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School holidays again, one can hardly believe it and the motorway as usual is busy to sometimes a standstill under our motorway bridge. Things in the Village however are a little quiet after a busy summer here but the Village Show is not far away and there is always the Village Pub ever other Friday evening in the Village Hall.

If you get the Magazine before the 1st August there is a lovely service on **Sunday 30th July at Yew Tree Farm**. It celebrates Lammas which traditionally gives thanks for the first grains of the harvest.

There will be children's games close by during the service and a Barbeque to follow. Everyone is welcome to be part of this ancient feast.

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Village Show Barbeque- There will be a Barbeque and Bar following the Village Show on 26th August in the lower Church Yard organised by The Friends. Everyone welcome.

Church Aprons for Sale- You may have seen a picture of them on Facebook, beautiful aprons with Kingston Church painted on them. (Totally washable). Other Yatton Moor Churches available. Just £15. Profits in aid of The Church Toilet Fund.

For details or to make an order contact Sue Lang 01934 835939.

The Friends invite everyone to their AGM on Sunday September 3rd 2017 at 12 noon. The AGM will be held in the church building. We are holding the AGM here as an opportunity for everyone to see the fabric and architecture of the building we support in our fundraising efforts. Everyone welcome. As always we are looking for committee members to join us would welcome expressions of interest prior to this.

Our Village agent is Sarah Friend who can help with all sorts of issues If you would like advice on anything please call her on 07422078548 or 01275 888 803, email sarah.friend@curo-group.co.uk

Roman Bath Visit

Open to Historical Society members and anyone who is interested

The Historical Society is holding a trip to the Roman Baths at Bath on Saturday 30th September. This is going to be open also to non-members and anyone else who is interested in joining us. We are hoping to do a pre-booked group booking so the entrance tickets will cost £10.25 each. This is provided that we have at least 20 people who book. Money will need to be paid up front to the Historical Society. We will be travelling to Bath from Yatton Station by train changing at Temple Meads. Each person will need to pay their individual train fare, and should be able to use a railcard if they have one.

We will be taking the 9.22am train from Yatton, changing at Temple Meads at 9.44, leaving for Bath on the connection at 10.00 arriving at Bath at 10.11. Once at Bath we would go for coffee together at The Roman Baths Kitchen opposite, at 10.30. We can have a room to ourselves if enough people book and coffee and biscuits will need to be paid for up front in this case with the other booking. We will then go to the Baths straight after.

There is plenty to see and to listen at the Roman Baths, which have recently had a revamp of the displays and a minimum of two to three hours is recommended. People are free to go on from the Baths and to spend the rest of the day doing their own thing at Bath, travelling back by Train when they wish to, as long as they have a way of getting back from Yatton later on. Trains back to Yatton leave at two minutes past the hour changing at Temple Meads and the connection leaving at 26 minutes past the hour. We do not need to all stick together once admitted to the Baths. Everyone will be responsible for arranging their own lunch arrangements either at the Baths or anywhere in Bath.

If you are interested please phone either Jane Bell on 01934 877322 or 07725615157 or Ann Perrott on 01934 833888.

Note- There are no meetings in December but there will be more meetings in the new year.

Church Services at All Saints

August

<i>6th</i>	<i>11am Family Service</i>
<i>13th</i>	<i>6pm Evensong</i>
<i>20th</i>	<i>11am Holy Communion</i>
<i>27th</i>	<i>8.30am Holy Communion</i>

September

<i>3rd</i>	<i>11am Family Service</i>
<i>10th</i>	<i>No services at Kingston</i>
	<i>Kenn Harvest 11am and 6pm</i>
<i>17th</i>	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
	<i>11am Family Service</i>
	<i>6pm Festival Evensong</i>
<i>24th</i>	<i>8.30am Holy Communion</i>

Kingston Seymour Parish Council

Hello everyone and I hope that you are having a pleasant summer.

Resilience I always remember an old boss of mine who used to say “To fail to prepare is to prepare to fail” and, whilst thoughts at the moment are probably far away from bad weather, the recent incident in Cornwall shows us that when nature gets going in a bad way, there’s nothing we can really do to stop it!

So, enclosed with this edition of the magazine is a Community Resilience card which we hope you will find useful and will prompt discussion in your household about what everyone should do to stay safe if the worst did come to the worst.

The white side of the card suggests things that you might like to get ready and on the red side of the card, there is some space for local information and contact numbers. Please complete that section with the following names of the key individuals who look after Resilience for Kingston Seymour.

John Harris	Emergency Liaison Officer	01934 832126
Peter Harris	Emergency Liaison Officer	01934 833184 / 07802 955264
Caroline Harris	Health Liaison	01934 835652 / 07487 828011

These three will be supported by other members of the Resilience team.

You may also wish to note that in the absence of any other instruction from the Emergency Services, the designated place of safe refuge for the village is at Acorn Lakes on the Lampley Road.

In due course, the Resilience team expect to produce a bespoke card for the village – to complement the overall Resilience Team briefing (which was issued last August and which is also printable from the website) – but in the meantime please use this card and brief everyone in your household. More copies of the card will be available from the Village Hall foyer.

Defibrillator and Emergencies Whilst on the subject of being prepared, the first Defibrillator and Emergency Protocols course – led by villager Emma Hunt – saw 11 residents spend an enjoyable two hours understanding what they can do in an emergency situation and all left with new skills and more confidence for such situations.

I'm pleased to be able to offer two more courses this autumn – they will be on a Monday evening in September and in November – where 24 more residents can learn these skills. I have five names already and would welcome other expressions of interest prior to an offer of a course once I have secured the dates.

Please lodge your request through “Contact Us” on the website with your email address or phone me on 07902 798 162. You are not being asked to commit at this point and as before, there will be no charge to village residents.

Our Church For a couple of days, the centre of the village was looking great as the volunteer effort to paint the railings alongside the Church really showed the building to best effect. Then, just a few days later, the theft of the lead from the roof left the whole village in shock. I’m sure that this will be covered elsewhere in the magazine but to reassure you this issue has been raised by the Parish Council with the local police and I’m pleased that that our local PC is now supporting the plan on how to protect the Church from future attack.

The Gates, Trees and Flowers We are still liaising with North Somerset Council on the final position of the gates; the Parish Council will now be purchasing two new signs – to sit on them – to create a stronger visual impact for drivers. Ongoing, we will also be making sure that the foliage on the verge and the hedgerow, is kept well back so that there is a clear sight line to the gates. As we have always said, traffic monitoring in the Village is an ongoing issue and if additional actions are required then we will take those actions.

We have also discussed the lime tree in the War Memorial enclosure. This has become overbearing and now threatens more than just taking hats off during our Remembrance Service but threatens the memorial itself. We will be arranging for this to be removed shortly with something smaller and more suitable being put in its place. The silver birch will remain as is.

The thanks of the Councillors go to all who helped in planting out the flowers we received from NSC and a thank you also to everyone who answered Caroline’s call to paint the railings. The Council will fund that paint and I know that Caroline is looking for the next painting challenge!

In other news

It has been some time since the Village had its own bus service – with the nearest public routes now being at Kingston Bridge. We have been approached by the new Operations Manager for Nailsea and District

Community Transport – Janice Walsh – who is trying to establish whether an additional service – probably weekly - that could link Kingston Seymour with Clevedon is needed and whether villagers would be interested.

Janice has asked for villagers to telephone her on **01275 855552** or email **office@ndct.co.uk** to share your views and register your interest

Apart from interim Planning Application Meetings – as may be necessary – the next full Council meeting is on **Monday 4th September**.

The Draft Minutes of the meeting on the 10th July are on the website as are all of the minutes from our meetings.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Steve Dixon, Parish Clerk

Kingston Seymour Village Hall

Friday Night Pub Night!

1800 to 2300

Fortnightly from Friday 28th July.

Start the weekend by meeting up with friends and neighbours at these fun & informal social nights.



Kingston Church about 1909



The Chancel before the last alterations

Kingston Seymour History Society Autumn 2017

Membership £10.00, visitors £3.00 Junior visitors £1.50

All meetings start at 7.30 for 7.45.

Tuesday 26th September

At: THE TYNINGS, Ham Lane

Lois Brenchley - Sandford Station, past and present, illustrated in archive and contemporary photo's.

The story of this attractive, Victorian Country Station on the Cheddar Valley 'Strawberry Line'. It's opening in 1869, working life, links with the local quarrying industry, decline and closure, regeneration as Sandford Station Railway Heritage Centre plus recent projects including rescue and restoration of rolling stock and acquisition of genuine artefacts with stories of their own, all carefully preserved as part of the historic visitor experience.

Tuesday 24th October

At: GREENACRE, Ham Lane

Bryan Smith - The Smyth – Pigotts of Brockley

Dr Bryan Smith describes research done since 2003 on the lifestyle of the Smyth-Pigotts, how they accumulated great wealth and then lost it, and how they changed the landscape of Somerset. The Smyth-Pigott family had close connections with Kingston Seymour for over a century, owning much of the land, farms, farmhouses and other dwellings, living at the former Manor house and of course holding important administration at the Church and former School

With over 100 colour illustrations

Tuesday 28th November

At: BULBECK, Bullocks Lane

Trevor Bowen – Coates Cider, Nailsea – illustrated with many archive photos

This works was established in 1925 by Redvers Coate. Following the take-over by Showerings in 1956 it became the second largest Cider Works in Britain with over 100 massive oak vats. The business was transferred to Shepton Mallet in 1974.

Historical Evening walk to Gang Wall, Congresbury Moor

The Historical Society are going to do an evening walk to Gang Wall on Thursday evening 10th August meeting at the Kingston Seymour village Hall car park at 7.30pm and car sharing to the bottom of Chescombe Road, Yatton where we will gain access to the walk.

This will be an informal walk which will have some of us explaining about the significance of Gang Wall when we do the walk.

The drainage works by Sir John Rennie between 1819 and 1827 were the key to finally overcoming the drainage problems of Congresbury Moor.

Sports Weekend 2017

"Everywhere else had cancelled their events today," said the press photographer, "but I knew Kingston Seymour wouldn't have." Word went round the village via Facebook during the morning's drizzle that "carry on regardless" was the order of the day, and we did.

Numbers for the fancy dress competition were down a little (understandably - mud splashes do nothing for a fairy's finery) but there were plenty of gardens on a plate, and plenty of children who were happy to run races in the rain. (Who says that today's kids just want to stay indoors with their phones and iPads?) We were so impressed by their willingness to take part despite the weather, and their exceptionally good behaviour, that the Sportsmanship Award was given jointly to them all.

Janet and Roger Calderbank have decided to step down from the Sports Committee and were very touched to be presented, at the end of the afternoon, with a beautiful engraved glass plaque thanking them for their work. They hope to continue to help with the Sports, but in less prominent roles

In the evening, Hay Fever also attracted a good number of people, who enjoyed lively sets from The Penguin Collective, and top-quality burgers and hot dogs from Piggy in the Griddle. The children were delighted by the surprise additional attraction of the inflatable AA garage, donated to

the village hall via Steve Neath. Not quite a bouncy castle, but just as much fun!

The cricketers had far better conditions for their match on Sunday (which again featured the opportunity for both players and spectators to eat lots of delicious cakes) - fine and sunny, but not too hot to put a spurt on and make some extra runs here and there.

The Sports weekend wouldn't happen without the help we regularly receive from a large number of people, to whom we are, as always, very grateful. But this year, as well as thanking those who supported us with their time, effort and equipment, we would particularly like to thank everyone who supported us by coming along anyway on Saturday, despite the bad weather and all the sport on TV, because without you as well, there would just have been a handful of disappointed people sitting in a tent in the rain, instead of a really enjoyable Sports Day.

Thank you all very much - we hope to see you at next year's Sports (in better weather!)

The Sports Committee

Cup winners

Fancy dress - Pre-school: Dylan Cole Infants: Max Bruce Juniors:
Lily Cole

Garden on a Plate: Pre-School Molly Parker , Infants Bryony Wariner ,
Juniors Alicia Sewell

Boys' points cup - shared Henry Humphries, Vince Marsh and Will
Norton

Girls' points cup - Georgia Wariner

Sportsmanship to all taking part.

Lost property (not claimed at the time of writing)

- child's waterproof jacket, age 9-10 years, dark navy with orange zip
- large umbrella - black and silver "Lambert and Butler"
- pair black-framed "Scalpel" sunglasses
- rubber towbar cover from "Towequipe"

Please phone/email Janet Calderbank on 838240 or
janet@calderbank88.plus.com if any of these items belongs to you.



Kingston Seymour when there was still a Village Shop



Kingston Seymour during the “flood” in 1981

All Saints', Kingston Seymour, July 2017

Breakfast seems a good place to begin! Early Communion Service on Ascension Day followed by excellent full English at Warren and Diana's home. Our thanks to them for this special fellowship

May family service was special with the Baptism of James and Astra Baker's daughter Eloise; big brother Sebastian, godparents and friends joined the regulars for coffee and biscuits afterwards. Then cream teas! May, June and July cream teas have been very well attended and helped towards general fund

James and Hannah Cox's daughter, Amelie was baptised at the 11am Communion service on the third Sunday in July. Lots of lively young children, including Amelie's three brothers, attended this lovely service June Family Service, Pentecost, with a small but lively group of children, was led by Jo. The previous night's London bridge bombing was breaking news, we are reminded of God's presence in pain and suffering as well as joy. Kingston enjoyed being part of the team celebrating Jo's Ordination and First Communion Service; we wish her well in her ministry

Two summer weddings in glorious sunshine! The Church was beautifully decorated for each one and each service a special celebration and reflection of the couple. Our love and best wishes go with Ryan and Tilly (Farmery) and with Sam and Bryony (Cole) for long and happy lives together

The funeral service and burial of Sylvia Stuckey took place in early July with a lovely tribute of this former Kingston resident. Our condolences to the family

We've opened the Church each Saturday and had visitors; one Saturday became an informal coffee morning. We hope word will spread and more people will pop in.

We had unwelcome visitors on Tuesday 27th June when lead was stolen from the roof. Our Insurers have been informed and we have started sorting out replacement /repairs. It rained that night so water dripped in; the Harris family quickly came to the rescue with tarpaulins. Our thanks

go to Tim for rushing over in a busy day and to other Churchwardens and team members for messages of support. Mark Humphries was in Church with Sue and me that morning as we had members of the DAC coming to give us informal advice on the toilet project, a very useful discussion followed and we are now waiting for their report. As Chair of the 'Friends' Mark is sorting a roof alarm system.

The 'Friends' brings their latest fundraising event to mind; a Strawberry Ball! A lovely evening of classical music and bubbly followed by lively dancing and a hog roast. Thanks to the 'Friends' for all they do to raise money for the Church through enjoyable community events.

Another lively Fundraising event, North Somerset Fleece Fair; visitors charmed by sheep shearing, basket making, corn dollies, rides in the horse drawn smartly painted cart, cream teas, cider and so much more! Christian Aid raised £571 in the village; our best total to date.

Bob Ford has been very unwell and at the moment (Sunday, 23rd July) is back in Somerset House; our thoughts, love and prayers are with him. Love from All Saints' to you all, have a restful? active? wonderful summer holiday; hopefully lots of sunshine, in beautiful Kingston or wherever you're going

Sue Thomas and Jackie Wright - Church Wardens

More Lucky Lotto Bonus Ball Winners

Lucky winners of the village lotto in May and June were Bruce Norton, Angela Veale, Olive Lawrence, Chris Walton, Graham Daniel, Sue Thomas, Pete and Jane Briscoe and Nita Stanley. Congratulations to them all.

Each week, one lucky person wins £33 for just a £1 stake, helping village causes (primarily related to the village hall) at the same time.

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.

Ron Chappelle

It was sad to hear about the passing of Ron Chappelle in June. He was such an important part of the Kingston Seymour Skittles Team for so long. His skill and enthusiasm will be sadly missed by the team. His insistence that there was to be no black at his funeral but bright colours perhaps indicates a part of his character not familiar to all.

Our thoughts in the village do go out to Carol at this time. She has asked me to thank people for their kind words, cards and support after Ron's sudden death. She also wanted to thank all the villagers who provided food and help after his funeral and in particular Sue Thomas, Sue Smith, Alice Cox and Olive Lawrence for their organisation.

Flower Guild News We were very pleased to be invited to participate in 'The Feast of Flowers at Kenn and were designated to the porch. We all enjoyed doing it and a thank you is due to Kenn for the invitation?

Our next commitment is Harvest and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on this occasion.

I apologise for the lack of events or demonstrations over this spring/summer but we have been struggling to find something at a reasonable cost.

And Finally the Magazine Joke!

After having dug to a depth of ten feet last year. Canadian scientists found traces of copper wire dating back some 200yrs. They concluded that their ancestors had a telephone system in place back then.

Not to be outdone! The Americans two weeks later, claimed to have found copper wire traces dating back 250yrs at a depth of twenty feet Thus proving that they were more advanced and had a system in place earlier

A week after this, The British authorities announced that Jack Arkwright from Yorkshire, a self-taught archaeologist had dug down to a depth of thirty feet. He had found bugger all, Jack then concluded that 300 yrs ago, Britain had already gone wireless!!

Just makes you proud to be British doesn't it?



VILLAGE SHOW

Saturday 26th August 2017
In the Village Hall

Classes: Fruit vegetables, flowers, cookery, poetry, photography, writing and much more.

Both Adult and Children Classes

Entries please by Saturday 19th August to

**Kate Esler The Diary House, Yew Tree Lane
The Village Post Office (Tuesday Morning)**

**Entries to be staged between 9.00 and 10.30am
Open to the Public from 2.00pm
Presentation of prizes and cups at 4.00pm**

***The Committee looks forward to your usual high
standard of entries.***

**Additional entry forms can be found on line
or from the Village Post Office.**