

Kingston Seymour Village Magazine



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Well here we are in tier 3 and who would have thought it. To be positive it does mean everyone is forced to be really careful, so we are all theoretically very much safer. Let's hope we make it out with Boris' review although I am not holding my breath. I hope by the next magazine we will be on the next step to being back to normal and there's another thought, what will that normal be? Thank you again to our noble band of deliverers who willing are getting the magazine to you this despite all.

A Happy Christmas and a much better New Year to everyone

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The Telephone Box

I know the telephone box has been used a great deal this year both with donations and withdrawals. However it is now rather overfull as people seem to put in more than they take out and there is a danger if you open the door books will topple out over the road. It is perhaps time we stopped donating books for a bit and took them out to read. This need only be a temporary measure until stocks lower a bit. Don't worry if you don't have a book to donate, take as many as you like. If you have never looked inside the telephone box there are many up to date novels, popular authors, recipe books, other random reference books and loads of children's books.

Do help out and help yourself to a good read!

Advent Quiet Day



The Team's Advent Quiet Day will be dramatically different this year obviously, but we hope people will take part in the one the Education And Nurture Group has organised. Team Vicar Fran

Binding will be giving a short talk with prayers which will be circulated throughout the Team by the Church Office in the same way other items have been circulated throughout the lockdowns. People will then be invited to listen and then enjoy a quiet time for reflection at their homes. A similar Quiet Day in July encouraged quite a lot of people to take part and we do hope this one will equally popular.

Celia Andrews.

Christmas Present Ideas



Have you done your Christmas shopping yet? Why not go online and give the gift that goes on giving. Christian Aid has a scheme by which at Christmas we can help the poorest of the poor become self-

sufficient. The Charity Gifts scheme gives us the opportunity to give presents to people in the third world at a very affordable price range from only £9 to £187.

Gifts on offer include cocoa saplings (£9), antibiotics (£9), send a child to school (£15), emergency disaster kit (£25), clean water (£30), a goat (£35), and a cow (£187). Other gifts are available.

For further details or to order charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk

Or to learn about Christian Aid's work visit caid.org.uk/what-we-do

Have a very Happy Christmas and help a poor family have a happy Christmas as well. Thank you.

Village Litter

It is possible that a few of you may be thinking the village has remained remarkably clean throughout the months of the pandemic. The truth is, if it was not for the band of litter pickers who, off their own bat, have picked up litter when they have seen it over the summer and autumn, our lanes would be knee deep in it by now.



I was sent this picture by a visitor Robin Mackay from Kenn showing Martyn and Liz Hale with their haul from a session collecting down Middle Lane, The bucket was part of the litter and proved invaluable for collection purposes. Martyn told me they were inspired by regularly meeting Roger and Janet Calderbank out clearing the lanes and felt they should do their bit. He suggested that if anyone is out walking perhaps you could take a plastic bag with you and see what you find.

I asked Roger what were the most unusual objects they had come across over the summer and here are just a few of them.

- A summer picnic including strawberries and cream.
- A whole chicken.
- A pair of polka dot underpants .
- 3 wrapped cheeses and two untouched puddings.
- A string of plastic ivy.

There are also many types of drinks bottles and cans particularly Thatcher's cider, Lucozade and Red Bull. The Lucozade is a particular

problem with recycling because the plastic wrapping round the bottle is difficult to remove and so the bottles are often not recycled when they get to the plant unless it is removed. One potential problem they have found is medicine bottles with the name and address of the owner still on them.

Finally we cannot totally blame the visitors on foot, by bike or car as the dust cart and recycling lorries sometimes travel between the more spread out properties at such speed that things blow off into the hedges and ditches. However, I personally find it amazing how many people do not take responsibility for their litter so thank you all litter pickers for the great job you do.

Sylvia Stokes

A very warm welcome to the Goss Family and the Pullin Family who moved into the Village recently. We hope you will be very happy here and look forward to meeting you when "this" is all over.

Christmas Masks- The initial sale of these raised £150 and a new selection is about to be posted on the Kingston Seymour Facebook page. Donations in aid of church funds. They are triple layers, washable with nose clips.



If you don't use Facebook and would like one, please contact Sue Lang 838939 or Sue Thomas 833593

A message from Sue Hutchinson - I just wanted to thank everyone so much for the gift and messages of support I have received over the last few weeks. This year I have decided I will not be sending Christmas cards but will be donating to the Alzheimer's society.

A very Happy Christmas everyone



Christmas Post Covid Safe!

We are hoping to be able to achieve this service for you in a very difficult environment and with a great deal of thought here are all the bullet plans you need to know:

1.

We will have a collection container available for Christmas cards and donations from the 8th Dec. This will be placed directly behind our gate on the driveway of The Old Post Office. Here you can deposit cards and donations in an envelope with Donation written on it before the 15th Dec. The usual 10 pence per card or a more generous donation put in the bin will be very much appreciated for the Children's society.

2.

On the 15th Dec the container will be taken in for final quarantining sorted and quarantined again. It will not be possible I am afraid to receive any cards after 6.00pm on 15th December

3.

We will be delivering bags with sorted cards to our volunteers for delivery hopefully on Saturday 19th December.

Finally, we all enjoy this festive way of wishing our friendly villagers the best of Christmas wishes but without the kind volunteers it will be a huge task to get the cards delivered. SO- - - this is a "big" request for folk to volunteer to deliver some of the cards. If you can help, please call us on 01934 832612 well before the 18th December

We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas. Judy and Robin Seward.

Church Notes



Fran has had a busy few months starting to get to know people, finding out how the villages of Kenn and Kingston, for whom she has responsibility, work and getting to grips with all the changing regulations because of Covid. It's not been an easy start, but we do appreciate all you do, have achieved so far and the time you give Fran, thank you.

The Floodlights have been fixed - thank you so much to Andy Green for huge generosity and to Mark and Mel for getting this organised. The font has also been repaired with the stone side panels now made safe again.

58 Shoe Boxes were delivered ready for distribution to Eastern Europe; far more than had been anticipated this year. Thank you so much.

Congratulations to Matt and Kate on the arrival of Jackson. It made me wonder when the cry of a baby was last heard in Triangle Farm?

There are so many things we can't do this year leading up to Christmas, and for all the right reasons, but this we can offer to include us all -

Come to Bethlehem

Each day in the week leading up to Christmas our church will be unlocked 10am - 4pm. The Christmas Story will be retold with figures, music, candles activities and within the company of a Host of Angels and all the other decorations. Come whenever and as often as you wish. And if you have moved into the village during the year, or have never yet peeped inside our village church, please do 'come and see'.

The Holy Family will be travelling around the village during the Advent Season, not house to house this year of course, but in the safe hands

of Sylvia. Follow them on the Village News Facebook page and see if you can spot where they visit.

Light in the Darkness

Christmas is a season of expectation and hope, it's a message that will probably resonate with us more this year than at any other. There have been times of darkness for everyone during 2020 and for some in our village family, deep darkness. For many the struggle continues in some form - it's been a tough year with more difficult months to face. On Sunday 20th December we will shine the church floodlights, and for that week, the candles flickering in church will bring this same message; it's a message of hope, of recognition of the dark days and the sadness and struggles that have been faced, but also to show that light will always shine in the darkness - the Light of Christ, the hope, shines and can never be overcome.

However you spend the Christmas season, take heart and keep safe.

Sue Thomas

A message from Sarah

Hello all,

Hope you are all keeping warm, safe and well. Remember I'm a phone call away if you need any advice or help on anything, big or small, or just a chat. Would be lovely to hear from you. For all of you on the internet, The Village Agents have set up a zoom Storytelling session (see details in magazine). Let me know if you are interested. You can contact me by email sarah.friend@curo-group.co.uk or sarah@wern.org.uk or phone Mobile 07422 078548 or 01275 878180.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, see you all in 2021.

Sarah, your Village Agent.



Kingston Seymour Parish Council

As we head into probably the strangest Christmas period that most of us will have experienced in our lifetimes, on behalf of the Parish Council, may I wish you all as happy and safe Christmas period as you can possibly create for yourselves and those you love and care about.

After a "mask to mask" meeting in September in the church, we were back to Zoom for November's Parish Council meeting. We managed, although some Councillors did "drop" from time to time - underlining why the village needs fast and reliable broadband! The Chairman steered us through these issues and all of the decisions that were needed were made.

I hope you've managed to explore some of our 18 footpaths in the Parish since I mentioned them last time - it looks like the 19th one, along the Coast, is still as far away as it has been for years and, if there is progress on the Tutshill Sluice for the multi access route, it is very much "desktop"! A start on site is still targeted for March 2021.

Lampley Road was closed for a short period whilst Bristol Water did some resurfacing up near Kingston Bridge. Hopefully, that's the end of it! By the time you read this, the "back way" out of the village will have been closed on the 27th November for patching work. I believe that this route is going to be resurfaced in 2021 and I'll let you know when that will be as soon as I know.

We are close to finalising agreements for the maintenance of certain roadside areas in 2021 which will help with the overall village

environment and road safety. We will next be turning our attention to ways in which the traditional railings - which protect rhynes in several parts of the village - can be repaired and made to look as they should.

I've been advised that 12 landowners in the village will shortly be benefitting from the National Grid planting scheme to bring new trees and hedging to the village. We get a regular update on the progress of the Hinkley to Avonmouth project and this is posted on the website. It's still a couple of years before we will see the T pylons marching across Lampley Road but survey work and work to re-route the lower - Western Power - lines will be scheduled into 2021.

Financially, the Council is in a solid position and we have been able to give support for; maintenance in the churchyard with extra this year to help the costs incurred in removing dangerous branches; the Village Magazine and have made a small and proportional contribution towards a fund created by several local councils to fight the expected appeal against the refusal of planning permission for Bristol Airport. Thanks to the Village Hall team, we are helping to fund a Christmas tree in the hall car park for the enjoyment of all residents.

Finally - and as the winter months draw in - I urge you to look at the contingency arrangements that exist in the village. On the front page of the website there is a section about Flooding and Community Resilience and this leads to the information you need to know to protect your household.

Please do contact one of your Councillors or myself if you have any comments or questions about any of the above. If you have access to the internet through PC, Mac, tablet or smart phone, there is always new village news and (*soon we hope*) events on the Kingston Seymour

website. 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 and direct links to some of the key Government Coronavirus documents if you need them.

Keep staying safe!

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Historical Society

We are not out of the woods yet as we all know, regarding The Virus and meetings do not look likely to recommence even in the Spring. We look forward to the time when we can meet again and in the meantime perhaps we will enjoy some springtime walks together to local places of interest, when the better weather and lighter evenings begin.

Meanwhile few extracts from the Kingston Seymour Parish Magazine December 1937...

My dear People,

As most of you know, the boiler in connection with the heating apparatus of the Church is undergoing extensive repairs and replacements, and I am assured the job will be a good and permanent one. But the cost will be at least £12, and probably nearer £15, and will therefore be a heavy drain on our resources...

H.A. COTTRELL

NOTICES

...The Rector and Churchwardens are very grateful for the 5 shillings for boiler fund placed anonymously in the Alms Box.

At a Parochial Church Council Meeting, held on October 22nd, it was unanimously decided to hold a Christmas Nativity Play in Church, to support the children's desire for their own Corner in All Saints', ...
Christmas.

A Nativity Play entitled, "The Inn of the Star," will be presented in Church on Tuesday, December 21st, at 8pm. It must be emphasised that this is definitely an act of worship and the utmost reverence will be observed.

Extract from KINGSTON SEYMOUR SCHOOL The Root of Village Life by Marion Pudner and Sue Thomas...

A local newspaper report highlighted in some detail the nativity play performed that Christmas for the first time:

A temporary stage was erected at the chancel steps in the church and 'with special lighting effects, the play was a colourful but solemn recital of the nativity of our Lord.'

Mrs Coghill and the Rector, Rev H A Cottrell were responsible for the production.

Jane Bell



Letter From Fran



Dear all,

It was a real sadness for us to stop services in church at the beginning of lockdown but we have kept busy on Zoom and thank you to all who have made generous donations to the Foodbank via the church porch - thank you.

We are able to meet for worship in December despite being in Tier 3 - hurray! So, the plan is:

December 6th 11am Holy Communion

December 13th 8.30 BCP Communion

December 20th 11am Comfort and Joy - the message of the Angels

December 24th 10pm Christmas Eve Communion

Dec 27th 11am Joint service for Kenn and Kingston Seymour at All Saints'

Those who want to come on the 20th and 24th will need to book their seats as we are limited on numbers so please do contact me if you would like to join us.

The church will be beautifully decorated and we shall be opening it in the week running up to Christmas on the theme of Angels so that anyone who would like to pop in can. It will be really festive with Christmas music playing, just right for putting us in the mood for Christmas. We will have Messy Christingle bags for families that we are putting together with all the ingredients to make your own Christingle, a star, an angel and instructions for a Christmas story trail and these will be delivered in the middle of the month. Keep an ear open the weekend before Christmas as you may also hear some carolling. Christmas is far from being cancelled and we are looking forward to sharing some comfort and joy, love, and hope.

This Christmas will be very different I know but the meaning and the message remain the same, as we remember the love that came to Bethlehem against the odds, that still endures, and with mysterious power redeems the irredeemable and if we welcome it can bring us comfort and joy.

I wish you every blessing this Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year. Peace be with you.

Fran Binding



Free Money!

The Hall Charity was recently contacted by Amazon Smile and asked if we would like to register with their scheme.

The way it works is that amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Hall. There is no cost to the supporter who is shopping on amazon or to the Hall. The percentage is small but this is free money with no conditions attached and any income is a help especially now.

To shop using the scheme you should go on smile.amazon.co.uk. You will be asked to select a Charity, choose Kingston Seymour Village Hall. You should then be able to shop as normal but you need to access Amazon through the Smile link. Please spread the word!

A Thought; Here is an opportunity to safely join in with carol singing this year. It is certainly an interesting idea.

<https://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk/>

Claire Ray (Of Middle Lane) with Bob Foster have produced The Lock Down Song which you can view under Bon Accord Lockdown Song on Face book and YouTube. A bit of fun why not have a look.

Christmas Food and Wine Matching from Wine Time

Well, what a very strange and unsettling year this has been! There have been a few compensations (a lovely summer, cleaner air, joyous birdsong and a gentler pace of life) but many disappointments and frustrations. For me, one sadness has been not to be able to run any wine / gin / port tastings. I had such a great programme planned and lots of interest!

About now I would have been running a couple of Christmas tastings and in one of them covering the basic principles of matching wine with food and making some suggestions as to suitable wines to drink with your Christmas feast! Matching wine with food divides opinion. Some people simply want to drink a wine they know they'll enjoy; others are interested in discovering why some matches work better than others.

However, if you're in the former camp, you just might be missing out! Whether it consists of turkey and all the trimmings, goose, roast beef or a nut roast your enjoyment of a special meal can be significantly enhanced by a wine which really does complement the food. I have therefore had some fun putting together some suggestions which I'd be happy to send you by email. They include wines at a wide range of price points and there should be something for everyone. All are readily available - stockists include the Co-op (which has always carried an eclectic and surprisingly good range of wines), Tesco, Waitrose, Majestic, The Wine Society and the highly recommended Clifton wine merchant Davis Bell McCraith. And Amazon.

If you would like a copy of my recommendations please call, text or email. I do hope you will find something helpful and interesting there. You may not be having the Christmas you envisaged - we certainly aren't - but even so you may feel you still want to mark the celebration of Christ's birth with a special meal and some lovely wine. And let me know if there is anything you have particularly enjoyed (or disliked - I hope not) - it's always good to have feedback!

In the meantime - I have been trying to post regularly on my Facebook page @winetimeallday and there you will find my recipe for mulled wine. Light the fire and relax with a good book, a mince pie and a glass of this festive treat!

Leonie Allday

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SHARE THE LIGHT



Although we cannot hold a Christingle service this year Christingles will be given to families in the village and we still want to support the Children's Society and all the good work they do to look after children in need, especially in these difficult times.

**Envelopes for donations are in
church and in the porch.**

Please hand you envelope in at a service or post your enveloped donation at Woodview, The Triangle, Kingston Seymour.

THANK YOU.