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I remember Bob Bush of Pool Farm used to call this time of year “The Blackthorn Winter” It was warm and now is very cold again. Still spring must be just round the corner surely.

Meanwhile I know I keep on going about it but it would be brilliant if more people visited the website as this would make it so much more useful. I add things in between magazines often because they are happening before the next issue is published. There are many useful links and you can find this magazine there too. So if you never have why not give it a go on [kingstonseymour.org.uk](http://kingstonseymour.org.uk) and then you too can keep up to date!

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## Magazine Copy Date Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May

### **KINGSTON SEYMOUR 122<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

You are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.45pm at the Village Hall

The main topic for discussion will be Road Safety

- **Speed survey “headline” results**
- **Options for managing speed in the village**

Come along and contribute to the debate!

**The evening will end with the lighting of a small beacon - in celebration of the Queen’s *actual* birthday!**

Following the meeting the Bar will be open

## § All Saints Flower Guild §

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April** Trip to the RHS Flower Show, Cardiff Castle  
 Entry tickets available from:  
 Gill Harris – 832126 and Sue Lang – 835939

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June:** Flower Festival, All Saint's Church  
 Theme: Music and Verse  
 All help welcome

*For more details of the Flower Guild see [kingstonseymour.org.uk](http://kingstonseymour.org.uk)*

**An important meeting** to discuss the Village Hall Constitution will take place in the **Village Hall at 8.00pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016**. All residents of the village, members of the Social Club and members of the Council of the Kingston Seymour Association are invited and very welcome to attend.

For more information see the article at the end of the magazine and also on the website under Around the Village, then the Village Hall tab or Articles about Kingston Tab.

## § Christmas Post §

Robin and I would like, rather late I am afraid, to thank you for your wonderful support last Christmas Post day. As always the village support was amazing. We raised £200.00 again, splitting it in half between our village magazine and the Children's Hospice South West. I received a note of thanks from the later; to all who donated so generously.

We would also like to thank Gill Harris, Sue Smith and all the helpers delivering the cards on such a wet day, once again for their generous help. Without them the day would not have run so smoothly.

*Thank you from the Magazine for the generous donation which funded the printing of nearly two issues.*

## § Let's Celebrate the Queen's Birthday §

The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday is on 21<sup>st</sup> April and there are plans by the Parish Council to mark this as you will have seen above. Everyone is welcome. However her official birthday is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June and there are big plans in the village to celebrate this also. As you will have seen there will be a **Flower Festival in the church with the theme Music and Verse over the whole weekend** but there will be other activities.

Below is a draft plan of what is hoped to be achieved. The final plan will appear on the website, notices in the village and of course the next magazine.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June – “Kings and Queens Barbeque” hopefully with our usual folk group based in the Village Hall and Patio area.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Concert in the Church “Music and Poetry” complementing the beautiful flower arrangement that will be there.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June - The Queen's Birthday Tea Party in the Hall with Children's craft activities. This will be a 'bring and share tea' and commemorative medals will be presented to all the children. At six o'clock there will be a special 'Songs of Praise' service in the Church.

It is also hoped to have a Scarecrow Trail around the Centre of the Village

All profits from the events will go to the Church Toilet Fund.

## § Just a Reminder §

Sports Day is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, with the Cricket Match on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

We've booked a local band (from Yatton) called Penguin Collective to play on Saturday night, anyone who wants to hear their sound can listen at <http://kingpenguinrecords.com/site/penguin-collective-live-recordings/>

## **VILLAGE SHOW - 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**Show programme will be available with the May Village Magazine**

For those keen photographers amongst you the categories will be:

**Humorous with caption**

**Insects**

**Fun in the Sun**

**Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer (set of 4)**

### **§ The Escaped Panda §**

*We haven't had a funny for ages so now is the time!*

A panda bear escapes from the zoo and is forced to live out in the world all by himself. After a time he finds that he really enjoys eating in nice restaurants, but of course being a panda with no job and no money he is unable to pay his bill. He is an exceptionally intelligent panda, after some thought and research he eventually devises a scheme that lets him eat in any restaurant he likes.

So one day he decides to try a particularly nice restaurant but when he asks the Maitre d' for a table he's told:

"I've heard about you. You're the panda that never pays for his meal. We won't seat you here."

So, the panda leaves the restaurant and sits on a bench across the street and contemplates his empty tummy.

Some while later the panda sees the Maitre d' leave the restaurant. He goes back in and asks the assistant Maitre d' for a table, and is seated as the assistant does not know about the panda's reputation. The panda has a wonderful meal but just as he finishes desert the Maitre d'

returns and sees him sitting back enjoying his final glass of wine. The Maitre d' is furious and demands the panda pay for his food. At once the panda pulls out a gun, shoots the Maitre d' and starts to leave. The assistant Maitre d' stops the panda,

"Where do you think you are going?" He says

"I'm leaving."

"You can't leave!"

"Sure I can."

"No you can't!"

At which point the panda produces the encyclopedia volume "P", flicks through the pages and hands it open to the assistant

"Read this." he says.

The assistant Maitre d' reads aloud:

"Panda, an animal indigenous to China that eats shoots and leaves."

*(Sorry Ed.)*

## **§ Bowls – The Generation Game §**

### **Bowls truly is the 'sport for all' and a sport for life**

It can be played by all ages, abilities and sexes – making it the perfect sport for all members of your family to enjoy together.

Like all sports, the object of bowls is really simple but once you get into it you will realize there is much more to the game and you will get hooked!!

Bowls is not only a sport, it is the ideal activity for meeting people – whether you want to play socially or perhaps more competitively – .

## **COME ALONG AND GIVE IT A TRY**

**A warm welcome awaits you at**

### **YATTON BOWLING CLUB**

**Monday evenings at 6.15 from 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**All you need is a sense of humour and a pair of flat soled shoes**

## **§ Do you remember this play? §**

If you remember the original production of Country Dances, (Act 1 of a play called Kingston Chronicles we did in 1994) at the Village Hall you may be interested to know that Hutton Players are putting it on in June, on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Hutton Village Hall. The audience will be sitting at tables with “nibbles” and can bring their own booze. Tickets will be available via the website closer to the date [www.huttondramaclub.co.uk](http://www.huttondramaclub.co.uk) and probably via phone – number to be advised. They have a facebook page which posts info and updates on a regular basis.

Lesley Hudswell

## **Kingston Seymour Parish Council Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer.**

Kingston Seymour Parish Council is looking for a part-time Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, working 32.5 hours a calendar month, from home, including attendance at evening and occasional weekend meetings. Meetings are held in Kingston Seymour Village Hall.

The successful applicant must

- Be a confident and outgoing person with an interest in the local community
- Have a good level of literacy and numeracy
- Be computer literate, able to use word-processing and spreadsheet software
- Be familiar with low budget book-keeping and able to prepare / monitor a budget
- Have good communication skills including experience of meeting administration
- Possess, or be willing to work towards, an appropriate sector-specific qualification, and maintain the currency of your skills and knowledge

Salary will be at an hourly rate of between £9.20 and £10.52 [Scale Points 18-22 on the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) LC1 scale], depending on experience and qualifications. Further information can be downloaded from the Kingston Seymour Village Website [www.kingstonseymour.org.uk](http://www.kingstonseymour.org.uk) or obtained by e-mail from the present Clerk. You can also contact the Chairman or Clerk for an informal discussion. The closing date for applications is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

The existing Clerk is due to retire on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016 but it is hoped that the new Clerk will be able to take up the post from mid-June, to allow for an effective handover period.

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***Equal opportunities:** Kingston Seymour Parish Council is committed to equality of opportunity and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.*

***Compliance:** Please note that the successful applicant will be subject to pre-employment checks in line with BPSS guidelines. This includes standard identification, referencing and unspent conviction checks. Kingston Seymour Parish Council undertakes not to discriminate unfairly against any subject of a disclosure on the basis of conviction or other information revealed.*

## **Why not come and ring Hand Bells?**

The Chalice Hand Bell Team would again welcome new members. It is very rewarding spiritually when we visit Care Homes and bring a bit of sunshine into the lives of the residents. Also, it's rewarding in another way for our chosen charity of the year when we play for other groups who ask us to attend functions. **If you are free, male or female, on a Thursday afternoon and would like to "Have a go" just give Eleanor or Geoff a ring on 01934 834550.** Please don't forget, our Chalice Logo represents Cleeve, Claverham, Kingston, Kenn, and Yatton so those are all very welcome, as well as any other villages who care to come along.

## § In Safari – in Kingston §

No, this is not a report on the latest sightings by the Wildlife Group, just a comment on a supper party – for 36 in mid-March.

We met for drinks in the village hall. A convivial enough start, especially as we could celebrate England's rugby win. At the allotted hour we were given a slip of paper assigning our hosts for the starter course, nothing more, and within walking distance. The torches disappeared into the darkness of a calm, clear evening, armed only with a bottle of the favourite tipple. No knowledge of what one was about to eat or who one's fellow diners would be.

The excitement mounts through the evening, as does the alcohol level – invariably the hosts are far too generous; it is after all a fundraiser. A discreet 'phone call reminds the hosts it's time to move the guests on, with less in the bottle and another slip of paper – just when one was getting settled.

But the mood is infectious. As the torches criss-cross The Triangle, the passing chatter has just an instant to compare notes perhaps before the main course and dessert in yet another dining room with new hosts, a fresh train of conversation and an increasing level of sociability.

To round off the evening – bottles empty and appetites sated, we gathered in the village hall for cheese & biscuits and one for the road, not that many were driving of course and not that we had much room for any more food either.

Well done The Friends of All Saints, and in particular Ed & Fiona Brooks, Pete & Trudy Harris, Mark & Susie Humphries, Steve & Sue Thomas and Warren & Diana Williams for being such welcoming and generous hosts. Thank you.

A visitor to the village, caught-up by the momentum of the evening, was most fulsome in her praise as she wound her way home, and justifiably so. Yes, we must do this again.

J.P.H

## All Saints' Church Report

We've enjoyed an amazing few months at All Saints' with lots of people attending special services in our beautiful Church

We were pleased to welcome so many people to the Team Service at the end of January; The children and parents arriving on a tractor from their farm visit made the morning very special; thank you Anita and Richard.

We celebrated Plough Sunday at February Evening Service; giving thanks for all God's Creation and asking His blessing on the plough, the soil and the seed, the churn and the fleece. Richard gave insight into modern farming and his role in supporting other farmers in our region.

The Portishead Deanery Mothers' Union came for their special service to celebrate Sylvia North as their new President.

February family service was well attended and Mothering Sunday in March very special with young families taking active roles.

George Chetburn has sent two of his team to prepare for drawing up a plan for the new toilet. We are very grateful to the Friends' of All Saints' who are enthusiastic in their fund raising for this with their recent Concert and Safari supper events

Flower Guild is planning a celebration of music and verse in flowers in Church on 10th, 11th and 12th of June. This is the weekend of the Queen's 90th Birthday and other village events are being planned.

At the time of writing it will be Palm Sunday tomorrow; the beginning of Holy week, Jesus' journey to Jerusalem for His Crucifixion and death then the joy of Easter Day.

God Bless and a Happy Easter to you all.

Bryan Thomas and Jackie Wright

## Kingston Seymour Parish Council

The Council held planning meetings on 21st January and 23rd February and its regular bi-monthly meeting on 15th March.

**Roads and footpaths** You may well have noticed that the shoulders to the motorway bridge have had a thorough sprucing up! The crash barriers were barely visible behind all the overgrowth of vegetation and the verges were a tangle of brambles. Paul somehow managed to persuade our strapped-for-cash local authority to send their “Green Team” along and they have done an excellent job. Unfortunately fixing the various cracks and potholes seems to take much longer, but they are on the list, along with more major repairs to the far end of Ham Lane.

Meanwhile the footpaths all have smart new signs. Please contact Paul if you come across any blockages or broken stiles or bridges on any of the paths.

**HM the Queen 90th birthday** Details of the plans for the weekend of the Queen’s “official” birthday can be found elsewhere in the magazine. The Parish Council is funding the purchase of commemorative medals which will be presented to all the children and young people (under 18) at the celebration tea party on the Sunday afternoon.

The Queen’s actual birthday is on the day of the Annual Parish Meeting, so we plan a modest celebration that evening as well!

**Keep your garden equipment safe!** The arrival of spring, welcome as it is, is sometimes accompanied by a somewhat less welcome phenomenon – a spate of thefts of garden equipment. Tractor mowers seem to be particularly vulnerable, not surprising when they can cost nearly as much as a small car! Keep your garden machinery locked away when not in use.

**Planning Applications** The “reserved matters” application (ie the detail, as opposed to the principle of consent, already granted at the outline stage) for the proposed rural worker’s dwelling at land at Tutshill Farm was supported by the Parish Council on the understanding that

agreement could be reached between NSC and the Environment Agency on a suitably flood resilient design. It is still under consideration by NSC.

The Parish Council will shortly be considering an application for the conversion of an agricultural barn to three holiday lets at Ham Farm.

**Clerk replacement** There has been a number of expressions of interest but we have yet to receive any actual applications. You will have seen the advertisement earlier in this. Full details (job description, application form etc) are on the village website or can be obtained from me.

**Council e-mail address** The Council now has a dedicated e-mail address which you will find below. We hope that this will make things simpler and of course it will not change when my successor takes over. In the event of any teething problems my personal e-mail address will of course continue to work, but please give the new one a try!

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th May at 7.45pm** (annual and bi-monthly meetings)

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*Please note there is full information about Parish Councillors as well as Agendas and Minutes of their meetings on the Village Website [kingstonseymour.org.uk](http://kingstonseymour.org.uk)*

## **A Forum in the Chapter House.**

There will be a speaker at a Forum in the Chapter House in Yatton on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm**. They will speak on the work of the organisation 'Action By Christians Against Torture'

This organisation encourages people to write to ambassadors and other government officials in countries where people are imprisoned and tortured simply for holding views different from the government.

*The Forum is organised by Yatton Moor Education and Nurture Group.*

## **. Nathan Cox and the London Marathon on April 23rd**

Nathan is running in the London Marathon in aid of the Wallace & Gromit's Grand Appeal on 24th April.

Having raised enough money to purchase the scanner for St Peters hospice over many half marathons, this time he is raising money for the Wallace and Gromit Grand Appeal.



The Bristol Children's Hospital Charity provides cutting edge, life-saving equipment, family accommodation and arts, music and play therapy for patients and their families at Bristol Children's Hospital. Since 1995, The Grand Appeal has raised over £31 million to transform the lives of sick babies and children at the Hospital and Special Care Baby Unit.

Cots for Tots are currently raising £50,000 to provide two state of the art Sensormedic ventilators, to help save the lives of sick and vulnerable babies who have severe breathing problems. They also entirely fund Cots for Tots House, the 12-bedroom free family accommodation for parents of sick children and premature babies cared for on the unit, which is located directly opposite St Michaels Hospital.

If you would like to sponsor Nathan he and the appeal would be very grateful and it will help him as he runs the marathon.

Many thanks in anticipation for any donations made.

### **Third Party Review for the Management of Kingston Seymour Village Hall**

A Third Party Review body (John Allday, John Harris and Karen Elliott) was commissioned by the Village Hall Management Committee following publication of the Kingston Seymour Parish Plan.

That Plan expressed a wish that such a review might lead to a rationalisation of structures and a streamlining of systems in order to create a more flexible efficient and user-friendly facility.

The specific objectives were:

1. Review the Constitution and see if the governing rules need amending
2. Once the review is complete, consider the management structure of the Hall against the updated constitution.
3. Put in place systems and procedures as appropriate and as agreed by all parties.

We have completed that review and would like to put forward our recommendations for an updated Constitution.

**We have therefore arranged a meeting for this purpose, to take place at the Village Hall at 8.00pm on Thursday 14th April 2016.** All residents of the village, members of the Social Club and members of the Council of the Kingston Seymour Association are invited and very welcome to attend.

This is a preliminary meeting only at this stage. If there is broad agreement to move forward with a new Constitution there will then be formal meetings of the Council of the Association, the Social Club and the residents of the village when all parties will be able to vote/ elect to bring the new Constitution in to effect.

**Please do come along to the meeting if you can. It is your Hall. The current arrangements do cause difficulties and we do need to improve them.**

The Review document is due to go on to the village website [kingstonseymour.org.uk](http://kingstonseymour.org.uk) if you wish to read it and if anyone would like any further information please do contact any of the three of us.

Karen Elliott John Allday John Harris

*If you email [ksmagazine@outlook.com](mailto:ksmagazine@outlook.com) I will be happy to pass on your questions and comments.*

# Choral Works

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# Vivaldi GLORIA

Saturday 23rd April

7.30pm

St Mary the Virgin, Yatton

Yatton & Winscombe Chorale

Directed by Ian Hubbard

**ADMISSION FREE**

**With retiring collection for St Mary's Church Funds.**

Concert promoted by Yatton PCC (Charity No. 1132177)

**Supporting Farmers Everywhere  
Home and Abroad**

**Come to the**

**Big Breakfast  
Saturday 16th April  
Kingston Village Hall**

**Buffet style Breakfast served between  
9.30am and 11.30am**

**Fruit Juice  
Cereals  
Banana, Yoghurt, Honey  
Bacon, Sausage and Eggs  
Kedgerie  
Toast and Marmalade  
Tea and Coffee**



**All food sourced through our local farmers  
or under the Fairtrade logo**

**Tickets: Adult £5 Under 12 £3**  
from Sue Thomas (833593) Anita (838864)  
Judy Seward (832612) Jackie Harris (838451)  
Or at the Tuesday Post Office