a cooked meal and things to look forward to.

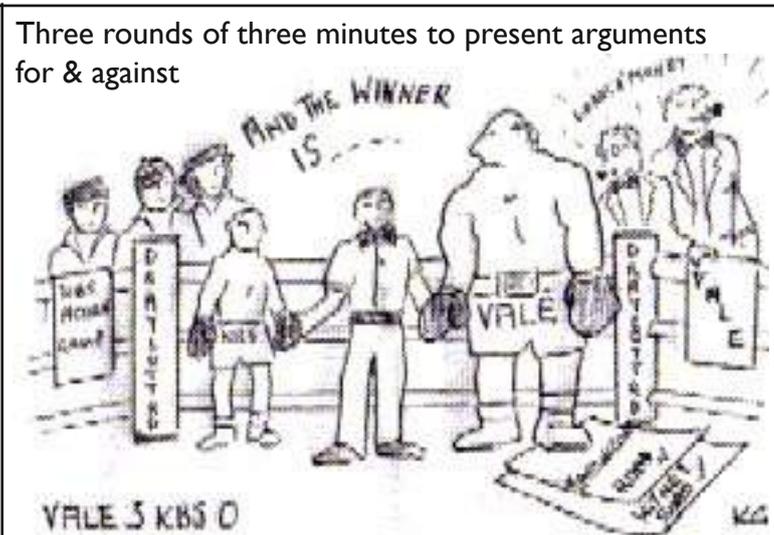
For example this summer is packed with events at the hall and trips out, even to Weston-super-mare. But I will keep this brief we need more MEMBERS. We have vacancies on each day, come along and try a taster day for free. Transport can be arranged if you decide to attend regularly, we pick up from, Appleton, Southmoor, Longworth, Buckland, Gainfield and other villages within a 5 mile radius. We also welcome members from further afield who can provide their own transport, such as Longcot and Bampton.

So if you are LONELY or know of someone who might like to give us a try ring Gwyne on 01865 820166, we have an answer machine, we are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays. VOLUNTEERS are also needed to help on Friday mornings. *Gwyne Diment*

Keith's Kartoon Korner

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Three rounds of three minutes to present arguments for & against



National Citizens Service

NCS is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity open to all 16 & 17 year olds in England, that helps build skills for work and life, while taking on new challenges and meeting new friends. It runs in the spring, summer and autumn. They will be a short time away from home and an opportunity to take part in a team project that will help the young person's community. For further details visit <http://www.ncsyes.co.uk/> then complete the sign-up form or call the Oxfordshire Association for Young People on telephone: 01865 767899.



NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



The June meeting of the KBS Parish Council was held on Monday 3rd. June in the Village Hall, together with Clr. Melinda Tilley, G. Ellerton, BT, and 12 members of the public.

Election of Vice Chairman. Clr. A. Chartres was nominated by Clr. D. Hancox, and seconded by Clr. J. Smith, there being no further nominations, Clr. Chartres was duly elected.

Public Participation. Mr. Ellerton summarised the latest position regarding the provision of superfast rural broadband in Oxfordshire. The Govt. has a target to provide access to 90% of premises by March 2015, although it is highly unlikely to be met. OCC is to invite tenders to provide an open network system, seeking responses by the end of June (BT is likely to be the only contender) some 6-9 months after letting of the contract, implementation will follow to a planned roll-out, but the ranking of our Parish is not yet known. OCC will define the intervention area where no commercial supply is expected within three years, "Gigaclear" has made known its possible intention to invest in the Village, provided sufficient numbers come forward (some 280 are required). OCC has currently excluded 143 premises from subsidised provision on the basis of their postcode. The Clerk will seek this information. We believe this exclusion is based on these premises expressing an interest to "Gigaclear" in subscribing to their network.

Mrs. Hallion –Gannon (Volunteer Youth Worker) enquired about improvement to youth facilities in the Village and possible contributions from developers. The proposal for a Parkour (free- running) facility is well advanced, but the Parish Council needs to confirm a site. A youth centre, again part or even fully funded by developers is required.

Mr. Downs volunteered to renovate the (previously Longworth Parish) notice board, which will now be brought into use for our own Parish.

A resident complained of speeding vehicles on the Faringdon Rd., and requested a reactive speed warning sign. Clr. Tilley indicated she might be able to support a sign installation from her own devolved budget.

A further complaint was received regarding overgrowth of vegetation limiting visibility on the A 415/420 roundabout when leaving the Village, of traffic approaching from Oxford. (OCC highways to be informed).

Report from District and County Councillor. Clr. Tilley advised that investigation of subsidence in part of the J. Blandy school playground, may lead to a claim against the contractor.

Planning. The Clerk reported that Messrs. Challenors, Solicitors, had agreed to act on behalf of the Parish Council in matters of land transfers and leases resulting from new housing developments.

The VWHDC had requested opinions on proposed street names for the Pye development. Following previous precedent of using apple variety names, mirroring the orchard history of the area, the following were adopted; Wellington Way, Maclean Drive, and Bramley Close.

The Chair of Cumnor P.C. had contacted the Clerk to share their concerns over the generality of the consultation on the Local Development Framework. He noted that an action group on Cumnor Hill is concerned at the operation of the VWHDC Planning Committee, and has met with N. Blackwood M. P. for the area.

An increase in expenditure of up to £ 750 was approved for the report from OPFA, re sports field provision to support application P13/v2016 which includes a new purpose built sports pavilion and facilities.

Applications Received. All minor; for details, please refer to minutes.

Decisions: Town Pond Lane. 5th. June VWHDC planning committee, PERMIT!

Accounts: Annual return and financial statement. The internal auditor has signed off the Annual return which will be forwarded to the external auditor together with an intermediate audit questionnaire (5% of Parish Councils). The audit has been advertised.

For expenditure details, please refer to minutes.

Village Amenities: Recreation Grounds.. Goalnets to be replaced. Reports have been received of anti social behaviour in the small recreation ground, whereby older youths are apparently intimidating the younger children and preventing them using the facilities. The local area police officers have been informed and will monitor the situation.

War Memorial: Excavation for the supports for three flagpoles to begin 20th. June.

Faults. Householders are reminded that vegetation encroaching on the footways, from residential properties is the responsibility of the householder. Summer rains and warm weather create rapid growth.

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be on Monday 1st. July in the Swallow room of the Village Hall, at 7pm. *Brian Forster. Chairman*

Ron's Green Finger Gardening Tips for July



The weather in early June was fantastic and finally we could relax and enjoy the results of all the frustration due to the disappointing spring weather and recent hard work to catch up over the last couple of months. Now it's just keeping on top of weeding, watering and feeding where necessary but also make time to enjoy the fruits of your labour - so relax, sit down with a nice cup of tea or even better a cool glass of beer! And just enjoy what you have achieved over the last few months, but remember young plants and in particular pots on your patio will require regular watering. It is widely believed that watering and in particular spraying plants in direct sunshine should be avoided as some say that water droplets focus the sun's rays, like little magnifying glasses causing scorching on the tender leaves. According to the RHS, there is no evidence that watering in bright sunlight causes damage in the wild or in the garden, but it may occur if hairy-leaved plants or shade lovers (where water droplets stay on the leaves) are grown in the sun. However, it makes sense to avoid watering in the middle of the day because more water is lost to evaporation; the most efficient time to water and spray using collected rain water where available in early morning or evening when temperatures are lower.

Irises: intermediate and tall bearded irises which have not been undisturbed for three years are best divided towards the end of this month, first cut off the top half of the leaves lift and divide the plant cutting out the best single rhizomes from the clumps and plant them in soil which has had old manure or compost added sprinkle in a general fertilizer or bone-meal into the top soil. When replanting leave the tops of the rhizomes above the ground level and firmly press the soil around the roots below. Bearded irises are best planted in a sunny, well drained position and not in damp or shady places.

This month's favorite fruit is Gooseberries; cooked or eaten as a dessert most are dual purpose and taste sweeter when left to fully ripen. Tips, gooseberry bushes grow happily in shady areas where little else will grow. They need a moist but free draining soil and will tolerate an exposed site. Main pruning is carried out in late autumn but pruning new growth to five leaves in summer will encourage a bigger crop for next year.

Ron Green

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.

Meeting held on Tuesday 11th June: Our June meeting started with refreshments of cider or apple juice to get us in the mood for our guest speaker Gill Franklin (ably driven by her husband Denis). "Apple Farming –an Eccentric Hobby" was an interesting history of their 35 years of growing apples starting as mere novices in 1977 growing 4 varieties to experienced apple producers today growing 55 varieties from the 2,500 that exist. Despite the influence from the European Union, the demands from supermarkets and the expectations of consumers which all make apple growing a hard job they successfully sell directly to the public at their farm at Mapledurham which is open from late August to mid January. Members enjoyed delicious refreshments afterwards kindly provided by the hostesses for the evening.

Hopefully our "Cookies and Candies" stall and "Barrow of Booze" will have gone down well at the Church Fete. We also have our "Midsummer's Day Breakfast" to look forward to on 24th June at Aston Pottery.

Our July meeting will be on Tuesday 9th July starting at 7-30pm in the Village Hall. "Improve your Photography" presented by Derek Gale is an OPEN MEETING- all are welcome. The competition will be Your best photo. Finally remember all our meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7-30pm in Southmoor Village Hall. Our own website (www.bagpuizewi.co.uk) gives details of all our future meetings and the WI's own Denman College in Marcham as well as links to the NFWI website. You can also follow what we get up to on Facebook. *Karen King (820046)*

SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

We welcomed a new member - Glenys, and also remembered with sadness Mary Spurge and Stella Rose who were both very loyal and appreciative members, both will be missed by us all. Members played "Beetle", and just had a general chat and a few laughs!! These meetings are fun and a chance for everyone to enjoy a social afternoon with a cuppa and biscuits/cakes. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th July from 2 pm - 4 pm in the Swallow Room. New members always welcome. £2 per month. Details from Pat on 820775.



Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

Southmoor Baby and Toddler Group



A BIG Thank you, to all the generous donations from community members to last months toy appeal. The children now have a lovely new trike, rocker, cart with play blocks and lots of dolls and accessories to enjoy during the play sessions.

We are still looking for a garage for the children to whizz their cars along so if anyone has one they no longer use then please get in contact. I'm happy to collect locally. *Marie Siviter 01865 821063*

BOWLS CLUB



The competitive season is now two months gone. In the Ashley Baker League we are in third position, in the Kennet LX are joint top with Thatcham 'A' and Harwell but both these teams have a game in hand, the Kennet L side are in second place. The President versus Captains Match ended in victory for the Captains team. On the 16th June we played against the RCBBA Presidents team in a Presidents Bannerette match, the President selects his team from Clubs across Berkshire so the best players are on view. The Club did well to lose by twenty eight shots. The match was followed by an excellent meal supplied by our catering manager Pat and her team. Members spent the Friday morning prior spreading twenty tons of shingle across the car park. The Ladies beat Didcot in a friendly and the Ladies Ridgeway League has started with a victory at Wantage. We welcomed the villagers from Charney Bassett who came to us for an evening's bowling and supper afterwards and from comments we received it seems they all enjoyed the occasion and we look forward to seeing them next year.

Our bowlers continue to do well in County Competitions and our own competitions are well under way. Those wishing to enter the Short Mat League next season need to sign up straight away if you want play in the afternoon triples, the closing date is the end of June but give Fred a ring to make sure.

Our next Quizzes, to which all are welcome, are on the 25th July with a hog roast, the 30th August with a BBQ and the 27th September with a fish and chip supper.

ADVANCE WARNING: our 6th Grand Jumble Sale will take place on the 21st September 2013 the Bowls, more details nearer the time.

Mick Fuller (Club Captain)

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Ready, steady, grow and head for the Village Show Saturday 14th September in the Village Hall

It's summer and the school holidays are around the corner. Here's some fun ideas to help you occupy the children which will also give an opportunity for you to feature them in the show!

The show is not just about vegetables. There are lots of flower classes, too; have a look in your garden and see what you have growing that you could enter.

There are also lots of cookery and craft classes. Have a go at focaccia, Anzac biscuits or cheese straws! Or make a greeting card. If you or the kids are into photography, get out and start snapping. The photography themes are "family", "British wildlife", "reflections" and "derelict".

You can still plant salad which will be ready to eat in just a few weeks, and there's a lettuce class in the show too! Paul Gill.

The Oxfordshire Better Broadband programme



Within the next few weeks Oxfordshire County Council will be rolling out its £13.86 million Better Broadband programme; all part of the government's ambitions to deliver faster broadband speeds across the country. The council will name its preferred supplier – expected to be BT – who will take responsibility for installing the fibre optic infrastructure which will enable users of superfast broadband to access information, pictures, films and more much faster and more effectively than along the standard copper wires currently used.

According to the council's broadband team, superfast broadband will make speeds in excess of 20Mbps or above available to subscribers in nearly 95 per cent of premises within the county who wish to connect via a service provider. Even the remaining small minority of communities should have access to a minimum service of 2Mbps. It is communities in this 5% which the Rural Community Broadband Fund is designed to help. Faster broadband is a key issue for rural areas like ours. Increasingly residents of all ages and businesses will need to be able to access a range of services, educational materials and entertainments online through a fast and responsive broadband service. Good broadband capacity is especially important if there multiple users on the premises between them wanting to access a range of different services.

Currently superfast broadband speeds are more often available in urban areas. We don't want our rural communities to lose out and be seen as unsustainable backwaters by anyone who wants to move in, especially if they have a family or run a business.

We understand from Oxfordshire's broadband campaign team that a detailed plan for the superfast broadband roll-out should be available in the autumn with the first cabling taking place in early 2014. Not surprisingly, with such an enormous engineering programme it will take time but is due for completion by late 2015, possibly early 2016.

The burning question, of course, is who will get it and when. That is an answer that only BT will be able to provide in the autumn when it publishes its roll-out plans. The County Council has undertaken to keep us informed as soon as BT's plans become available.



SUMMER AT SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL

It might

have been a rainy start to this years village fete but the fancy dress parade took place in beautiful sunshine. There was a fantastic effort from all 24 children that took part. The Knights, Maidens, kings and Queens all looked amazing in their costumes. Everyone who took part received a little prize but this years 1st prize went to Princess Emily Treherne.

The children have been exploring the themes of nature as summer finally arrives. The children had a wonderful morning at Fallowfields, where they saw piglets, a calf, a foal, a vulture and some falcons. The children all had a fantastic outing and were even treated to a biscuit and juice before making the walk back to pre-school. So a big thank you to Anthony Lloyd for his time talking to the children and his generous hospitality.

Following the animal theme, we were also lucky enough to have a visit from a family of corn snakes and a bearded dragon. All kindly brought in by one of our mums. The children were very excited to have the opportunity to stroke the mummy snake.

We are also looking at life cycles at the moment. We have 5 caterpillars in pre-school, which we are feeding and watching. Hopefully they will soon spin their cocoons and we will be able to watch the butterflies emerge. We are also lucky enough to have some tadpoles in a tank next to our goldfish.

The children have been busy practising their caterpillar song that they will be performing at the end of year party. Where we will be wishing, our oldest children good luck for the future as they move up to school. Would you like to be a helper at preschool? We would love to here from people in the community who have a skill or interest that they would like to share with our children. Activities such as gardening, crafting, cooking, singing or story telling would be greatly enjoyed. If this is something you might be interested in helping with please contact Jackie (manager) 01865 821505.

Don't forget if you are interested in a pre-school place please apply soon to avoid disappointment. As we are looking busy for September and January 2014 too. Remember, all children who will be 3 before September (starting in September) will be entitled to 15 hours free early education! Marie-Astrid Sanderson



Why do we leave cars worth thousands of pounds in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?

FLAG POLES FOR FIRST DAY

The 1st July publishing date of this edition of KBS News coincides with the 97th Anniversary of the first day of the biggest battle our Army had ever fought, the 140 day long Battle of The Somme. It became the bloodiest day in British military history.

Whistles blew at 07.30 hours and the first wave of our volunteer army set-off at measured tread, no running allowed – into an unexpected storm of shot shell along an 11 mile front, roughly centred on Albert. Within 60 minutes, nearly half were casualties. By day's end, 57,470 men were down – one third of them dead.

During the visit to the Somme by our Memorial Crescent Raffle winner, the party visited the Thiepval Memorial to The Missing of the Somme – the 73,357 lads from our Shires who have no known grave. The great brooding Edwin Lutyens designed Thiepval Memorial has their names carved on its columns.

Those who pass by the Memorial Crescent will hopefully see our new flag-poles in place and ready to fly our Union flag alongside the flags of Canada and America in homage to our men whose names are on our memorial.

Suffice to say, the Flag Poles and flags were funded by an English Lady and a Canadian Gentleman from our village – and by an American Gentleman from Hinton Waldrist. As with all the donors who have made possible our Memorial Crescent, they will remain anonymous – but know of our thanks.

Thanks again, too, to Cliff and Tom Belcher and Sam and Paul. When we came to dig the 70 cm deep holes for the flag poles we hit the old A420, again. We would not have been able to do the job without the jack-hammer, strong arms and huge tolerance of Sam and Paul. Thank you chaps. *Rob Belk*



Memorial Crescent Raffle prize winner Jason and Lorraine Moody with Alan Foster at the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, at Thiepval



FLAGS OF HONOUR

Flags of the Union, Canada and USA flying at the Memorial Crescent

LONGWORTH AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

We enjoyed the church fete, in between the showers, meeting folk with a historical interest in their local surroundings. The next meeting 22nd June is a guided walk in Burford with David Clark. He has researched the architecture of the buildings of Burford. Last year he gave a very interesting talk to our society, and we look forward to seeing the buildings that he spoke about. This is a ticketed walk so if you need a ticket ring Pam Woodward 01865 820500.

We were invited to The Big Lunch in Longworth by Carol Hall, (thank you) and not only sold a further ~20 signed books but many families came to the stand and offered to lend us photos relating to their property for us to digitally scan and put towards our ongoing archive collection.

On the 4th July Graham Kew will lead a walk around Minster Lovell £2 (members) £4 (guests). Meet at 2.00pm in the Wash Meadow Car Park (by the bridge). Tickets from Pam - 01865 820500. *Kathy Fletcher 01865 820193*



The Way We Were - Queen among the bunnies



Way back in the days when money was still being raised for the new Village Hall, this article appeared in the Oxford Mail in 1977 regarding the visit of a genuine Playboy Club Bunny Girl to judge our Village Jubilee Queen. This was one of the many events staged by an intrepid band of village folk who strived for years to raise the cash for the Hall. The full story of this epic exercise is being written as we speak for future publication.

The Bunny bobbing up among these young beauties at Kingston Bagpuize is the real thing. Fern, and fellow Playboy Club Bunny Lynn were part of a star-studded panel of judges to find the jubilee queen and principal princess. The titles went to two sisters from the village: Amanda Garrett, aged 18, who was elected Silver Jubilee Queen and her 14-year old sister Elaine - both of the Post Office & Bakery - who will be her principal princess. Amanda won the 15 to 20 age group, Elaine the twelve to 14, and they will be joined in the forthcoming Silver Jubilee Celebrations by little Lety Coats, aged five of Keeps Cottage, Southmoor, and Justina Boshier of Caprice, Cherry Tree Close, Southmoor, who were voted as the younger princesses. The other judges were Jim Piafecke of the Playboy Club, Mr Geoff Denial, manager Oxford City Football Club and Mr John Wakefield, a High Wycombe hairdresser. Compere for the evening was Gordon Kitchen of BBC Radio Oxford.

You couldn't make it up.



Mrs. Irene Graham of Thorpe Avenue, Boscombe, delighted the audience with her reminiscence of the German prisoner of war who was sent each week to do her garden. He was repatriated at the end of 1945, she recalled -

'He'd always seemed a nice friendly chap, but when the crocuses came up in the middle of our lawn in February 1946, they spelt out 'Heil Hitler.' (Bournemouth Evening Echo)

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In recent weeks I have had one or two constituents e-mail me to ask why I do not discuss either national or controversial local issues in this newsletter. Because I am writing for all my constituents, I try to stay off national topics, because I do not want to be accused of using this space to push political propaganda! Those of you who have written to me on national issues know that I respond quickly and in detail setting out my position.

ED VAIZEY MP
Parish Newsletter



I try to include local news where relevant, but I have not covered the vexed subject of planning. This is without doubt the major issue in the constituency at the moment, with many people writing to me to express their concerns about the number of developments being proposed. I have set out my views in some detail here www.wantageandgrove.org/ed-vaizey.php and this statement is now on some other parish web sites. I am pleased that the Vale Council has appointed a new head of planning, and two new planning officers. I am also writing to the Planning Minister to ask him to clarify whether housing numbers override local planning considerations. In too many cases, it seems, the Vale is approving proposals which do not fit local planning considerations because, they claim, they need to reach their housing targets. I want to get some clarity from the Government on whether this is right or not.

Finally, related to this issue, I am delighted that the Department for Transport has allocated £5 million to help sort out the Milton Interchange on the A34. This junction is a significant 'pinch point' which has long needed addressing. The scheme will improve the operation and increase the capacity at Milton Interchange, by providing a 'hamburger' style roundabout of the type which have so improved the traffic flows around the Oxford bypass. It should enable the junction to operate effectively even with planned growth in traffic, and help all of us living and working in the area.

Although I don't comment on national issues, I do highlight every month what is in my postbag, so you have some idea of the issues of concern. This month has been dominated by proposals for a badger cull. The spread of bovine TB and the climate change issues that have arisen from the passage of the energy bill have produced around 300 emails and letters between them. Bovine TB is a serious disease which is spreading faster and faster. It cost the taxpayer £500 million in the last 10 years. One part of the current solution being used by the Government is the controlled culling of badgers because it is the most immediately effective measure. The Government has also funded and developed an injectable badger vaccine but this has its limitations. It involves trapping badgers and repeating the process annually for many years.

On the Energy Bill, the Government is committed to decarbonising the UK's energy supplies, but this must be at the lowest overall cost for consumers because energy bills are a big concern for struggling families at the moment. Carbon saving has created a business sector that is now worth £122 billion and employs close to a million people, so being pro-business and anti-carbon is making more sense in modern politics.

As ever please feel free to contact me at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk. Surgery details can be found at www.vaizey.com. *Ed Vaizey MP*

Community Message

Wild plant charity Plantlife (www.plantlife.org.uk), are hoping to reach out to many wild plant enthusiasts and nature lovers by inviting them to become wild plant 'pioneers' and subscribe to a free quarterly e-learning bulletin to learn more about our native wild plants via the 'Wild About Plants' project website - www.wildaboutplants.org.uk. The May e-bulletin is out now and the August issue being written as we speak! The Wild About Plants team deliver Plantlife's outreach programme and work to help people reconnect with the outdoors and their local greenspaces. Working with schools, families and communities from all walks of life and with fantastic free downloadable resources, the team hope to engage people with the nature on their doorstep. In recent years subscribers have been asked to record the plant life in their local area and recount what they used to see/pick and forage for.

Plantlife have just launched "Flowers on the Edge" their annual road-verges campaign. They are asking communities to record how their road verges are looking this summer by taking photos and sending in stories. The Wild About Plants team Wild About Plants is funded by Natural England through Access to Nature, as part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme. It is a partnership project involving partner organisations throughout the country.

Finally, did you know that the County flower of Oxfordshire is the Fritillary?



POLICE UPDATE Faringdon East – June 2013

Welcome to June's Faringdon East Neighbourhood update from APS Louise Williams, PC Hannah Farrell and PCSO's Myra Harvey and Sue Haynes.

Spring has finally sprung and I hope you are all out enjoying the weather. It is that time of year again when Fetes are taking place and we would love to know when your village has theirs. Please let us know if you would like attendance and the all important dates on telephone number 101.

On 2nd May four sheds were accessed during the day on the local allotments in East Hanney. If you live in the area and have any information regarding these incidents please contact any member of the Neighbourhood team on telephone number 101

Between 9th - 13th May there was a burglary non dwelling in Buckland. Offenders have taken a leaf blower, long handled shears, garden tools and a lock for the shed. If you noticed anything suspicious in the area please call us on telephone number 101.

On 11th May a burglary non dwelling occurred at a farm in Charney Bassett. Offenders have entered and tampered with vehicles as well as making an attempt to start and move one. This has thankfully been unsuccessful and nothing has been taken. If you noticed anything over night please let us know.

Between 16th and 17th May a handbag was stolen from a vehicle in the Church Green area of Stanford in the Vale.

On 18th May we had an incident in Longworth which resulted in two offenders being arrested for Hare Coursing. The hare coursing season should be coming to an end but we still have the occasional incident particularly over the weekends. If you are concerned about people you don't recognise in local fields, please let us know as we would rather it was checked and everything was in order than crimes being committed and not being told about them. We do have a dedicated operation for this type of crime and with dedicated officers who concentrate on solving and preventing issues like this. Please call in anything you have concerns about.

Between 18th and 19th May criminal damage was caused to a horse at some point overnight. We have been made aware that there was a small diesel vehicle in the area at the time on an M registration plate. If you have any further information please let us know on 101.

On 21st May between 6.30pm – 9pm there was a theft from a vehicle in Kingston Bagpuize. The passenger side window had been smashed and a bag was removed. Any information regarding this matter needs to be called in on 101.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that you live in a safe low crime area and if you need any help or assistance in any way including crime prevention advice please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Neighbourhood Team who will be more than happy to assist. Our next NAG meeting is 4th July if you have an interest in representing your village or would like to play an active role in area priorities and problem solving please contact Hannah.Farrell@Thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk for more details. We are currently looking for a new Chairman to head our group. If you are interested please drop me an email.

I look forward to seeing you all out and about in July but in the meantime if you do have any issues please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Neighbourhood Team on 101.

Contact us: If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 101 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email:

FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk - please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or Anti Social Behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crime stoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk

The Last Word

Did you know that you can advertise in the news for free? A lineage advertisement of up to 20 words costs nothing. Private advertisers only of course.

We are also still actively looking for old photographs of the village and events therein for our 'The Way We Were' feature. It's always interesting, particularly for newcomers, to see and read how the village used to be. Send all entries to editorkbsnews@gmail.com.

Village Fete Photo Scrapbook



The children assemble for the Fancy Dress Parade



The Sound of Music from Bagg's Tree Buskers



The old favourite - Splat the Rat



Time for tea between the showers

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Official damsel Susi Dalton leads her Knights to the Jousting Competition

