

# *Kingston Seymour Village Magazine*



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I'm not sure we will get the snow to go with this snowman but some of us live in hope others perhaps not. We had a very busy Christmas as usual here in the village but there is still plenty going on in February and March including the Quiz and Burn's night. The Post Office continues on Tuesday mornings along with Toddlers and Coffee in the Skittle Alley The Village Market will return on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 10.00 to 12.00. There will I am sure also be pop-up Friday Pub Nights. Look out for notices in the Triangle.

Now wrap up well, be positive as spring will be here in no time!

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### Poppy Appeal 2023

The Poppy appeal raised £ 1348-30 in the autumn of 2023.

A big thank you to the volunteers who give their time and turn out on dark cold evenings to go door to door collecting donations and selling the poppies. They are Andy Gillam, Ed Brooks, John Harris, Sue Watts, and John and Leoni Allday. Also thank you to the businesses who have donation boxes for their customers to use. They are Acorn Fishing Lakes, Bullock Farm Fishing Lakes, and Kingston Garage.

Another thank you to Steve and Sue Thomas who have organised the appeal for many years and who are now stepping down.

I will be taking over arranging the appeal and hope I will continue to get the support of all the volunteers involved

Tim Ford.

**Litter collection** There are many unsung heroes who collect the litter strewn around the village which is usually at its worst after the recycle collection, some items don't make into the lorry especially on windy days. A special mention for Janet and Roger Calderbank who are often seen making their way around the lanes with their rubbish collection bags. Thank you to all who try to keep the tide of plastic and cans under control.

## GWL's Half Century

On the 7<sup>th</sup> December the "Gentlemen Who Lunch" enjoyed their 50<sup>th</sup> get together. A group of about 15 first met on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and since then the number of members has increased to a record of 27 who were there to celebrate reaching this creditable milestone.



The formation of the group and its growing popularity owes much to its founder John Harris, to whom we are all very grateful.

Over the past 9 years the venues for meetings have always been within the village, from the Lambing Shed, via the Village Hall and back to Bullocks Farm with Tiffins. Clearly as a group we don't like too much excitement that would be involved in travelling outside KS! Inevitably given that the group meet at lunchtime during the "normal working week" the majority, although certainly not all, are now retired from their fulltime employment. We all enjoy convivial banter and good food together with the odd quiz to stimulate the "grey cells". In the early days, apart from catering for us, Tracie Booth would set the questions, and at the last lunch Doug Smith challenged our collective memories. One thing is for certain is we haven't improved, and our end of term report would have likely included the phrase "could do better". Still no matter, we all continue to enjoy our get togethers and long may they last. I wonder what we will talking about when the next half century is completed.

The next meeting is on 8<sup>th</sup> February. Contact John Harris - [jpgvharris@hotmail.com](mailto:jpgvharris@hotmail.com) if you would like more details. Chris Stokes

## The Christmas Post.



Robin and I would like to thank all our lovely villagers for your continued support for Christmas Post.

This year, Marie Curie was the chosen charity, alongside supporting the village magazine with an annual contribution.

Thank you Sylvia for your continued work as editor. Such an important form of communication in the village. A total of £325.00 was raised - - THANK YOU ALL.

A special thanks goes to all our helpers both during the morning, for help delivering the cards and 'backstage' as well. Thanks also for the contribution of gorgeous mince pies, Sue Smith; so delicious!

Without you all and your continued support this Christmas tradition in the village would not survive.

A Happy New Year to you all

Judy and Robin Seward

## Sad News

There was sad news in January with the death of one villager and one ex-villagers and our thoughts go to their families at this difficult time.

Many people will remember **Bruce Norton** who I understand taught so many villagers to drive and got them successfully through the test. Others will remember him as the vegetable man supplying vegetables for many a church event and selling them at the Village Market and on the Post Office Coffee Mornings. I know we really missed him on Tuesdays when he finally stopped.

**Gill Pearce** lived at Churchlands for many years from about 1980 to She was very much part of Village life, involved with the Wives group which existed in the 1980s and a reliable helper at many village events. She was a regular at the Tuesday Coffee mornings and enjoyed so much coming over to Christmas one after she had moved to St Monica's in Sandford.

A service to celebrate Gill's life will be held at South Bristol Crematorium on Monday 29th January at 12pm.

## Church Yard



It seems impossible to believe that Spring is just around the corner AND.....

The churchyard is in need of your help.

This might be with a working party, by yourself or with a small group of friends done at times to suit you.

Whatever, it would be fabulous to think that in some small way we villagers can all contribute to keeping our churchyard not only tidy but thriving.

The churchyard is a public right of way and a green breathing space right at the heart of Kingston. We have many visitors so let's all be proud of where we live.

The first 2 jobs this year are cutting back the hedges and trimming the edges of the path which seems to shrink each time we use it.

So if you would like to help with hedges, path edging or any other tidying then.....

Come along with your hedge or edge cutter on

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**10-1 with coffee and cake**

Or contribute by yourself or in a group in your own time.

It's been impressive to see how Angus has dealt with the birch tree which was cut down on his advice just before Christmas. This was sadly diseased and needed to go but Angus has organised the cutting up and sale of the really beautiful wood. Thank you, Angus.

Let's hope his inspiring work might encourage others.

We really hope that with determination we can:

**"MAKE A DIFFERENCE"**

Margaret and Anthony Hawks



## A final letter from our Vicar

**Dear Friends** I shall be moving to Bathford near Bath to be near my family in the middle of this month as I retire on my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. My last working day will be Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February. I leave with very mixed emotions, that I know many of you will be familiar with, as I finish working after 40+ years first in teaching then ministry. When I started planning for retirement it was supposed to be at 55 but when I was ordained then that goal soon evaporated! I am very grateful for both my time in education and in parishes and for me the most important aspect has been the variety of people I have met and become friends with, of all ages. I still hear from some pupils I taught decades ago in Bridgnorth in Shropshire, now with their own children, and have kept in touch with some folk in all the parishes I have had the privilege to work in and with.

This letter is a simple, but heartfelt thank you to the new friends I have made in my time in the Yatton Moor Team and especially those in Kenn and Kingston Seymour who include many who are not regular church goers but have enriched my life, and from whom I have learned a lot. Thank you for sharing the journey with me and I would like to end with a blessing written by Ruth Burgess a leader in the Iona Community of which I have been an associate for many years.

Walk well your journey  
 In peace and in justice.  
 May you be wrapped  
 In the shawl of God's loving.  
 May you be cherished.  
 May you be blessed.

With love and thanks,            Fran Binding

*Thank you, Fran, for so many contributions to the magazine we will certainly miss them. We will really miss you in Kingston Seymour and all the work you've done both in the Church but also in the Village itself.*



**Congratulations** to Nathan and Chloe Cox on the arrival of Eadie Cecille Cox born 11.05pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 8lbs 1oz and to grand parents Paul and Alice Cox. We wish you all wel.



## Friends of All Saints

Happy New Year to everyone in Kingston Seymour from the Friends of All Saints Church, I would just like to take a moment to thank everyone who has supported us throughout 2023, it was a very successful year, and hopefully you will all start to see the benefits of our fundraising as work will soon start on the chancel roof to repair the leaks.

2024 has started well with the Wassail on Saturday, 13th Jan, at Yew Tree Farm, an attendance of some 200 people enjoyed the ancient pagan ceremony of warding off the evil spirits and preparing trees for a good apple harvest for this year. Our thanks go to Anita and Richard for letting us hold the event at Yew Tree Farm, and to the band, The Travelling Oake's and our committee for all the hard work they put in. We have made just over £500:00 profit which will go towards the many projects at our church.

Our next event is the Annual Quiz held at the Village Hall which is on the March 9th, please see the attached flyer.

We are also proposing to hold a summer event in partnership with the "Village Hall" sometime in July, more information will be available in due course.

We look forwards to seeing you all at the quiz.

Kind Regards    Pete Harris            Chairman of The Friends of All Saints

## Some Church History



If you are passing the church do pop in and look at this wonderful old box which has been restored by Antony Hawkes. It has been in the vestry in a poor state for many years and the lettering that Antony has revealed would suggest it was used by a Church warden for storage.



## Kingston Seymour Parish Council



On behalf of your Parish Councillors and myself, may your 2024 be a safe and a happy one!

Our first meeting of the year was on the 10<sup>th</sup> January and one of the inputs was that NSC have repeated that they are still targeting the opening of the Pier to Pier Way “*in the spring*”. We do now understand that a contract to create an essential farm track, part of keeping farm operations away from the public, has been started and will run until the end of March. We also understand that all other preparatory work for the route will take place in the same period but notice that the posts for signs which were going to be installed last week didn’t actually happen! They may well have been installed by the time you read this of course.

We received a copy of the road safety audit on the route and there are a number of recommendations. We have asked NSC to confirm what their proposed scope of works is now in light of these recommendations, given that safety of our parishioners has always been our top priority since this project was approved by NSC.

We have also seen an audit on the “Duck Lane Link” and this replays to NSC many of the issues that the parish council raised with the auditors – not the least of which were the entry and exit point into Duck Lane at Kingston Bridge and the Lampley Road itself. There is a statement in the report that says Lampley Road “...*is not recommended for child cyclists or pedestrians*”. We couldn’t agree more, and we will continue to pressure NSC to do the right thing with regard to the information made publicly available about this “link”.

With the likely addition of more cyclists to our lanes, we are confirming with our Police team what the main rules are for this type of user and how the Police intend to support us in policing these activities.

### Other News

I mentioned last time that we will be supplying key rings and tokens to every household in the village with details of our defib on it. This project is progressing but there is a lead time on production of these items so it’s most likely that these will be available to distribute with the April edition



of this magazine. In the meantime, nothing has changed, and the machine is fully ready should you ever need it .... which with the best will in the world ..... I hope you don't!

The extreme weather we have been experiencing has led to some drainage issues in Middle Lane and Wessex Water will be closing the road for a day on the 19<sup>th</sup> February so that they can examine their underground infrastructure in that area. We have also had a report of damage to a part of the sea wall and this has been passed to the Environment Agency.

### **Finances**

Financially, the parish accounts remain sound and, after meeting all our budget plans including issuing grants and funding the church corner railings project, we should end the financial year in March 2024 with some £9.2k in the bank.

Councillors discussed the precept for financial year 24/25 and in the face of rising costs on all fronts, we have asked for an increase of 3% in the parish precept. This will show as a charge of £66.06 for a (representative) Band D property on the bills you will shortly receive from NSC.

### **And finally ....**

NSC have issued a refreshed version of their Local Plan to 2039 and we are maintaining a watching brief over this document. In this iteration, there is no suggestion of any development taking place in our parish.

Our next meeting is on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

*The agendas and minutes of all the Council's meetings – together with other community news and information – is carried on our website [www.kingstonseymour.org.uk](http://www.kingstonseymour.org.uk) . Please dip in for a look from time to time! Please contact one of your Councillors or me if you have any comments, questions or would like more information about the work of our Parish Council.*

*Steve Dixon, Parish Clerk*

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**The Flower Guild AGM is on Thursday 8th February at Myrtle Cottage thank you to Avril Gaunt for hosting.**

*The church looked fabulous this Christmas. Thank you.*



## **Kingston Seymour Historical Society Programme- Spring 2024**

Membership £10.00. Visitors £3.00. Junior visitors £1.50  
(this price includes light refreshments)

For details contact Jane Bell 01934 877322 or Anne Perrott on 01934 833888

Meetings take place at Mendip View Farm, Yeo Bank Lane, BS21 6XH  
7.30 FOR 7.45pm

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

Speaker: Clive Burlton, - ***“NHS 70: A Picture of Health”***

First shown at the Watershed Cinema in July 2018, Clive was commissioned to put together a special screening of historic films and clips to mark 70 years of the National Health Service in Bristol. The film lasts one Hour.

Clive, Local Historian, has been helping to digitize, catalogue and make available for viewing the extensive Film Archive held by Bristol Archives, since 2008.

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Speaker: Katherine Bell – ***“ Viking Attire”***

Textile Manufacture, clothing styles and battle accessories for men and women in the Viking era. As previously, Kate will be bringing along interactive visual and handling aids to illustrate her talk

Katherine is Learning and Events Coordinator at Weston Museum

### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Speaker: Jane Hill – ***“ A History of Pools and Swimming in Weston Super Mare”***

Jane is Community and Heritage Officer at Weston Museum

**AGM and Social** – To be announced for April

## The Village Lunch

To start the Christmas season in Kingston Seymour we had The Village Christmas Lunch. This used to be for older villagers who could not get out easily and was held at Bulbeck hosted by Olive Lawrence. This year it was decided to make it an all-village event held in the Village Hall. We had excellent outside caterers, who not only cooked a delicious Christmas Dinner, but also did the washing up. Needless to say a good time was had by all with much exchanging of news, gossip and opinions.



Thank you to everyone who set up the hall, decorated the tables and provided Trifles as an alternative to Christmas Pudding.

Sylvia Stokes

## Church Notes



Fran has been with us for just three and a bit years, it feels so much longer, such has been her impact on All Saints. She came during the pandemic and helped us through those difficult months. She has encouraged us in our planning, ensured there is a system for job sharing, worked far more hours than asked, guided us towards the next stage for our Team ministry and all the while embracing village life, serving coffee on Tuesday mornings, singing with the children, standing behind the BBQ for the Friends, serving cream teas, clearing in the churchyard ..... the list just goes on. And that's only been part of the job, the folk at Kenn have received her time and ministry in equal measure. Fran, thank you for all your energy and enthusiasm, and for all you have given to our church and community. We wish you a very happy, blessed and much deserved retirement.

Fran's last weekend is 10th/11th February. In line with her wishes, there is no 'farewell' do, but she will be coming to Burns Night on the Saturday and on Sunday we have our usual 8.30am Holy Communion service with an 11am service at Kenn, followed by coffee and cake, to which anyone who would like to go, is warmly invited.

For now our pattern of services will continue, but with Fran's leaving, and the following month Nigel at Cleeve and Claverham, there are changes to come for our group of 5 churches. Discussions and meetings continue and when information is available, it will be circulated.

**Christmas** celebrations were as wonderful as ever. The church looked just beautiful, thank you everyone, the Carol Service was absolutely lovely, thanks in no small part to gorgeous Beth, and the Crib Service had all those special magical moments that only the children and the lamb can bring. Thank you parents, children, leaders and everyone who helped in any way with all our Christmas celebrations.

We had a **churchyard** meeting recently to talk through a maintenance plan going forward. The churchyard working parties have been a good way of tackling some of the jobs, but we recognise that it isn't possible for all who would wish, to be able to commit to those dates. We agreed that it would be extremely helpful to have several volunteers who might 'adopt' a few gravestones, or small area of the churchyard, to keep tidy on a

regular basis throughout the year, in their own time. If this is something you might be interested in helping with, please let Margaret and Anthony Hawks know, they'd love to hear from you.

We are so very grateful for all the hard work that goes into the churchyard maintenance - grass cutting, tree tidying, hedge cutting, strimming, dumpy bag providers and emptiers, the unknown angel who fills the planter on the fence by the school and the angel otherwise known as Sue Lang who makes delicious cake each working party and serves the coffee. We are so very fortunate, thank you each one of you.

Burns Night is Saturday 10th February, see magazine poster for details

Sue Thomas



### Mindful Marmalade Making

It's marmalade time again! The word "marmalade" originally referred to a type of quince jam; *marmelo* is the Portuguese word for quince. However, these days it is generally understood to describe a type of preserve made from bitter Seville oranges. Sevilles are in season from mid-January to early February.

Although it's entirely possible to make a batch of marmalade in just a couple of hours, for me this misses the point. For the whole of my adult life, significant portions of cold, grey January days have been devoted to a ritual of squeezing, scraping, slicing, simmering, boiling and potting. I inherited this recipe from my maternal grandmother, in her handwriting, so it's a precious possession and it makes such fantastic marmalade that I have never considered deviating from it – even if it does take 3 days per batch! Not three whole days, of course, just three bits of days. But if I make three or four batches every year, that adds up to quite a few hours.... So, choose a time when you can enjoy some music and some therapeutic squeezing and chopping!

I have given very detailed instructions – don't be put off – it's easier than it looks!

#### **You will need:**

3lbs (1.4kg) Seville oranges, rinsed and dried

1 large or 2 small lemons

Approx 7lbs (3.2kg) sugar – preserving or granulated (NOT sugar with added pectin)

*Makes about 12 lb (5.4kg)*

## Day 1 (1.5 - 2 hours)

- Cut the oranges in half and squeeze.
- Put the juice and pips in a sieve over a basin.
- Scrape the pith off the skins, cut up with scissors and place in preserving pan.
- Slice the skins (finely or coarsely – your preference) with a sharp knife and add to preserving pan.
- Add the juice but not the pips.
- Add 8 pints of water to the preserving pan.
- Place the pips in a small saucepan with one pint of water.

## Day 2 (2 hrs)

- Bring the contents of the preserving pan to the boil and simmer for one and a half to 2 hours, until reduced by about a third.
- Bring the pan of pips to the boil and simmer for about 20 minutes until the pips are clean; strain the liquid into the preserving pan.

## Day 3 (up to 1 hr)

- Put a couple of plates in the freezer, a small bowl near the hob.
- Rinse the jars in hot water, put in the oven at 130 to sterilise.
- Add the sugar and stir over a low heat until dissolved.
- Squeeze the lemon(s) and add the juice to the preserving pan.
- Bring the liquid to the boil and keep up a rolling boil for 15-20 minutes. Watch all the time - be careful not to let it boil over! Periodically skim off any scum that has accumulated round the sides of the pan into the bowl.
- After 15 minutes test for a set – spoon a small quantity onto a very cold plate and push with your fingernail. If it wrinkles, it is ready to set. (Or use a jam thermometer).
- Take off the heat and add a knob of butter. This will disperse any remaining scum.
- Leave to stand for 15 minutes; this ensure that the peel is distributed evenly within the jars instead of all rising to the top.



- While this is happening, check and if necessary allow the jars to cool a little – they need to be warm but not so hot that the marmalade sizzles when it is poured in!
- Pour or ladle into pots; fill to within a quarter of an inch of the rim. Cover with wax discs (shiny side down) and clean lids. Allow to cool and then check that the lids are tightly sealed.
- Label if required and store in a cool dark place.

I hope you enjoy it!

Leonie Allday

**Here are a few photos of the Church at Christmas** including a couple from the Crib Service with the youngest angel ever.





# Burns Night

Saturday 10th February  
7.15pm for 7.30pm

at Kingston Seymour  
Village Hall



3 Course Supper  
Piper  
Ceilidh



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

Tickets : £25

From: Sue Thomas (833593)

Judy Seward (832612)

Sue Lang (835939) Tuesday Post Office

or text 07763674395



Make up a table or just come along to be part of a group.

In aid of Church General Fund  
Parish of Yatton Moor registered charity no 1132177

## Yatton Local History Society

### Tuesday February 6th

Yatton Local History Society talk by Samantha Ball on Weston Playhouse

7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW. Contact [yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com](mailto:yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com)

### Tuesday March 5th

Yatton Local History Society talk by Robert Jones on Bristol in 1480

7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW. Contact [yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com](mailto:yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com)

## Yatton Music Society Spring Concerts.

Looking forward to the lighter nights with the colour and smell of Spring in the air, the Yatton Music Society is delighted to host its Spring series of live quality music at St Mary's Church. The programme for the season will commence with a candlelit concert by the Bristol Ensemble, followed by a wind quintet, violin and piano, organ recital, flute and piano.

The first concert of the season on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** will be 'Vivaldi by Candlelight' performed by the Bristol Ensemble led by Roger Huckle. Music will include Vivaldi's four seasons, Pachelbel's canon, Albinoni's concerto for oboe etc. The Church will be lit by candles to create a wonderful atmosphere for beautiful music.

The second concert is on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February** and will be an evening of sparkling music by the brilliant Rockhampton Wind Quintet, with flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon and horn.

For our **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** concert we are welcoming Boglárka György (violin) & Amy Butler (piano). Boglárka is a Hungarian prize winning violinist and their concert will include music to suit all tastes including popular classics, film and Gershwin.

Concerts start at 7.30pm at St Mary's, ticket prices are £10 and the audience is assured of a warm welcome, refreshments and wonderful music.

Details of these and future concert and can be found on the society's website [www.yms.org.uk](http://www.yms.org.uk)



## Sunday Services at St. John's Kenn and All Saints' Kingston Seymour



### February 4<sup>th</sup>

8.30am St John's  
11am All Saints'

Traditional Communion  
All Together in Church

### February 11<sup>th</sup>

8.30am All Saints'  
11am St John's

Traditional Holy Communion  
All Together in Church

### February 18<sup>th</sup>

11am All Saints'

Holy Communion

### February 25<sup>th</sup>

11am St John's

Holy Communion

### March 5<sup>th</sup>

8.30am St John's  
11 am All Saints'

Traditional Holy Communion  
All Together in Church

### March 3<sup>rd</sup>

8.30am St John's  
11am All Saints'

Traditional Holy Communion  
Holy Communion

### March 10<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday

8.30 All Saints  
11am St John's

Traditional Holy Communion  
All Together in Church

*For Easter Services see below*

**Every Tuesday and Wednesday 8.15am** Team Morning Prayer on Zoom.

**Easter Services at  
St John's Kenn and  
All Saints' Kingston Seymour**



**March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

11am St John's                      Holy Communion

**March 28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday**

6pm Kenn Village Hall      Meal and an informal communion

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday**

2pm      All Saints                      An hour at the foot of the cross.

**March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday**

9.30am St John's                      Easter Communion

11am      All Saints                      All Age Easter Communion with Easter Egg Hunt.

**Now here's a final thought** sent in by a villager.



Friends of All Saints Church

# Quiz Night

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Kingston Village Hall**

**Teams of up to 6 People**

**£ 15.00 per person to include hot supper**

**7:00 for 7:30 Start**

**Tickets in advance from:**

**Sue Thomas 07763 674395 or**

**Trudy Harris 07904 988109**

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