

Kingston Seymour Village Magazine



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Just a thought if you email the magazine I will always acknowledged you email. If you haven't heard from me then I haven't received your email please ring me.

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Does anyone have any personal stories of family caught up in the 1st world war that they would be willing to share during the Remembrance service? If so could they please get in touch with me. 01934 832995 or avriljgaunt@gmail.com. Thank you Avril Gaunt.

Question Time: Thursday 4 October 7.30pm, Chapter House Yatton. Members of the public are invited to go along and pose questions to a panel including: June Richards from Cleeve Church, Leslie Farrall from St. Mary's, Yatton, retired Priest Victor Barley and Ian Bowley from Yatton Methodist Church.

A message from Ed Brooks - I have just become the Vice Chairman of Yatton RBL (Royal British Legion) and I would like to make people aware and get as many from the village involved. Membership is not limited to those with military service. Anyone who wants to support our Armed Forces can get involved.

A lunch is planned for the 27th October, also at Yatton Rugby Club to mark the re-launch of the branch, 100 years since the end of WW1, 100 years of the RAF and 90 years since the Great Pilgrimage.

If you need any more info please get in touch with me at:

edward.brooks@greenandpleasant.net

or have a look at the website. <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>

Village Lotto Winners Lucky winners of the village lotto in July and August were Jackie Wright, Roland Griffin, Angela Veale (twice), Janet Burdge, John Hilliard, Sue Thomas and Graham Daniel. Congratulations to them all.

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. It is based on the national lotto bonus ball number each week and for a £1 a week stake you could win £34.

Battles over Concert - Friday 9th November Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to sing or play so far for our remembrance concert. However we are still looking for more acts to sing, play, act, read poetry etc. If you are interested, please contact Susie Humphries 833603 or humphries@live.co.uk

Kingston Ladies Lunch Club

We had a good group of 10 ladies at lunch last week and we will continue our meeting each month on the second THURSDAYS of each month from October as unfortunately there was not much response for Wednesdays.

Our next lunch will be at **The Salthouse Inn** in Clevedon on **Thursday 11th October**

On **Thursday 8th November** we will be going to **The Star** at Rhodyate Hill Congresbury.

Please let me know if you would like to come to either or both and meet in the Village car park at 12.30pm for a lift or let me know if you wish to make your own way there for each occasion so that I know numbers to book a table. Thank you.

Margaret Laishley, Tel 838583 email m.laishley@btinternet.com

Christmas is Coming.....

.... but there's no need to panic yet! We're just getting our act together early in order to ensure that wonderful Kingston Seymour tradition the Christmas Post has become goes as smoothly as it can.

The date this year is Tuesday, 18 December, but Postman Pat (with Judy and Robin Seward as his main helpers) has a lot to do to prepare. We need an additional sorting frame to keep up with the ever-increasing numbers of cards – and Anthony Hawks has kindly offered to make that, with the Village Lotto Fund covering the cost.

We need volunteers to help sort them – and John Harris and I (both being tall enough to reach the top of the frame!) have offered to take that task on. We need volunteers to help deliver the cards, so please let Judy or Robin know if you're up for that. Even just a few near your own home would be great.

We need everyone to help by ensuring they put a little more than just someone's first name on the envelopes! Surprising though it might be, even those people who've lived in the village all of their lives (or Judy, who used to

be the Village Postie) don't know everyone, so please use surnames and the first line of address, rather than just the name your children know their favourite aunty by!

One other thing you can do to help is to get any cards that you've written to Judy and Robin before the day – so that they're not buried in the avalanche which usually all arrive together!

The charities our funds will go to this year are two that Gerald Harris supported and I'm sure he'd have been delighted to know that we would support in his memory. They're the Weston Hospice and the British Heart Foundation; both wonderful causes.

Graham Daniel

Message from Warren and Diana Williams.

Dear friends, many of you will be aware that I am retiring on the 1st of October and by then we shall have moved to the village of Churchill the other side of Congresbury.

Our last Sunday before I retire will be the 30th September when my final service in Kingston Seymour will take place at All Saints at 8.30 a.m. with a short said morning communion service using the traditional Book of Common Prayer rite. My last service at Kenn will be a 45 minute All Age informal one at 11 a.m. everyone very welcome at both churches as always.

It has been a wonderful privilege over the past five and a half years to serve amongst you as your 'local Vicar' at All Saints, Kingston as well as at St. John's, Kenn within the Yatton Moor Team as an associate priest.

We give heartfelt thanks for everyone; for your friendship, enthusiasm and support over our years amongst you. Our time with you has been full of precious memories and we are grateful for the lasting friendships made along the way. As we look back, it is good to reflect on those special occasions many of us experienced together throughout the seasons of the year. Advent, the Great Feast of Christmas and all that it means to us, the joyous Crib and Carol Services; the season of Lent leading up to Easter celebrations and not forgetting the unique West Country practice of having an occasional Wassail at the beginning of the year. Ours being within a Christian setting of blessings of Apple Trees, Orchards, farm land, animals with prayers for all the lovely people around us as well. This time of year we have Harvest Thanksgiving services and in the Summer, Flower Festivals. In the Autumn we share 'Remembrance'

together - and this year will be a very special anniversary weekend of "Battles Over" which many have been forward planning for quite some time.

We also think of our annual Plough Sunday celebrations with fond memories of dear folk who have since departed this life and who held the land and the agricultural community dear to their hearts within church and rural parish setting. In recent years we have also held an occasional Lammas service at Richard and Anita Simmons' Barn on their farm followed by a barbeque and bar. It is good to celebrate life!

We fondly recall village events such as Sports Day; the Village Show; many 'Friends of All Saint's' occasions in the village hall, Carols in the Close, BBQ near the church, 'Who dun it' a murder mystery Play and we could go on and on. Also lasting memories of the special events at St. John's Kenn such as the celebrations held at various times of the year in the church and in the village hall; wonderful gospel singers from Bristol that had everyone swaying in the aisles, semi-professional, and professional opera singers entralling us with their marvellous voices, excellent musical accompaniment and choral singing from wonderful talented international and local artistes, charitable village and church concerts, the delightful cream teas, lunches and suppers provided at both churches throughout our time with you. Yes, we could indeed go on and on.

It has also been a privilege and delight to occasionally officiate at St. Mary's Yatton, Holy Trinity Cleeve and St. Barnabas Claverham and to get to know so many wonderful people.

We thank you for your kindnesses, friendship and wonderful memories which shall always be with us. Churchill isn't so far away so we look forward to seeing you from time to time in the future. We shall be keeping you in our hearts and in our prayers.

Warren and Diana.

Kingston Seymour Parish Council

This month, I want to talk about the BIG FOUR. No, not the banks – or the supermarkets – or the Beatles – these are the four biggest things that are going to influence our village over the next couple of years and all of which have been discussed by your Councillors since the last edition.

Firstly, Road Safety. As promised last month, North Somerset Highways delivered a set of proposals to us at the end of August and we discussed them at the Council meeting on the 10th September.

In summary the next two strands of activity are:

- The Parish Council have agreed to the proposals with some omissions and amendments – with these to be finalised by on site meetings with a Highways Officer. A working group of 3 councillors has been formed to push this work forward.
- We are advised by NS highways that there is no funding or resource capacity available to do the work in the remainder of the 2018-19 financial year - but that if we are to get onto the 2019-2020 schedule we must act now. To that end, the NS Highways officer is going to brief the Executive Member on the main Council – Elfan ap Rees –and to take his instruction about getting our needs prioritised alongside those of the rest of North Somerset. Such prioritisation is likely to involve a financial contribution towards the overall costs from Parish Council funds

Both of these strands will report back to the next Parish Council meeting on 14th November for agreements and commitments to be made.

By the time you read this all of the hedges & verges alongside our public lanes should have been cut back. The Parish Council is paying for this work as it should help road users remain safer – with better sight lines – through the autumn as it gets darker and road conditions become more challenging.

Secondly, the Cycle Route. Just a year ago, we were briefed about the possibility of a Cycle Route through the village and across the Tutshill Sluice and that it might take five years to deliver. I wrote about it in the Sept and Nov 2017 editions of this magazine and there was an article about it in the March edition of *North Somerset Life* this year.

Well 12 months on, we have been updated by NSC and are advised that the planning application will be submitted imminently.

When the planning application is lodged, the Council – and all parishioners - will have eight weeks to comment on the proposals. Your Council is very concerned about the extra car traffic that access to such a route will generate into the village and is also very concerned about the safety of all road users once more are encouraged to be on our narrow lanes. We will be looking at the submitted proposals very carefully and I would urge you to do the same and make comments or challenge if you so wish.

Thirdly, the Coastal Footpath. Quite separate to the Cycle Route proposal (sponsored by North Somerset Council), Natural England continues to work towards establishing a section of the England Coast Path through the village.

The precise route is currently being discussed with affected land owners and will be close to the coastline in most places except where unique circumstances arise – e.g. where nesting birds must not be disturbed. We are told that the path is just that – a path - and will not be usable by cyclists or other riders.

Whilst those who are “walking the path” from Clevedon to Weston and beyond are not an issue for the village, however - as with the Cycle Route - your Council is concerned about the extra vehicular traffic that this may attract to the village as walkers decide they'd like to go KS to Clevedon one week and KS to Weston another. There is no talk of providing a car park for either walkers or cyclists.

The last of the big four is Fracking. You may have heard or read in the draft minutes, that following feedback from residents and with regard to the apparent consequences of the activity both at home and overseas, your Councillors passed a resolution to declare Kingston Seymour “frack free”.

We have been monitoring and briefing you on the situation for two years and we covered Fracking at the Annual Parish Meeting this year and I last wrote about it in the May/June issue of this magazine. Your Councillors are very concerned that the potential risks of the activity – inter-alia: contamination of fresh water sources, huge use of fresh water in the process, possible chemical pollution from the fracking fluid pumped into the ground, air pollution from the processes used and industrialisation of the countryside as hundreds of lorry journeys are made to establish and maintain a site. All this in a location that is already in a delicate environmental balance being coastal and at or below sea level.

Whilst encouraging Fracking is part of the current Government's policy – and they are currently “consulting” on two proposals – one of which is to allow exploratory wells to be drilled under the “*Permitted Development*” category (usually used to allow the build of a small extension!) your Councillors are unconvinced by arguments that suggest it will be a major source of gas for the country. Even if shale gas proved to be such a source, we do not believe that expanded use of fossil fuels is the way forward when development of renewable energy sources and increased energy efficiency provide a more acceptable and environmentally responsible solution.

Other village news in brief:

- You may have heard of or been affected by a recent spate of criminal damage around the village. The Police have identified the perpetrator and steps have

been taken to prevent a repeat. It is important though – particularly as the nights become longer – that you all remain vigilant and report to the Police any suspicious activity that you notice – and with as much detail as you can safely give.

- A huge amount of work is being undertaken by many in the village to get ready for the commemorations in November to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War. You may have noticed that the village bench now has a plaque commemorating all from Kingston who have made a sacrifice for their country.

The restoration work on the War Memorial has now started and should be complete by the time you see this article.

- A year ago, I wrote about a new Broadband provider for the village and I'm told that Gigaclear – the licence holder – may shortly start to install cables and cabinetry in the village. Their website states that they are finalising their roll out plan (including KS) and it will be completed by the end of 2019. Check their website at www.gigaclear.com to see if you are interested in what they have to offer.

- On Thursday 2nd May 2019 there will be local elections for your District Councillors and Parish Councillors. If this is a role that you might be interested in, think about it now and look out for announcements of the relevant nomination forms in early 2019.

Please contact me if you have any comments on any of the above or anything else about the village. Thank you.

Steve Dixon, Parish Clerk

Village Hall Pub Nights

Please note, we won't put the Pub sign out as a rule, only an exception.

The sign will be updated and only put out if the Pub will NOT be open.

The upcoming fortnightly pubs nights will be as follows:

5 October
19 October
2 November
16 November
30 November
14 December

28 December - No Pub Night

31 December - New Year's Eve Party



BATTLE'S OVER A NATIONS TRIBUTE

The weekend 9 to 11 Nov 18 is aimed as a celebration of the end of WW1 and a commemoration to all those who have given their lives in defence of our country

There is a theme nationally of light which is driven out of Sir Edward Grey's famous remark "The lamps are going out all over Europe we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime"

There is also a famous speech by Winston Churchill that takes a similar theme with the light of freedom going out over Europe as the Cold War descended

The village has many events planned in tribute to those who have made sacrifices in service of our country

IN PREPARATION

There are lots of plans already afoot within the village in support of our tribute

The new bench is now installed which with a plaque of dedication.

A large group of villagers ably managed and co-ordinated by Caroline and Trudy Harris has been making ceramic poppies

many of which will be displayed at the war memorial in our own very unique tribute at the end of September

A memorial tankard or Goblet is now available for which any profits, like the rest of the weekend, will go to the Royal British Legion.

These can now be ordered see leaflet.

There will be banner poles erected in the village over the weekend and the flower guild is hard at work with their plans to dress the church and churchyard

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday 9th Nov 2018, 7.30pm

A People's Concert

The friends of All Saints will host a Peoples Concert during the village centenary celebration weekend with a through the decades theme. The concert will be a free event and will include wine and canapés during the interval.

A voluntary collection will be held for donations to the British Legion.

The format of the evening will be poetry, stories, comedy, music, dance and much more provided by the residents of Kingston Seymour and their friends.

We require volunteers of all ages to come forward with contributions towards the evening, from poems to comedy, singing to dancing, it doesn't matter.

Should you wish to volunteer your services please contact Susie Humphries on 833603 / humphries@live.co.uk

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Saturday 10th November 2018

1.00pm

Village History Trail & Cream Teas

The village historical society has organised three history trails around the village all starting and finishing at the Church which capture the village's involvement and history associated with both of the World Wars

One of the trails is a short walk suitable for everyone including children, the second is a longer walk for the more adventurous and the third will be by tractor and trailer around the wider village

Before you start or when you get back the Church will be open
10.00am - 4.00pm for Tea and Cakes

7.00pm

Dinner 1918 Style

On the evening on the 10th November we will be putting on a dinner dance in the hall. This will be a formal dinner where all participants can get involved by wearing period dress. A chance for the ladies to put on their best dresses and the men to look dapper in black tie.

Food will be laid on by Edesia's Kitchen and will consist of a period 3 course menu. I am sure that those of you that have partaken in their fares at Bullock Farm and during the recent barn dance will agreed that they do put on a good spread.

Tickets will be out soon, watch for advertising!

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Sunday 11th November 2018

3.00pm

Remembrance Liturgy at the War Memorial

Everyone is invited to attend the Liturgy when wreaths will be laid. Anyone who wears a uniform in service to others be this a military or civilian emergency service or a voluntary group including cubs and scouts etc

The flower guild has kindly offered at a cost of materials only to make wreaths for organisation or person in the village who would like to lay a wreath.

Should you wish to order a wreath please contact the flower guild at ksflowerguild22@gmail.com

After the Liturgy

Remembrance Service at the Church

Everyone is welcome to attend this service of Remembrance straight after the laying of the wreaths. There'll be a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

7.00pm

Lighting of the Beacon

By kind support of John Harris a Beacon will be built and lit on the coast co-ordinated with other communities around the coast where as a final act of Remembrance we will shine a light in recognition that World War One ended only 100 years ago



The 2018 Kingston Seymour Annual Village Show

This was undoubtedly another great day out with fantastic support. Each year the committee are overwhelmed by the creativity and effort from members of our community making for a brilliant day.

This year's results are:

Adults

Gill Harris Memorial Cup (best flower arrangement) - Jude Simmons

Philip & Jude Simmons Cup (best overall photograph) - Peter Harris

Paul & Alice Cox Cup (best overall cookery) - Chris Badman

John Vanderplank Cup (winner of men's cookery) - Alan Saunders

David & Sarah Harris Cup (winner of any other craft) - Mike Hedger

David Hamilton Poetry Cup (winner of the writing section) - Val Hurley

Ken & Freda Stuckey Cup (person with the highest number of points in the adult section) - Jude Simmons

Rodney & Angela Veale Cup (person with the highest number of points in the vegetable section) - Paul Nichols

Children

Boys Cup (most points) - Freddie Braine

Girls Cup (most points) - Florence Summerell-Furlong

Once again a huge thank you to Olive Lawrence for providing tea and coffee, and her lovely cakes and to Warren Williams for kindly presenting the cups.

Good luck all for next year, we look forward to seeing you again.

Village Show Committee

Kingston Seymour Flower Guild

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the Harvest displays. Once again you did yourselves proud and they looked beautiful and very much to the Harvest theme.

We will be contributing towards the Remembrance weekend so please look out for further information. Not long after we will be thinking about preparing for Christmas (sorry)!

We will keep everyone posted about ideas in the pipeline for all future arrangements.

Thank you again. Sue Hyde.

Kingston Seymour Historical Society

The Programme for Autumn 2018

Membership £10. Visitors £3.00 Junior Visitors £1.50

Tuesday 30th October

At: The Tynnings, Ham Lane

Melvin Wood - "Lost Rivers of Bristol"

A presentation on the underground rivers through the city centre of Bristol, particularly regarding the River Frome

Tuesday 20th November

At: Bulbeck, Bullocks Lane

John Penny - "Out and About in Bristol 1914 to 1918"

An illustrated talk with audio and film clips looking at various aspects of life in Bristol during World War One. It deals in particular with recruiting "Bristol's Own" (the 12th Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment), local aircraft and munitions production and Bristol's War hospitals and war memorials.

Tuesday 29th January

At: Greenacre, Ham Lane

Jane Bell – "Roman Kingston Seymour" An illustrated talk informing and explaining the many Roman finds discovered mainly at random on 5 separate sites near to Ham Farm since 2011 and the ongoing investigations by the University of Exeter and also of Yatton, Congresbury, Claverham, Cleeve, Archaeological Research Team, (YCCCART). Contact 07725 615157 and 01934 877322 No charge.

Writing for the Village Show

I always feel it is a pity that there is not always time to read all the entries in the Village Show. I have included below the winners of the three categories which I requested from their authors John Harris, Angela Travis and Val Hurley respectively.

The Silent Scourge

There was a young cyclist from Brissle
Whose pace was as light as a thistle.

But on Kingston's back lanes

He was an absolute pain;

Get a horn, get a bell, get a whistle.

Age of Innocence

Bobby and Grandma Rose were close telling each other everything. Rose did the school run. Bobby spoke of nothing else but his friend Souki so Rose felt she knew all about her they had been inseparable since term started.

“She’s so funny Grandma clever too, she’s coming to tea tomorrow we’re having her favourite tea.”

Next day Rose collected Bobby and was amazed when the pair came running out of school.....

Later Rose’s son told her that Soukina’s parents recently arrived from Nigeria, her father was a doctor.

Goes to show..... through the eyes of a child prejudice doesn’t exist.

On the Run

As I was out strolling, just ambling along,
I hummed an old tune, a familiar sound.
Not a care in the world,
Not a thought in my head,
I blissfully drifted off home to my bed.

When rumbles and shaking were felt through my feet,
I sensed the loud rhythm of my own heart beat.
Deep down in my body
It sounded like thunder,
The masses of feet that tore me asunder.

There was no time to turn and no time to speak,
As flashing above me were hooves, paws and beaks.
The squawking and roaring,
Flying feathers and fur,
As terrified wildlife flew by in a blur.

The commotion abated as I stood still,
My breathing was rapid my voice high and shrill.
“Hey, Where are you going?”

For Kingston, the next stage is to be decided, but initial discussions have already started. Meanwhile the pattern of services will be covered and Team Rector, Tim Scott, based at St. Mary's Yatton, will have continued overall responsibility for us. For any pastoral issues that need clergy help, he can be reached on 01934 838960. A time of vacancy, such as this, is an opportunity for us to continue to grow and work together. It's rarely an easy time, but with the wonderful community we have here in Kingston, it can also be a positive experience.

Our Harvest Services reflected that growing and working. Mark and Susie gathered a group of nine children together, who sang a fabulous harvest rumba song with dance steps to match - thank you Alicia! It was fabulous. The harvest decorations and sunflowers were bright and sunny and fabulous too. We had a good crowd of people at both services and our equally fabulous cream tea gang, pulled out all the stops to set up, serve to a constant stream of customers, then clear away again, between the services. Three big bags of non-perishable gifts are on their way to the Sisters of the Church in Bristol, who make up food parcels for the homeless and needy, and flowers and eggs have been delivered around our village. The beautiful Harvest Loaf was made again for us this year by Marion Atwell at Claverham, Jean-Louie from Yatton surprised us with the gift of a beautiful tractor loaf. Both were placed on the altar, another symbol of sharing of our gifts. So thank you to everyone who helped, took part, came along or joined in with the day, it's been a particularly memorable harvest time.

The Strawberry Tea in Hazel's sunny garden is part of our pastoral care for our village family. It was a huge joy to see both Doreen and Fay well enough to attend this year. Lots of chatter went on throughout the afternoon until all that was left was the dishwasher to load. Hazel, thank you for letting us come to your home once again, and thank you to the helpers who make the afternoon run like clockwork.

The funeral service for Steve Rideout is to be on Monday 1st October at 1pm. Steve grew up at New House Farm and was a popular and lively young man. He was full of fun, a natural entertainer and gifted engineer. We send our sympathy to Robert and Valentine, his brothers, and to all the family.

November is our Patronal Festival of All Saints and also Remembrance Weekend, when the church will be open for the Concert on the Friday, for coffee and cake during the day on the Saturday 10am - 4pm, as well as of course, the Service of Remembrance on the Sunday. It would be good to give the inside and the churchyard an autumn tidy before these big events if we can so...

Friday 12th October Inside Autumn Clean from 10am

Saturday 13th October Churchyard Tidy from 10am

If anyone can spare an hour to help on either day, we would be very grateful indeed.

Shoe Box Appeal We shall be supporting the Blytheswood Appeal again this year. Flyers will be in the church porch or at the bus shelter with some boxes, or if you are able to find an empty shoe box you can cover and use, even better. Kingston has always been amazingly generous with this Christmas time scheme. As always, the boxes go to people who would otherwise receive nothing at Christmas. The Blytheswood scheme reaches adults as well, which is a lovely touch, as there are many lonely older people to whom we can give a little bit of love.

Battle's Over- A Nations Tribute

The Historical Society would be grateful to anyone who has any photographs and information, old letters, artifacts, etc. that they would be willing to lend for the exhibition, from both World Wars, that will take place at the Church over the Battles Over weekend for Saturday 10th November and Sunday 11th. The material will need to be related to Kingston Seymour itself, even if in a fairly broad sense, as it is about the contribution that KS played during those times to the defence of the Country.

There will be a person in charge of the exhibition on constant vigil when the Church is open, and photographs and documents do not need to be original, they can be copies, if you prefer.

Please contact Jane Bell on 01934 877322, or email Jane on jane_greenacre@hotmail.co.uk

Chris Walton on 01934 838485 or Anne Perrott on 01934 833888.

Our Village Agent is Sarah Friend for help and advice. She can be contacted on 01275878180 and is often at the Village Post Office.

Don't miss the Village Market on 6th October 10.00 -12.00 in the Village Hall. Fresh meat, Cakes, Bread, Preserves, Greeting cards, Crafts etc.

The Post office is open from 9.30 -12.00 on Tuesdays in the Village Hall.

BATTLE'S OVER



10 NOVEMBER 2018 **BATTLE'S OVER DINNER** **DANCE**

A Nation Remembers.

Join your friends and neighbours for a night to remember! All profits from ticket sales to be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Doors Open 1930 – Dinner at 2000.

Dress code – Black Tie or Period Costume (1914-1918/1939-1945).

Tickets in Advance from Kate & Andy Gillam or Alice @ Kingston Garage.

£20 per Person

3 Course Dinner

Edward Crawford
Close Up
Magician

Panama Jazz
Band

Open Until Late!

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VILLAGE HALL



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