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The front cover this month is a splendid mini scarecrow attached to a magnificent box of vegetables produced by Paul Nichols for the village show. A picture of this appears with the report along with other writing contributions later in the magazine. It has been very busy as usual in Kingston Seymour over the summer but the magazine would suggest a slightly quieter autumn as you will see from its size this month. Still there is a quite different family service to look forward to (see back cover), some interesting talks from the Historical Society, The Village Market and of course there is always the Post Office on Tuesday mornings and the Village Pub every other Friday to pick up any gossip.

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This date is very near the end of the month so no later please.

Ladies Who Lunch

Hello, ladies.

This month (Sept) we had a successful lunch at Tiffin's in the village with 9 members .

On **Thursday 10th October** we are going to revisit the **White Hart** at **Wrington** and on **Thursday 21st November** we will try the **Moor End Spout** at **Nailsea** I have been there several times and had good meals. (Please note this date is the 3rd Thursday of the month due to the Flower Guild outing being on the 14th and some of you will be going to that) It was decided to have a **Christmas lunch** at the **Old Inn at Congresbury** on **Friday 13th December**

For all these lunches we will meet as usual in the Village car park to share cars at 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm. Please make a note of these dates and try to keep them free and come along and enjoy the company! Please let me know as soon as you can if you are coming so that I can book the appropriate number. Thank you and look forward to seeing you.

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Church Notes

Just a brief report this time as Sue is away on holiday.

I'm sure many people have noted the unusually high number of weddings we have had in the village this summer. Most of them have enjoyed glorious weather and the church and churchyard have never looked so beautiful. Thank you to all who have helped with flowers, cleaning, mowing, strimming, hedging and painting. We are very fortunate to have so many willing helpers – and so much talent – in our village.

Harvest Festival was celebrated rather differently this year, and included a fascinating talk from Jim Ruston on “Operation Pied Piper”, the evacuation of children away from big cities to the countryside at the beginning of World War Two. The Historical Society, which had arranged this, also mounted a display in the church which included written and pictorial memorabilia and also many artefacts. Following this about 60 people sat down to a delicious Harvest Supper in the Hall. Sunday saw two services as well as cream teas a very busy weekend!

It has been a privilege and very great pleasure to have our curate Jo Stobart taking many of our services during this period of vacancy when our Team Rector Tim Scott has also been away on sabbatical. Jo is now leaving us for pastures new, having been appointed Priest at Ilminster with Whitelackington. She takes up this post on 25th September and a coachload of parishioners from Yatton Moor will be travelling to Ilminster for her licensing. Her last service was on 15th September in Yatton; the church was packed with members of all five churches present. Jo has had a huge impact on the life of the Team and we shall miss her, but we wish her well in her new position. Our loss is definitely Ilminster's gain.

Life is full of comings and goings and firsts and lasts, and we have two rather special “first” events coming up. Messy Harvest is at Yew Tree Farm on Sunday 29th September, an afternoon for all the family packed with fun and games, food and worship. And then on Sunday 6th October there will be a special Family Service to which you are invited to bring your PETS! (Real or the equally important and precious cuddly variety). Details on the back page – we hope to have a full (and doubtless slightly chaotic) church!

John Allday, churchwarden.

Coffee Cake and Prayer

A warm welcome to the Old School, Ham Lane, Kingston Seymour beginning Wednesday 13th November at 10am until 11am.

First a time for fellowship with a tea or coffee, then a time to look at people who need our prayers followed by a time of reflective prayer.

Further dates for your diary Wednesday 27th and 11th December. Please ring me on 01934 838404 if you want more information

Looking forward to your company, Yvonne Nelson.

Congratulations to- Luke and Sarah who had a baby boy at 11.29am on 19/09/19 Ralphie Sidney Cox 8lb 8oz. Safe to say we are very proud grandparents. Can't wait for them to be allowed home! Alice and Paul Cox.

Christmas is coming

Your goose may not yet be fat, but Postman Pat (with Judy and Robin Seward as his main helpers) is already getting his plans together for this year's Christmas Post on **Tuesday, 17 December**.

We have the additional sorting frame which Anthony Hawkes made last year and are expecting John Harris and Graham Daniel (both being tall enough to reach the top of it!) to help sort the cards again.

This year's charity will be **Dementia UK**, a wonderful organisation supporting both those who suffer from this distressing condition and the people who love them – and who very often suffer more than the patients themselves.

Dementia UK will receive at least 70% of the money raised, with the balance being used to help the village magazine you're reading now to continue in production without having to charge for it.

More details of the Christmas Post will be in the next issue of the magazine – but do please put the date in your diary now.

A Directory of Village Businesses?

I am sure you will remember Maggie's information about her new cleaning company based here in Kingston Seymour. She has now decided to broaden the services as you will see below. You all know that the magazine does adverts as a one off if they are based locally but we do not generally carry them. However I thought it might be useful when there is space to add a small directory of the businesses in the Village that we could use rather than hunting further a field. If you are a business and would like to be on this list please do email me with your name, the service you could provide, contact number and email address and I will set one up. I do not promise it will be made every issue but I will do my best.

Contact: ksmagazine@outlook.com if you are interested.



Cleaning Services and More

We are small, local cleaning company based in Kingston Seymour. Recently we have noticed growing need for other services specially when it comes to elderly people. That's why we would like to offer wider range of services to our existing clients as well as the new ones. We are very happy to help out with things like ironing, putting washing on, hanging it or folding it. Taking rubbish out, washing up, small gardening jobs, changing bed linen and more. Also carpet cleaning on special request.

We understand that sometimes people may feel embarrassed or not sure if they can ask for other things to be done. But we are there to help and make sure you are receiving the best possible service we can provide. Anyone who would like more information please contact Maggie on 07716099366

Thank you to you all! Reuben and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for all the well wishes, cards and love we received for our wedding. We feel incredibly lucky to be part of the Kingston community. So many of you helped and wanted to be part of our special day- we will always feel grateful and thankful to you. We had the perfect day.

Love the new Mr and Mrs Wright.

Africa into the future.

As many of you will realise, I served my time in Uganda, Kenya and Malaŵi as a young man, and have continued to take a keen interest in the continent ever since. I now sit on the Tropical Agriculture Association's regional committee and am a trustee of the Bicton Overseas Agricultural Trust.

Recently, Pauline and I attended a conference run jointly by these two bodies "*Glimpses of Africa, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*". Among the speakers were professors from Reading, the Royal Agricultural and Plymouth universities and Richard Dowden, former *Times* correspondent for Africa, editor of *The Economist & The Independent* and recently Executive Director of the Royal African Society. The academics all brought a number of their African postgrads with them, providing much to the discussions.

Inevitably, we were swamped with statistics, and I share but a few: 54 countries, with a population of 1.3bn, 200m of whom are in Nigeria alone. The highest human fertility rate at 4.7, with births outnumbering deaths by 4:1. Approx. 50m of these are orphans, and malnutrition kills 3000 children per day – that's 1.1m/annum. Imagine that in Europe!

More stats: 40% of the global population without access to safe drinking water, but over 500m have mobile 'phones and 177m subscribe to *Facebook*! 20% of the global land area and 16% of the population, but only 3% of the world GDP and 28 of the world's poorest countries. Huge resources of oil and minerals, and agriculture also extremely important, contributing to more than 50% of the GDP in countries such as Sierra Leone and Chad. There is a huge labour pool – a source of both instability and strength – plenty of sunshine and yes, water. But all require better management, education, governance, infrastructure and marketing. The list goes on.

Just one example; in the agricultural sector, one of the most interesting developments is the role of "cold chains" for fresh produce. 40% of food is lost post-harvest/slaughter. In the typical African market, ladies wait patiently all day in the heat beside a pyramid of tomatoes or a rack of fish, say. Inevitably this produce comes in a glut, so at the day's end, it is dumped, no longer edible. But chill those tomatoes to just 10°C and they will store for nearly a month. Gone are the days in Europe when every city and town had its surrounding farmers supplying fresh food

(today's "Farmers' Markets" are not significant of course). The African subsistence farmer has little, if any, experience of shade and gentle handling for his/her (very often "her") produce, let alone the role of chilling. Present cold chains rely heavily on diesel fuel (500m have no access to electricity), but there are a number of new technologies, such as solar powered storage facilities and off-grid refrigerators that can last for days at a time. The complete chain from supplier to market must prove effective and affordable, a tall order indeed. It works for medicines too of course.

The consequences of food loss are not limited to hunger, rural poverty and inflated food prices. In 2011 apparently, they accounted for more than the total greenhouse gas emissions of CO²-equivalent from road transportation in the entire EU.

In the meantime, the waste reduction charity *Wrap* reports that in the UK food worth £650m is wasted post-harvest because of supermarket rules on size, quality and failure to predict demand: 45% of lettuces, 17% of onions and 16% of carrots.

Stones and glass houses methinks.

John Harris.



Felted Squirrel by Cheryl Sewell

The Village Show

2019 was again a show of great competition among the younger and older members of Kingston Seymour with plenty of exciting and colourful entries.

Winning the children's boy's section Charlie Harris stormed into the lead with 18 points to take the Cup. In joint second place were Dylan Cole and Seb Simmons. Alicia Sewell held onto the girl's cup for another year with 21 points, in second place was Josie Harris with 14 points and in joint third place Olivia Cole and Molly Parker.

Ian Morgan was full of culinary delights winning both the John Vanderplank Men's Cookery Cup and the Paul & Alice Cox Cup for best overall cookery. The judges were very impressed with Josie Harris'

photography entry of her dog and she was awarded the Overall Best Photograph in Show winning the Philip and Jude Simmons cup.

Anita Simmons' lovely write up was awarded the David Hamilton Poetry Cup for best poetry. Anita then went onto to win the Jill Harris Memorial Cup for best flower arrangement. The David and Sarah Harris Any Other Craft Cup was awarded to Liz Norris . In the fruit and vegetable section first place went to Jude Simmons with 12 points winning the Rodney and Angela Veale Cup, hotly pursued by John Vanderplank with 11 points.

Members of the Village Show Committee would like to thank all the entrants for their time and support making for another great family show. A huge thank you to Olive for providing tea and coffee, and her lovely cakes. Thank you to John Vanderplank for kindly offering to present the cups.

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



Leonie Allday receives her well deserved cup from John Vanderplank

The Winning Poem – Theme Brexit

Go West By Anita Simmons

Farewell to Provence and the sweltering summer haze,
The aroma from the coffee in the waterfront cafes,
Artisan patisseries, fresh croissants and baguettes,
And markets on the shore adorned with mussels and crevettes.

Farewell to sleeping yachts, all moored along the quay
Where fishermen trade, their treasures from the sea.
Filigree footbridges over sparkling rivulets,
Flora and Fauna weaving sunlit silhouettes.

Goodbye cobbled streets, market squares and still canals,
The traders all bartering in the leafy shopping malls.
Locals selling tablecloths of lace and tapestries,
Taffeta and silk gently quivering in the breeze

So long, fields of Lavender, a purple heady blaze,
Laden groves of olives, and golden fields of maize.
Farewell to the vineyards of Reims and Epernay,
We will toast you with champagne on our final Brexit day.

Our adventures in the future may be across the pond.
Allies further west are keen to form a bond.
Take courage in both hands and embrace every day,
The culture, and cuisine, and the multi-lane highway.
Hamburgers and waffles, and crispy KFC
Bison from Montana, pumpkin soup from Tennessee.
Thirsty scorching deserts, silver gilded lakes,
Cold beer or soda? Cheers United States.

Winning Limerick by Leonie Allday

There once was a girl named Miss Hooper
Whose behaviour was somewhat improper
But with feminine wiles
And the charm of her smiles
She ran rings round her local copper.



A Magnificent selection of vegetables from Paul Nichols.

Village Market

In the Village Hall on Saturday October 5th and 3rd November. These run from 10 to 12 and local fresh produce is sold along with plants crafts, cards, second hand books and hot bacon sandwiches. Tea and coffee also available.

TrueSpeed

Have you signed up yet? If not and you are thinking about it please do. I believe we are very close to the magic number of signed up house holds that mean TrueSpeed can progress to setting it all up.

For enquires contact Andy Moore (Regional Manager) 01225300370 / 07548239261 or amoor@truespeed.com

Thank you to Jane Bell for organising a village meeting to discuss the proposed Coastal Path. It is good to see the village coming together to discuss matters like this which will have an impact on the village. We now have to wait and see what affect all our comments and those from the Parish Council will have on the overall decision.

Kingston Seymour Historical Society

**The next meeting is Tuesday 29th October
at The Tynings, Ham Lane
7.30 for 7.45 pm**

“In Defence of the Drift”

Speaker: Paul Barnett

The story of Alfred Henry Hook VC and his epic descents at Rorkes Drift.

A historical look and the long forgotten tale of Gloucester boy, Alfred Hook, whose epic exploits whilst at Rorkes Drift, Natal, in January 1879, ultimately led to his starring role, portrayed by Michael Caine, in the now famous blockbuster, “Zulu”.

Paul will also be mentioning the Plaque at Kingston Church which commemorates Sydney John Hale, of this Parish, of the Grenadier Guards, who fought in the Boer War and died at Leribe, describing how the Boer War fits into the context of the Zulu wars and how and why Sydney ended up in South Africa making the Supreme sacrifice.

**The November meeting is Tuesday 26th November
at “Bulbeck” Bullocks Lane**

“I only count the Sunny Hours”. Sundials through the Ages

Speaker: Cyril Routley.

No Meeting in December

More Meeting to be announced for the New Year 2020.

Membership £10.00 Visitors £3.00 Junior Visitors £1.50

(This price includes light refreshments)

For Details contact:

Jane Bell on 01934 877322 or Anne Perrott on 01934 833888

Lost Coat - Olive Lawrence left her raincoat behind at the Harvest Supper on 7th September and it had gone when she went back to collect it. If anyone knows where it is will they let her know.

Or contact 01934834461 or ksmagazine@outlook.com

Kingston Seymour Parish Council

A very busy Council meeting this month with a key area of discussion being the proposed Coastal Footpath. May I thank all residents who became engaged with the discussion on this issue and to everyone who has lodged a representation to Natural England on this subject. At the heart of the comments we heard villagers wanted reassurance that the historical formal and informal rights of villagers to access the foreshore would be protected. The consultations document overview say they will be, the Parish Council has asked - as part of its response to the consultation - for clarity as to how this will be provided in practice.

We will keep you posted with all updates we get on the overall proposal, the specifics of the route and how access for villagers will be assured.

CCTV. The Council received a presentation from Chris Harrison the Manager of NSC's cameras which are currently operated in Weston, Nailsea, Clevedon, Portishead and Congresbury. Chris explained how such "*Public Space Surveillance*" cameras were different to those used specifically to protect your own property and how they were governed by laws within the Human Rights Act, GDPR and others.

Chris also explained some of the complexities and costs involved in setting up even a small two camera system. We also took advice from the Police, who explained how an actual offence needs to be captured for it to help a prosecution and that a vehicle captured on film does not necessarily make it possible for such a vehicle to be linked to a crime.

Because of the wealth of input and the meeting length to that point, Councillors decided to hold a further discussion about this at our November meeting.

Because of these two items, conversation on other matters was necessarily brief but Councillor Barber shared with us the - nationwide - proposals for changes to air traffic control. He reported that a total modernisation of airspace management was planned and that as a result aircraft would be expected to fly to much more clearly defined routes into and out of airports. The implications for KS are, of course,

that if the route out of Bristol is defined as a straight line from the end of the runway until – say – over the channel, then we could get more air traffic over us. The Parish Council is aware that some villagers consider we get too much traffic overhead already and so will be remaining very close to this issue as possible routes are drafted and debated. We will keep you informed.

Other bullet points:

- The Road Safety Strategy works have started (as I write) and may be finished by the time you read this.
- The hedges and verges have been trimmed back to help visibility around our narrow lanes as we approach the autumn and winter
- We have decided to increase the insurance cover on the War Memorial.
- The Parish Council is operating below its budget and is financially sound.
- Clevedon has joined us in declaring themselves “*frack free*” with Sedgemoor District Council set to follow suit. Sedgemoor’s area is licensed to the same company as our area is – with licences issued to that company which cover the coastal areas all the way round as far as Minehead.

The full minutes of the meeting will be available to view – as are all meetings – on the website.

Finally, this is a timely place to say that

Fireworks and Bonfires are Scary!

Not so much to you and I perhaps but, as a rural community with more four legged residents than two legged ones, the period around the 5th November always presents a challenge for livestock and animal owners. Please take some time to think about how your actions will affect your neighbours and fellow villagers if you are lighting a bonfire and letting off fireworks. Please liaise with your neighbours.

It is important to remember that the organiser of an event – whatever size - has the responsibility to protect neighbours including their livestock, animals and property.

There's a piece on the website that explains the laws that you should be aware of and provides advice on ensuring your safety and that of others.

Thanks for reading this and please contact me if you have any comments or questions about any of the above. Don't forget there's always new village news and events on the Kingston Seymour website.

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Flower Guild

Thank you so much for all the the work and help there has been over the last few months especially with the weddings we have been involved in. I know our efforts have been really appreciated by the families.

The demo and meal for the 14th November has been very well received and we definitely have enough people for it to go ahead so we will make arrangements nearer the date.

We are planning on doing something for everyone just before Patronal Festival and will let everyone know the details when they have been finalised.

We are also planning on doing another wreath workshop this year possibly with more choices in the types of wreath and will publicise that before long so that you can book your place!

Thank you again for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at one or more of the above events.

Sue Hyde

Just a small request – If you email an article anything to the magazine could you remember to use ksmagazine@outlook.com and not my personal email address only because I might miss your post particularly if it comes at the last moment, Many thanks.

Yellow Teapot Time!

11th September — 2.30-4.30pm



and every 2nd Wednesday of the month

At The Drum and Monkey, Kenn

Come along for a chat and tea. Meet old friends and new!

Rural Connections Project

Want to know more?

Contact Sarah Friend, Village Agent 07422 078548

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Family Pet Service
A Celebration of Francis-tide



St Francis, patron saint of animals and ecology, loved all God's creatures and encouraged us to love them too. You are invited to bring your pets (real or cuddly toys!) to church for a service of thanksgiving and blessing.

Sunday 6th October, 11am
All Saints Kingston Seymour

Followed by refreshments to include hot chocolate and doughnuts

Owners are responsible for their pets. The church doors will be open throughout the service. For the safety and welfare of your pet, if possible please bring in a carrier. Dogs on leads please. Small ponies welcome but will have to be tethered outside!