

Kingston Seymour Village Magazine



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Thank you to everyone who used the Christmas Village Post so donating to the Magazine. and to Judy and Robin for all their work organising everything (and the mulled wine). A change in the front cover this month. I had hoped to go colour but the cost was greater than expected! We are very lucky that Long Tailed Tits (front cover) are quite common in Kingston. Did you know they live in family groups roosting together at night? They use cobwebs in the building of their nests so that the nest can stretch as the little ones grow. (iPlayer Hugh's Wild West Saturday 20th January 6.00ppm)

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~ Lent Lunches ~

Cherry Tree House, Kenn Street, Kenn

From: Ash Wednesday 14 February Noon - 2pm

Soup & Cake, Tea/Coffee

Donations: Christian Aid

All Welcome

Wassailing

What a great evening! Thank you to The Friends and their helpers for all the work that went into this. The band really added to the atmosphere, the food was good and the mulled cider delicious. Thank you also to Anita and Richard for allowing the event to take place at Yew Tree farm. About £700 was raised so thank you everyone who came.



More Lucky Lotto Winners of the village lotto in November and December were John Hilliard, Anika Bakrania, Sue Thomas, Sue Saunders, Angela Veale, Doug Smith, Hazel Cole, Jane Lumkin and Cathy Cooke. I you want to win £33 for just a £1 stake. call Olive Lawrence on 01934-833186)or pop into the village Post Office on Tuesday mornings.

Could one of these be yours? Is it Santa dropping things from his sleigh or maybe aliens wishing to show us they're friendly? You see just this time last year, I reported that I'd found a lady's wristwatch on the ground in the parking area at the old stables end of the churchyard. Nobody claimed it and it's since sat in a post office cupboard. A year later, also around Christmas time, another lady's watch still working has been found in the village hall car park and is also in the cupboard. If you think one of them might be yours, just pop along to the post office one Tuesday morning
Graham Daniel.

~ Christmas Post 2017 ~

Another hugely successful 'Christmas Post' morning was celebrated in the foyer of the village hall on December 19th. A total of £264.60 was raised, with the majority going to Springboard and £100 to the village magazine. A huge thank you to all who came with their cards and supported the morning.

We must thank all helpers who again helped to make the morning so successful. Especially John Harris for his superb management of finances; to Sue Smith for the lovely mince pies and flow of mulled wine and to all helpers who delivered the cards round the village. To Graham Daniel, who once again handled the advertising, to the Post Office staff for allowing us to use the foyer once again.

It is of a more apologetic note that I must say sorry if it appeared I was a little stressed late in the morning. This was partly due to electrical engineers arriving 4 hours early to install radiators in our cottage and partly due to me being on the cusp of flu!

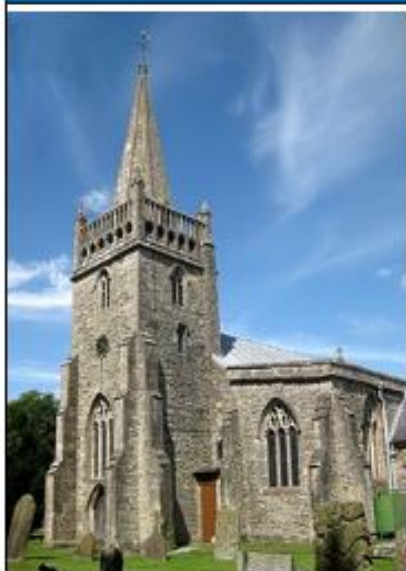
We hope to train 2 volunteers to help sort the cards into our special post frame as a back up team for next Christmas. So do we have any eager volunteers? Thank you all once again for your generosity. Judy & Robin

'In Harmony' Evening Concert

Saturday 24th March 2018 – 7.30pm

@ Kington Seymour Church

(BS21 6XE)



We are delighted to welcome selected members of the 'In Harmony' group to our church in Kington Seymour as they continue their series of concerts.

Samples of their playing, including pieces for Celtic harp, Clarinet and Accordion, Flute Trio and Saxophone Quartet can be found at their website:

<http://www.bobfoster.co.uk/ih/>

Tickets can be purchased either at the door or in advance and the price is £5.

Events from 'In Harmony' give local musicians a chance to share some of the fruits of their musical experiences, while giving audiences the opportunity to enjoy live instruments playing favourite tunes from a wide variety of musical genres in venues which are blessed with beautiful acoustics. Refreshments will be sale in the interval.

The Village Quiz – This event is planned for **17th March with a St Patrick's Day Theme**. Details to follow on the Website, Facebook page and notices at the Triangle.

Kingston Seymour Historical Society

All meetings are at 7.30 for 7.45.

Membership £10.00, Visitors £3.00

**Tuesday 27th February 2018 – At The Old School, Ham Lane
Dr Amy Frost- Planning for Peace, Redesigning Bath in the First
World War.**

**Tuesday 27th March 2018 – At Hawthorn Cottage, Middle Lane
Clive Burlton- A pot-pourri of archive films**

An eclectic mix and some amusing films/clips from the Bristol Archives Collection followed by “Not Forgotten”, a short documentary made in 2016, by Clive and his team on the tour to the Western Front. It tells the stories of three local soldiers in the First World War and we follow the families as we uncover their stories on the trip.

The film has been submitted to the Imperial War Museum as part of its annual film competition.

~ A Big Thank You ~

Thank you to all for using the village Christmas post this year, and especially a huge thank you to Robin and Judy, and their postmen and women for running the sorting office and organising deliveries of cards.

I was so pleased to be able to give a donation of nearly £200 to Springboard this week as a result of all your efforts and generosity.

Henry has benefitted hugely from the support and teaching that Springboard have been able to offer him over the last two years. They have supported his sign language development, and this has provided him with the skills to communicate, and continues to enable us all to respond to his wishes.

Springboard also provides a key worker to support Henry in his sessions at Stonecroft Nursery in Yatton. The key worker has assisted him in his development and learning and also enabled Henry to socialise with his friends. This support enabled Henry to take a key part in their Christmas show.

Springboard also supports parents and families in a practical and emotional way. I have personally found this aspect of their expertise invaluable. We are very blessed to have this exceptional support on our doorstep to support children from 0 – 5 with additional needs and disabilities.

Thank you again Hannah, Freddie and Henry

Kingston Seymour Parish Council



Hello everyone and welcome to 2018!

This is a significant year and serves as an anniversary of some momentous events in British history including:

- February - 100th anniversary of the Representation of the People Act which allowed all men and some women over 30 to vote for the first time;
- November - 100th anniversary of the Parliament (Qualification of Women) Act 1918, allowing women to stand for election to the House of Commons;
- December - 100th anniversary of all men and some women voting for the first time, in the general election of December 1918.

..... and, of course, November marked the end of the First World War.

One hundred years on, Kingston Seymour will be marking this commemoration alongside many other parishes and groups and a working party – drawn from many village groups has already put a plan of events that will take place in the village in recognition of the:

“The Battle’s Over – A Nations Tribute”:

- **Friday 9th November** – A concert in the church
- **Saturday 10th November**
 - In the afternoon, a wartime history trail and cream teas in the Church
 - In the evening, a period dinner in the village hall

- **Sunday 11th November**
 - In the afternoon, wreath laying at the memorial and Remembrance Service
 - In the evening, a bonfire and fireworks on the coast - joining up with the national lighting of beacons across the UK

Please make a note of these events in your diaries.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch Just after Christmas, there was an incident where a laser beam was deliberately shone into the cockpit of an aircraft from somewhere in the KS area. This could have had dire consequences if it had affected the pilot's ability to maintain control and, if you have any information about the perpetrators, please call the Police on 101.

Kate Gillam, our Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, would be grateful if you could share with her your email details – as requested on the flyer in the last issue. This will help her to get important information out to you in a timely manner. Please email her at ksnwcoord@icloud.com with your details.

Annual Parish Meeting The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 30th April at 7.30pm at the Village Hall and this gives you all the opportunity to come along and have your say about anything that the Parish Council is responsible for or able to assist with. We are currently preparing the Agenda and please make a note of the date in your diaries.

Council Matters At our meeting on the 8th January (Draft Minutes are on the website), we discussed many things apart from the Annual Parish Meeting!

The parish council precept has been agreed for 2018/19 by councillors, this will be unchanged from 2017/18 and gives us sufficient funds to invest in projects around the village. This precept figure now feeds into the wider calculation of council tax by North Somerset Council from April 2018 and we will all be notified of this shortly.

We have ordered a new seat for the village green and we will have this installed and secured to a proper concrete base by the spring with a

commemorative plaque recognising 100 years since 1918. Work is also being commissioned to clean and repair the War Memorial.

A parishioner has offered to paint the phone box and we are obtaining the proper paint for this. A grant will be made to the volunteer who kindly cuts the central village grass areas so that he can obtain a better mower. No progress has yet been made with NSC regarding repairs to the railings around the centre, but we continue to pursue – as we do with other highways issues.

There have been some big public consultations open – the Joint Spatial Plan and the Airport Strategy – and I hope that you have taken the opportunity to give your views. If nothing else, these developments – if they deliver – will significantly affect traffic volumes in our area to the south west of Bristol. Our neighbours at Yatton have recently published their Neighbourhood Plan and you may wish to see what their thinking is – a link to the document is on our website.

Please keep an eye on the Calendar section of our website for all the latest events going on in the village.

Steve Dixon, Parish Clerk

~ The Awful Joke Slot ~

(Before you read this I apologise if it offends anyone. If you think it might upset you please don't read it.)

A Catholic Priest, a Baptist Preacher and a Rabbi were sitting around drinking coffee. Someone made the comment that preaching to people isn't really all that hard, a real challenge would be to preach to a bear. One thing led to another, and they decided that each would find a bear and attempt to convert it to their religion.

Seven days later, they all came together to discuss their experiences. Father Flannery, who had his arm in a sling and had various bandages on his body and limbs, went first.

"Well," he said, "I went into the woods to find me a bear. And when I found him, I began to read to him from the Catechism. Well, that bear came after me and began to attack me, so I quickly grabbed my holy water, sprinkled him and, Holy Mary Mother of God, he became as

gentle as a lamb.”

Reverend Billy Bob the Baptist spoke next. He was in a wheelchair and had an intravenous drip.

“I went out and found me a bear and then I began to read to my bear from the Bible! But that bear came after me. We wrestled down one hill, until we came to a creek. So I quickly dunked him and baptised his hairy soul and just like you said, he became as gentle as a lamb.”

The Priest and the Reverend both looked down at the Rabbi, who was lying in a hospital bed He was in a body cast and traction with an intravenous drip, monitors running in and out of him.

The Rabbi looked up and said:

"Looking back on it, circumcision may not have been the best way to start...?"

Church Notes

Christmas has long gone, but it's not too late to thank the many who contributed to the festive and joyful celebration it was. The younger Flower Guild members, imaginative as always, created a woodland and garland theme, dedicating two of the garlands to the two very special villagers we lost during the year, Gill Harris and Gerald Harris. Norman and Sam got the tree into place and our brilliant team of men made sure the candle stands were put up with Margaret and Anthony ensuring the candles and lanterns were lit when needed.



The Young Farmers served coffee and mince pies in the full church after the Service of Carols and Lessons. This service with the Young Farmers, and their hospitality, is a long-standing tradition we always look forward to and enjoy. As well as providing the refreshments, they also donated their share of the collection (about £100) to our roof appeal and we thank them for this very generous gesture.

Every available standing space was filled for the Crib Service which was as magical as ever - as were the children. One of my personal favourite moments throughout Christmas time is to see our wonderful young

people, many now with partners, husbands, wives and children of their own, gathering at this service, returning to their village and family roots, probably reminiscing about their own days as a shepherd, king or angel and being part of that magic again.

The Holy Family arrived at the beginning of the service, having travelled around the village during the Advent weeks. Their last night had been spent at Rose Cottage with the Harris family and Alfie carefully presented the precious box to Avril. Ed arrived with the lamb in plenty of time and Freddie knew exactly what to do, carrying his heavy bundle around at the appropriate time. It always nearly steals the limelight but never quite; the stars are still firmly the children and, of course, Sylvia and Cheryl who put it all together. Thank you all of you and also to the parents for sharing your children.

Candlelit Midnight Mass is a much quieter service. There is always a real sense of the holy and of peace that isn't experienced at any other time in the year. If you haven't found it yet, come and see. And on Christmas morning we welcomed in the Christ-child.

Throughout all the fun and festivities of Christmastime there is also a deep awareness that, for quite a number, it's a difficult time to get through. So however you spent your Christmas, we pray that it will have offered some hope and a moving forward, if it couldn't offer joy.

The roof repairs are progressing very well and, by the time you read this, should be almost finished. The recently distributed leaflet will have all the relevant details, so suffice it to say that we are hugely indebted to Pete Briscoe for offering his skills and saving us a substantial amount of money.

Afternoon service and tea have been going well during these winter months. The next will be on Sunday 11th February, 3.30pm, which is Plough Sunday. It will be a service suitable for all ages followed by a Ploughman's Tea at 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome, there's no charge, so do please come along.

Lent is fast approaching. Shrove Tuesday falls during half term, so we'll have a Pancake Tea and some games, 4pm - 5pm, on Tuesday 13th February in the village hall. Everyone of course is welcome and again there's no charge.

Services timetable for February:

Sunday 4th February 11am a special Family Service for Candlemas.

Wednesday 7th February 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th 3.30pm Plough Service followed by Ploughman's Tea

Sunday 18th 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th 8.30am Holy Communion

Sue and Jackie



One year on and this infant business is still alive and kicking, although there's a long way to go before I could confidently claim that it was "established"! But I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those villagers who have supported the tastings – some just coming to one or two but

others coming to nearly all! It's been quite challenging but a lot of fun; the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and the response from the village has kept me going while Clevedon has been a bit up and down, to say the least. I've had everything from tastings which have been considerably oversubscribed to those which I've had to cancel for lack of support – so it's been a learning curve. The biggest problem is finding a suitable venue, ie one that is licensed, affordable, has a comfortable and relaxing ambience, can be walked to by at least some people and has easy parking. Nowhere has quite ticked all those boxes yet but I am hoping to hold some of the 2018 tastings at The Cider Barn, which just might!!

At the moment I have scheduled five tastings for this year, starting with a Port tasting in the Village Hall on Friday 16th March. We were lucky enough to have a holiday exploring the Douro last year, so this tasting will include a whistle-stop photographic tour of the region and some of its finest port houses and quintas. More info about this and future wine tastings on my Facebook page.

Private tastings are beginning to take off – my next one is a gin tasting for a "girls' night in". They are also a popular choice for birthdays, hen parties or as components of social programmes for clubs or societies. Do get in touch if you are interested!

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Burns Night

Saturday 3rd February
7.15pm for 7.30pm



at Kingston Castle
Sometimes known as the
Village Hall

3 Course Supper
Piper
Ceilidh

Dress Code: 'fairly formal with a touch of tartan'

Tickets : £18

From: Sue Thomas (833593)

Judy Seward (832612)

Anita Simmons (838864)



Tables of 8, 10 or 12 can be arranged if requested
but no need to make up a table

In aid of church roof fund
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