

Kingston Seymour Village Magazine



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Well here we are again and now over 190 days since the first Lockdown was put in place. Harvest Festival was still celebrated in the village with the church decorated and a Wellie Trail, with a trip to Glastonbury, some pictures of these in the magazine. Please don't be upset if your Wellies didn't make it as it is the pictures that can be converted to black and white easily that I have to use. Of course, if you go online, they are in glorious colour. The beautiful front cover Wellie was the work of Sue Lang.

Since absolutely nothing is going on in the village at present and most people's social diaries are a little bare it is surprising how many contributions I have had for the magazine this time. It is hard to think that the next one is usually full of Christmas stuff and I wonder what Christmas will be like this year. Still let's all try and keep cheerful and enjoy the autumn colours.

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Children's Challenge Children's Hospice South West

So.... did anyone have a go at 26 laps of the village, which would be more like 60 miles, or maybe fewer laps to make 26 miles? I know of £200 that has been sent, it would be lovely to hear if there was any more to add to a Kingston total.

RBL Poppy Appeal

Sadly, because of the restrictions, the Royal British Legion have cancelled the house to house poppy appeal this year, so no collection for Kingston. Poppies should be available from shop outlets and donations can always be sent directly to the organisation.

Steve Thomas

Many Villagers will be sad to hear of the recent death of Roy Wallace who farmed at Cherry Tree Farm, Ham Lane. I hope an obituary will be in the next edition of the magazine.

Church Notes

It was wonderful to welcome Fran in August. Her licensing by Zoom was completely different to anything we have become used to, and although not the way any of us would have wished for Fran to start her ministry among us all, it was no less meaningful. A socially distanced drink together in the churchyard afterwards at least gave Fran an opportunity to start to meet some folk.

With Fran's arrival, we have also been able to acknowledge all that Avril has done for our village, particularly during these past 2 years, and say a huge 'thank you' from the bottom of our hearts - how blessed we have been and will continue to be now with Fran's ministry. Avril has dedicated some new and replacement altar linen, including an altar cloth gifted in memory of Bob Ford and in deepest gratitude for his wonderful service to our church and community over many years.

Norman and Simon Harris have made a fabulous job of renovating the Lych Gate. This is to be funded from a legacy left by Gerald. The horse chestnut tree to the side of the path next to the Lych Gate has had to be felled. It's always sad to see big, old trees go, but the top third was dead, one of the main limbs had already gone and so for safety the rest has been taken down. The roots have been pushing up the path so, hopefully, that can be addressed now as well.

We've continued with alternate 11am Sunday services with Kenn. To be able to worship together again has been hugely welcomed and appreciated with really good attendances. From October the pattern will change again, covid regulations allowing, giving us a service every Sunday - still no singing but Holy Communion will be introduced on two of the Sundays. Details are on take away leaflets in the porch. Our village church will continue to be unlocked every Saturday 10am - 4pm and Tuesday mornings 10am - 12 noon. I know that space has been used and appreciated by quite a number of people.

We've just had a great Harvest weekend. It was lovely to see the church decorated again after so long. The morning service was very well attended and over 40 wellies were decorated and put out for the Welly Walk in the afternoon, finishing at Richard and Anita's where Fran was

able to meet a few more new people. 27 Messy Harvest bags have been given out to homes in Kingston and there's been a hugely generous response to the Food Bank appeal. The Food Bank box will stay in the porch now with regular donations delivered to the Clevedon Centre. Please do add something whenever you can. They were so very pleased with all the items dropped in.

We've missed all our activities and events and social gatherings throughout the spring and summer, all those opportunities just to meet up and it seems that we are facing more uncertainty as we move in to the cooler months. Please be assured of our continued concern and care as we go through these next weeks.

Sue Thomas Church warden

Kingston Seymour Village Christmas Post

Hello all,

Here we are approaching October and beginning to think ahead to what Christmas might bring in this most unpredictable period we are living in.

So - - - we are hoping to form some sort of Christmas post morning/ maybe over a couple of days to keep to Covid rules. We will, by the next magazine have decided on a plan and will notify you all then as to how we proceed. In the meantime please be assured that if it is at all possible there will be a form of Christmas Post this year. For all our lovely new residents who have not enjoyed this lovely Christmas event, this is a charity fund raising event sending Christmas cards internally in this village for a small donation to a chosen charity. This year we have decided on The Children's Society to support. Such an important charity especially at Christmas!

Here's hoping we can organise this with respect to our new social guidelines.

Best wishes to you all

Judy and Robin Seward

Thank you, Robin and Judy, for thinking of this; let's hope things will be better by then.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Great news - it's happening, the Blythwood Care Shoe Box Appeal is taking place. There are leaflets in the porch and bus shelter to take away, giving details of the type of thing being asked for. Typically it's toiletries, underwear, hat /scarf/gloves, stationery items, small tools, make up, household candles, kitchen utensils, sweets (no chocolate or liquid items) and small toys/games for the children. It's going to be more difficult to shop for the boxes this year, so please don't put yourself at any risk, but if you have a few items to help make up a box, rather than make up a whole box yourself, please do it that way. I'll leave a collection box in the church porch, or drop things in to me. The boxes will go to Eastern Europe again this year, and everything we give will bring a little bit of hope and joy to a child or adult. I am told that this will be the only Christmas gift that person will receive this year, and for some adults, the only gift ever.

There are 2 main changes. Because of Covid, the boxes have to be in by the end of October and we can use a drawstring bag, measuring about 14inches x 12inches, instead of a shoe box if preferred.

I know we won't be able to do as much as usual, but anything we can do will make a difference to someone. Thank you.

Sue Thomas

Historical Society

As we do not anticipate meeting together until at least the Spring, I thought that it would be good to post some historical anecdotes connected to Kingston Seymour in the magazine during the duration.

Memories of living in Kingston Seymour during the War

A few of you will remember the late Ivor Kingcott. Ivor was our Uncle, one of Frank Kingcott's younger brothers, who was born and raised at Ham Farm. He passed away suddenly at the age of almost 92, in June, this year, at his home in Cirencester. After farming for five years at Broadstone Farm, he and his wife Mary, with their growing family, moved to Tewkesbury, where they continued to run a dairy farm.

Ivor was 11 years old when the Second World War broke out, and was living at Ham Farm, with his parents, Arthur and Lou Kingcott, brothers Frank and David and sister Edith.

A few years ago I asked Ivor if he would write down some of his memoirs and these are some extracts...

“A large decoy was built near us. It could be lit up at night to divert the Nazi bombers away from Bristol. However, it was not to be successful although we did have bombs, sea mines, and many incendiary bombs fall on our village. One bomb fell thirty yards away from our house. All our windows were broken, and the front door was blown off its hinges and fell inwards, we were sheltering under the stairs - scared to death and praying like mad!!

By this time we were going to the grammar school at Weston-super-Mare. We travelled by train from Yatton station and the trains were often late due to bombing at Bristol station. We were often late for school but this did not worry us much! Part of our school was burnt down by bombs so the girls shared our part - that didn't worry us unduly either! Two schools from London were evacuated to Weston and they used the buildings in the afternoon whilst we went home. Things were very difficult therefore, and I wonder how we learnt anything at all. Sport made life a little more bearable and I played rugby and cricket for the school.

We were expected to work at home haymaking and harvesting and helping to hand milk the cows. Farmers were encouraged to grow as much food as possible as German submarines sank many of our merchant ships bringing food from America. Farmers were popular then - not so today!

Food was scarce and most things were rationed. We were allowed to kill a pig each year and keep poultry, and we could always shoot some rabbits which we enjoyed - before myxomatosis! Only doctors, farmers and a few others were allowed cars and petrol. If farmers made social calls, they carried a rooster in a box in the boot; so you had an excuse. Some roosters made many journeys!

Italian and German prisoners worked on the farms. The Italians were good singers and the Germans were good workers. Two years after the

war finished, they were sent home, but some stayed on, married and became citizens.” **Written in 2000 by Ivor.**

Ivor became a committed Christian at an early age, and was a lay preacher, both in this area and the Tewkesbury area and over the years helped in marriages and funeral services and acted as the registrar for marriages.

In memory of Ivor Kingcott, died June 24th 2020 and his daughter Helen, who died September 13th 2020

Jane Kingcott

Ken Stuckey remembered again

Long before lockdown Anthony noticed the forlorn state of the Ken Stuckey bench (installed 1995) commemorating years of devotion to the village. So after weeks of enjoyable but hard work, this was the amazing result including the very worn original seating, photographed August 3rd on the day Fran Binding was installed as the new vicar.



Thank you so much Anthony for doing this and the bench looks so much better.

Church Services for October and November 2020

Sundays:

4th. October Trinity 17

8.30 am St John's: Morning Prayer
11 am All Saints': All Together in Church (ATIC – see below)
6.00 pm Zoom online service

11th. October Trinity 18

8.30 am All Saints': BCP Holy Communion
11.00 am St. John's: Morning Prayer
6.00 pm Zoom online service

18th. October Trinity 19

8.30 am St John's: Morning Prayer
11.00 am All Saints': Common Worship Holy Communion
6.00 pm Musical Meditation at St Mary's Yatton also on Zoo

25th. October: Trinity 20

8.30 am All Saints': Morning Prayer
11.00 am St. John's: All Together in Church (ATIC)
6.00 pm Zoom online service

1st. November All Saints

8.30 am St John's: Morning Prayer
11.00 am All Saints': ATIC Patronal
6.00 pm Zoom online service

8th. November : Remembrance

10.45 am St. John's: Act of Remembrance and service
3.00 pm All Saints': Act of Remembrance and service
6.00 pm Zoom online service

15th. November: 2nd. Before Advent.

8.30 am St John's: Morning Prayer
11.00 am All Saints: Common Worship Holy Communion
3.00 pm St. Mary's All Souls service (yet to be confirmed)

22nd. November : Christ the King

8.30 am All Saints': Morning Prayer
11.00 am St. John's: Morning Prayer
6.00 pm Musical Meditation ay St Mary's Yatton also on Zoo

29th. November: Advent Sunday

8.30 am All Saints': BCP Holy Communion
11.00 am St John's: Christingle and Toy Service
6.00 pm Zoom online service

Weekdays:

8.15 am Mondays and Tuesdays: Morning Prayer via Zoom

All Holy Communion services are currently at All Saints' Kingston Seymour because of the current regulations about how this can be administered safely allowing for social distancing.

All Together in Church is a more informal service for all ages and stages! All welcome.

If you want to join a Zoom service please contact Fran at franbindingkks@gmail.com for more details.

Garage Sale – Saturday 10th October 10am to 2.00pm

Since I am moving south there are these small items that are extra to my needs: China, bedding ornaments etc. Proceeds to church "cream tea" fund sadly missed this year. Also for sale, small "Hotpoint" fridge £40, Miele Sebo cylinder vacuum cleaner £40, both hardly used, and a leaf blower £25. I will be carefully following all the COVID regulations, to ensure everyone is safe to come and have a browse.

I have not had a moving date yet but expect it to be before end October. I should like to take this opportunity to thank everyone I know in the village for their help and friendship over the past 20 years since I have lived here. I love the village and its people and will miss it immensely. I shall come and visit from time to time.

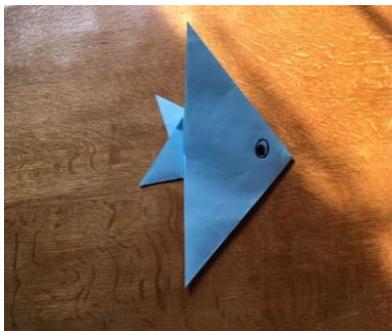
Margaret Laishley Orchard House Ham Lane (Near the Triangle.)
Tel 838583 m.laishley@btinternet.com



Ladies Who Lunch - Luckily we were able to have a last get together in Sept with 12 ladies enjoying a meal at Tiffins. I hope someone will take over this Group when we are to mix again.
Best wishes Margaret Laishley

A letter from our Vicar

Dear all,



A very big thank you for all the generous Harvest donations to the Foodbank and for the wonderful wellies that have been on display. Harvest Sunday was a beautiful day and thank you to all those who came along in the morning and afternoon to make it a successful one. I also hope that all those who received Messy Harvest bags enjoyed the crafts, bread making kit and seed planting they contained. This was my fish!

I now need to consider how we can involve the community in Remembrance Sunday and looking ahead to Christmas in imaginative and unusual ways that will help us be involved as community in what may be difficult times. We may be restricted on how many we can get into the building for services and big occasions but there are still ways to involve folk of all ages, especially for special celebrations.

We will continue to collect for the foodbank so please do put items in the church porch when you can and we will ensure their delivery. We particularly need items for Christmas parcels and there will be the opportunity to give toys at the end of November for children in need too to ensure they have a happy Christmas. More details on this nearer the time on the village Facebook page, posters and fliers.

You will find details of upcoming services in this edition and I am so pleased to say that we shall be moving to a service every week at All Saints' from the beginning of October for as long as circumstances allow. We are in changing times when we are not sure about what lies ahead

so I think the blessing we use at the end of our weekday Morning Prayer service is appropriate to share.

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

Stay safe, keep well,

Fran Binding

Kingston Seymour Parish Council

Well that's summer over and our young people have gone back to continue their education. Let's all hope that it lasts and that we don't have a flare up of cases which cause restrictive measures to be re-imposed. You can keep up to date with Government guidance by going to our website and clicking on "*Government Coronavirus Advice Pages*" which scrolls across the front page. This takes you to a page on which the most accessed Government pages are listed – and the links from there give you access to the latest versions of those documents because they change..... frequently!

With the support of the Reverend Fran Binding and her church wardens, the Parish Council was able to meet – socially distanced but face to face (mask to mask!) – in the Church on the 9th September. These are the news items from that meeting.

Our major vein (and artery!), the Lampley Road has had its surface dressed. A meeting has been held with NSC Highways to express our concerns over the quality of the work and to confirm when road markings will be reinstated, this should take place shortly once the surface dressing is stable

Hopefully, neither Bristol Water nor Truespeed will have cause to dig it up again in their work to bring robust infrastructure services into the village.

Our contractor has undertaken the annual hedge and verge cutting exercise to help support safety by improving sight lines along our narrow lanes and a splendid job has been done. Thank you Anthony! We are looking to allocate additional parcels of work to keep the village looking the way you would want it to and I'll bring you news of these in due course.

We have 17 registered footpaths in the Parish and, in connection with a district wide review being carried out by NSC, your Councillors have been walking them to ensure that they are in good condition. We have identified a few signage and access issues and I will be passing these to NSC for action, but I do urge you to go and explore the village along these official rights of way. Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 153 is a good investment or go to the NSC website, search for "Planning Map" and select "Public Rights of Way" and they are all shown (don't zoom in too far though – they disappear!)

A potential 18th footpath will be along the Coast but there has been no progress since the case was given to the Planning Inspectorate to deal with the complaints that had been lodged. Least ways, no progress that the Inspectorate is sharing with us.

That footpath will share the crossing over the Tutshill Sluice with the new multi-purpose route which you will have read about and NSC have been trumpeting lately. I understand that the project is still being progressed through the necessary preparations but won't start "on the ground" until March 2021 at the earliest.

Our Community Police team reported that there have been a few incidents of anti-social behaviour in Yatton as the long periods away from education have led some to use their energies in the wrong way, and a small level of thefts and burglaries continue. I hope you were able to take advantage of the cycle marking session at Bullocks Farm recently and I know that the Police want to carry out more. I will publicise on the website when I hear the dates.

*IMPORTANT: As there won't be another magazine before early November, it's appropriate to mention the f word. **Fireworks!** Whilst these are fun for most humans, we are in a rural community and they are not fun for our four-legged co-habitants. They are downright scary!*

PLEASE, if you do see fit to light fireworks or start a bonfire around that date in early November, make sure your neighbours know and can secure or otherwise look after their animals. I will remind you all of the laws on this on Facebook and the website a bit nearer the time.

The Council's finances are in a good position and Councillors agreed to allocate £2,500 to a ring-fenced account to help us prepare for the next time that the War Memorial needs work. This listed monument is the responsibility of the Council and it is prudent to apportion funds for this as the specialist work needed on such a monument is charged at a premium.

Whilst the formal period of "public examination" of the Council's accounts to the year ending 31st March 2020 has not finished, if any Parishioner has any questions about the Council's finances please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please do contact one of your Councillors or me if you have any comments or questions about any of the above. If you have access to the internet, there is always new village news and (*soon we hope*) events on the Kingston Seymour website and please let me know if there's something you'd like me to put on there to share with the village. The website also has the Draft or Full Minutes from all Council meetings

Keep staying safe (*and perhaps Dancing as Strictly will be back soon*)!

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I know we generally do not have adverts but this I thought might be useful to people in the village particularly at this time.. Editor



PRESS RELEASE

Helping Hands Home Care opens a new branch in Clevedon and Portishead to support local residents of all ages at home.

Coinciding with 'Professional Care Workers' Week' it couldn't be a better time for Helping Hands to put their name on the map.

The company, established in 1989, delivered bespoke homecare to adults of all ages in the comfort of their own homes and has provided a number of new jobs in the community as a result too.

Claire Garside is the Clevedon and Portishead Branch Manager. She said: "To be able to keep people at home, whatever their circumstances is a wonderful thing to be able to do.

"Often people don't know that home care is an option, or the full range of things that having support at home can help you with. Homecare gives people the choice and autonomy to decide what's best for them."

Helping Hands provides a huge variety of support services from cooking, cleaning and companionship through to overnight care, dementia care and clinical care too.

For more information on the services that Claire and her team provide either call Claire on 07814167317 or email

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