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Well another busy Christmas in Kingston Seymour. Thank you again to everyone who helps make all the events happen and everyone else for their support particularly our brilliant Church Wardens who worked so hard for us.

We are into those months of spring cleaning and decorating and more so in the Village Hall where the Kitchen renovation is very nearly completed and after all the talk, discussion and work it is going to be brilliant. There have been regular updates on the website for anyone who was interested. Thank you to all those volunteers who did the ripping out and decorating but particularly to Ed Brooks who has lead the project. It has, I think, been far from straight forward and has taken a great deal of his time and patience so thank you Ed for everything you have done.

Frightening to think the Next Magazine will come out after Easter! This will mean a slightly earlier copy date and Easter events will therefore be on the Website so do check here if you want to know what is going to kingstonseymour.org.uk.

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~ Kingston Seymour Historical Society ~

Tuesday 23rd February – Trevor Bowman on Nailsea Coal and Glass at Green Acre, Ham Lane.

Tuesday 29th March – Gina Merrett-Smith on the Victorian Botanical Artist Marianne North at Tynings, Ham Lane.

Tuesday 26th April – AGM and Social at Bulbeck, Bullocks Lane.

Meeting Start at 7.30 for 7.45.

For details contact Jane on 01934 877322 Or 07591959269

IT COULD BE YOU!

You'll probably all have seen that a couple of people recently won more than £33 million each in the national lottery. That sort of money is undoubtedly life-changing but not necessarily for the better so why not play it safer and put just £1 a week into the village lotto.

We told you in the last issue that, because of changes in the national competition, there were ten new numbers available in the local one. Two or three of them have already been winners but a few haven't yet been snapped up – so there's still a chance to be in it and win it as well as support causes of value to the village.

If you want to join the Village Lottery please give Olive Lawrence a call (on 01934-833186) or pop in to see her at the village Post Office on Tuesday mornings if you want to take part or to find out more.

~ Shrove Tuesday ~

Pancake Day, Tuesday 9th February.

Come to the Hall between 4pm and 5pm for pancakes and cake and a couple of games as well. All are welcome, there's no charge and there are pancakes for the adults too. We look forward to seeing you.

Crib Service – If anyone still has costumes used in this service would it be possible to return them to Susie or Cheryl as soon as they can so that they do not get lost and can be used again next year

Village Sports Day is provisionally booked for **Saturday 16th July**, with the cricket match taking place on **Sunday 17th July**. Confirmation of these dates will be in the next magazine or on the website.

Gentlemen Who Lunch The date of the next meeting is 25th February at 12.00 for 12.30 in The Lambing Shed, Back Lane.

~ Fairtrade Fortnight ~

Fairtrade now reaches 1.5 million farmers and workers across the globe making a life-changing difference for them. The message for this year's Fairtrade campaign is 'sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers'. Look out for details of the breakfast being planned at the Village Hall soon with all food supplied through the Fairtrade label or as locally sourced as possible.

Fairtrade Fortnight gives us the opportunity to stand up for farmers everywhere, remembering that our own British farmers continue to struggle with a different set of issues that threaten their survival.

~ The Crucifixion ~

An oratorio composed by Sir John Stainer

**On Tuesday 22nd March 2016 at 8.00 pm
At All Saints Kingston Seymour**

The Congresbury Singers will be visiting Kingston Seymour for the first time with a performance of this well-known oratorio.

The choir consists of approximately forty singers of mixed voices and led by their musical director, Gordon Pullin. They have performed at two Yatton Music Festivals in recent years, as well as numerous other concerts in the area.

This work has been in their repertoire for a number of years. The Singers like to visit churches in the locality during Lent to perform this work and in recent years have included parishes in Clevedon, Nailsea, Winscombe, Brockley and Congresbury.

The Crucifixion has been sung continuously since the first performance in 1887. It includes such well-known works as 'Fling wide the gates' and the beautiful unaccompanied chorus 'God so love the world'. There are

two soloists, a tenor and a bass. It is accompanied by the organ and lasts just over the hour.

Sir John Stainer has also composed many hymn tunes including 'Love divine' and 'All for Jesus'.

The presentation of this work is put on at the Congresbury Singers own expense.

~ All Saints Flower Guild ~

Thank you very much for all the help and hard work that so many of you contributed while getting the Church decorated for Christmas. It looked beautiful and we received many compliments. It was a fantastic community effort and a great credit to you all.

We are planning a **Flower Festival on 10th, 11th and 12th June** which will be in aid of 'The Church Toilet Fund' and a charity yet to be decided. The theme will be '**Music and Verse**' and we are having a **general meeting on 25th February at 7.30 in church** for anyone who can help or contribute in any way. Get your thinking caps on as I am sure we can make this a great success with the wealth of talent we have to tap into! I am looking forward excitedly to hearing all the brilliant ideas!

For **Easter** this year we are re-instating the sponsoring of a lily in memory of a loved one. The lilies will be £2 each and there will be a form available shortly for the details. We will create a scroll or something similar for all the names of those we wish to remember at this time.

We are also having an outing to the **R H S Flower Show at Cardiff Castle on 15th April** so look out for details in the near future.

I feel very privileged and proud to be Chair of such a talented, supportive and caring group and look forward to a great year ahead. Once again thank you so very much.

Sue Hyde

Friends of All Saints, Kingston Seymour
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2016 Fundraising Events

Pitch Perfect – Bristol’s Top A capella Acts all in one group
Saturday 13th February in the Church 7.30pm

Safari Supper – Saturday 12th March

Village Quiz – Saturday 30th April in the Village Hall

Flower Festival and Concert - June – (exact date unknown at this time) a weekend of flowers poetry and music

Summer BBQ and Bar – 16th July in the Church Yard

Christmas Social Extravaganza – final date not fixed. Venue the Village Hall.

~ Parish Clerk ~

2016 is going to be an eventful year for the Parish Council. After 25 years of service to both the council and our community Leonie Allday our parish clerk has recently confirmed to the council that she intends to retire from the role in August 2016.

This is going to be a big change for the council where we have always valued the consistency and background that Leonie has provided in the role of clerk due to her long service and commitment. Although Leonie says she is retiring none of the council believe she will be any less busy and we are sure she will still have an active part to play in our village. We are therefore now embarking on the process of recruiting a new clerk, for which more information will be provided in March. Our intention is to have a new clerk in post by June to allow an overlap and handover with Leonie before she leaves us.

Mike Sewell Chairman KSPC

~ All Saints' Church Report ~

We lit the first Advent candle in our Advent ring at 11 am Holy Communion on Sunday, 29th November. The anticipation of Advent! Do we open a window on the tinsel calendar each morning and enjoy the chocolate or use the lovely words and pictures of the 'Words for Advent' and prepare for the coming of the Christ child?

Sweets and fruits won at the Christingle Family service on December 6th. The Christingle, an orange that represents the world, around the middle a red ribbon that represents the blood and love of Christ, four cocktail sticks to represent the 4 seasons with sweets and fruits on them and finally the white candle held firmly in the orange representing Jesus, the light of the world. The children came to the altar to each collect a lit Christingle and some of the older ones carried them carefully to each member of the congregation so that we could hold them alight to join in the Christingle song.

A very large group of old and young members of the Flower Guild met at Tyntesfield on Dec 2nd and noted the extravagant Victorian Christmas decorations (Sue Hyde will tell you about the lunch!) Then Sue led all members of the guild in decorating the Church; some spent several days there, a huge commitment at a very busy family time. The result was an amazing display, shiny greenery, feathers, ribbons, swags, berries, lights. The candelabra with 194 candles and a huge Christmas tree completed the beautiful setting for Christmas services. Thank you to everyone who helped and made the busy working atmosphere so joyful.

Friday, 18th December brought the annual well supported Carol Service with North Somerset Young Farmers; it's good to welcome them each year. Thanks to David, Anna, Robert and the choir for beautiful music and to everyone who read a lesson.

Friends of the Church held their Carols in the Close on the 20th. Again well supported, an enjoyable event with good mulled wine and mince pies; thanks to the Friends for their hard work and to Margaret Hawks for playing the piano.

This followed a rehearsal for the Crib Service when the microphones played up. Last year the heating, this year the sound system! Bryan (Jackie says) got in touch on Monday with Bristol Sound System and Kevin Dimond appeared. We had to borrow an amplifier for the crib and Christmas services. Huge thanks to Kevin and to Bryan; they spent many hours over three days in a cold Church in Christmas week. The Crib Service was delightful; the 'best ever' as

always! Each year the children manage to bring freshness and wonder to the story. Our thanks to Cheryl, Susie and other young mums who adapted, produced, rehearsed, directed, dressed the cast of hundreds (well, 18 actually).

All the candles in Church and the final one in the Advent ring were lit for Midnight Mass. A beautiful service, well attended. Thanks to Susie for playing the piano for the service on Christmas morning

Candlemas, the traditional Christian service to commemorate the ritual purification of Mary and the presentation of Christ to God in the Temple forty days after His birth, will be celebrated with a Team Service at All Saints' on Sunday, 31st January at 10am. (Please note 10 not the usual 11am as it is a team service) Do come and meet other members of the team over coffee and cake afterwards.

God bless and a Happy New Year to you all, Bryan and Jackie

~ Village Hall - Kitchen Update ~

The kitchen refurbishment is now full steam ahead. We have had to overcome a few hurdles such as finding asbestos in the ceiling and inserting a new long lintel to support the loft floor but we are still on track. The Asbestos is the lowest grade but still harmful (Chrysotile or white asbestos). The asbestos is in the artex ceiling (artex is short for asbestos reinforced textured ceiling). Advice on how to deal with the asbestos was sought from Somerset County Council Scientific Services and a professional asbestos surveyor with the result that the ceiling in the kitchen has been sealed in with new plaster. A new Asbestos Risk Register will be created for the hall with the assumption that asbestos is present in all the ceilings. This means any contractors who need to cut or drill into the ceiling will be made aware and they will be able to take the proper precautions to minimise risk.

The residual wall, halfway along the kitchen, was holding up a short lintel supporting joists in the loft; so in order to remove the walls a new longer lintel had to be inserted. The electrical first fix has now been completed and the kitchen re-plastered throughout. The base for the new floor has gone down however it took longer than anticipated to dry and as such the laying of the new floor will happen towards the end of January. In the meantime the second fix electrical work can take place. The schedule of works has been amended and we are now looking to arrange a painting party for the week end of the 30th and 31st January by which time the plaster will be dry and the floor will have been laid. **Volunteers will be welcome even if it is only for an hour or two,**

names to John Harris or me please. We will provide everything including refreshments!

The new, bespoke units will be delivered on the 1st February. We will plumb in the sink and new hot water heater and position all the units so we will have a useable kitchen by the 6th February. There will be a few things to finish but nothing that will prevent the kitchen being used and the Post Office operating. We still have the old units, kitchen sink (with taps) and worktop if anyone wants to save them from landfill. The old hot water boiler is also up for grabs if someone can make use of it. On behalf of the KSVVA Committee I would like to thank everyone who has provided their time, effort and advice to help this project progress. The end is in sight!

Edward Brooks 5 Cherry Tree Close

~ Richard (Dickie) Wait ~ (See article on Website for photo)

Dickie Wait was Kingston Seymour's postman for nearly thirty years until his retirement in 2004, when Judy Seward took his place. He was a true old-school gentleman, he knew everyone, would watch out for them and was always happy to take letters for posting as well as delivering them or to go the extra mile to make sure anything that wouldn't go through your letterbox was left somewhere safe and secure. He was always smiling.

When he retired, the people of the village threw a wonderful party for him and presented him with a 'memory book' of the roads, houses, people (and the dogs!) which he knew so well. After his retirement, he'd regularly cycle to the village (until the passage of time and a battle with prostate cancer slowed him down) and often pop in for a cup of tea and a chat with my late wife Liz – sharing views on cancer treatment as well as catching up on the latest news and gossip! He loved to fish and often visited the village (particularly Bullock Farm) with one or other of his grandsons pursuing that pastime – his last visit being just a few months before he passed away.

Dickie was an important and much loved part of the community; it seems very fitting that, following his death on 28 November, his funeral was held here and that he's now at rest in the village he loved.

It was a lovely service for a lovely man, with touching tributes from two of his grandsons and one of his brothers. Just a pity that so few of the people he served for so long were able to wish him that final farewell – but, as so often happens with funerals, I expect a lot of people couldn't get there at the inevitably short notice or simply didn't know that we'd lost a friend.

~ Kingston Seymour Parish Council ~

The Council held a planning meeting on 28th November and its regular bi-monthly meeting on 11th January.

Budget and Precept Our January meeting is always the Budget meeting, at which the Budget is approved and the precept for the following year agreed. Local Councils are funded by a sum of money from the local authority, a small proportion of which (£266 this year) comes in the form of the Council Tax Support Grant and the Village Orderly Grant (£100). The remainder is the sum requested by the local council to meet its expenditure requirements for the following year. Larger councils may in addition have other sources of funds such as rental income, allotment fees etc but things are pretty simple in Kingston Seymour!

The Council has approved a Budget which enables it to keep its precept requirement at £10,700, the same as last year. As there are slightly more Band D Equivalent properties in the village this year (several houses inhabited which were vacant last year), the impact on your Council Tax will be very slightly less than last year, and will vary between £59.54 per annum (Band D) and £99.24 (Band G). This effectively means that the services provided by the Parish Council will cost you between £1.15 and £1.91 a week. We hope you will consider that this is good value for money.

The detail of the Budget will be available online in due course but if you have any questions please get in touch.

Road Safety The Council has met again with John Painter from NSC's Highways Department and is continuing to investigate possible strategies for reducing speed in and around the centre of the village. There are a number of options being considered each of which have different merits. These are now being summarised so that they can be presented to the village at the next Annual Parish Meeting (21st April), after which the Parish Council will make a decision as to the way forward. Nothing will be done without giving parishioners an opportunity to express their views, so if you have opinions on the matter do keep this date free. It will also coincide with a celebration of the Queens 90th Birthday with a beacon lit (to link with beacons across the country) and the bar open in the village hall after the meeting.

Planning Applications The proposed rural worker's dwelling at Acorn Carp Fishery was granted consent, but the application for change of use from

agricultural land and building to a dwelling house at land off New Cut Bow (opposite the entrance to Sea Wall Farm) was refused.

Changes to green garden waste collection The proposed phasing out of the green garden waste bag service in favour of large green wheeled bins for which a charge would be made seems now to be a fait accompli, regardless of the fact that there has been no proper consultation. The new arrangements will commence in the spring on 2017. It will be interesting to see how this works out in communities such as ours, where there are lots of large gardens, which at some times of the year generate far more garden waste than can be accommodated in the proposed bins plus several compost heaps. Back to polluting bonfires I suspect!

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15th March at 7.30pm

Leonie Allday, Clerk Tel:01934 876528, Email leonie@the-alldays.org.uk

Kingston Seymour Come Dine with Us!

The Friends are hosting a safari supper on Saturday the 12th March 2016.

Format: An evening of friendship, food and drink. We will start the evening at the village hall with drinks and nibbles at the bar from 6:00pm, arrive by 6.45pm. At 7pm guests will be given an envelope with the name of their host and the location of their starter, following which another location will be revealed for your main course, then back to the hall for dessert, cheese and the bar. Dinner will be in groups of six, consisting of your hosts and four other guests, for the main course you will be with different hosts and guests.

Date: 12th March 2016

Location: Start and finish at the Village Hall.

Tickets: Save the date! Tickets will go on sale from Monday 15th February @ £10 / head. Look out for more information or contact Mark & Susie Humphries.

What we need: Volunteers who are willing to act as a host feeding six people (including themselves) for a starter and a main course.

Please email / ring Mark and Susie Humphries
01934 833603 / humphries@channelviewfarm.co.uk

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