

# *Kingston Seymour Village Magazine*



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Quite a busy magazine this time although some activities are outside the village but might be of interest to some of you.

**A small plea for help for the next magazine**– I am looking for a volunteer to collect the magazines from Pace Print on the Windmill Business Estate, sort and deliver the magazines to my wonderful 8 people who distribute them around the village. Please do contact me if you feel you could help. Not much skill involved as long as you can count!

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#### All Saints Churchyard

Very many thanks to those who turned out to help tidying up in February.  
Much was achieved.

Another round of thanks to those who volunteered at other times tidying paths and removing ivy from the church stable. It will be great to monitor this to prevent the ivy almost overwhelming the stable roof as it has done for years but now cleared thanks to those who paid to have this enormous job done. With everyone playing their part we can all make a difference.

Dates of future Saturday tidying sessions:

**March 23**  
**May 11**  
**July 13**  
**September 7**

These will mostly be strimming and general tidy sessions. Do come along on these dates or come along at another time and clip/ trim around the gravestones. Your help is much appreciated.

Anthony and Margaret Hawks

## The Kingston Seymour Fleece Fair is back on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June



This time it is just a little further down the land from Tutshill Farm next to the Owl and the Oak. Caroline and Sam Harris are kindly allowing the use of their land for the Fair. There will be the usual sheep shearing, crafts, tractor rides, a barbeque and so much more. While the Owl in the Oak will be open for tea, coffee, delicious cakes and other refreshments. So put the date in your diary and there will be full details in the next magazine.



## Kingston Seymour Village Show Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

This year the Bank Holiday is early and therefore so is the Village Show. The closing date for entries will be Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August. Here are the Photography Classes in case you want to give them some thought

### PHOTOGRAPHY

- 52. Something green
- 53. Down the lane
- 54. Macro/ close up
- 55. My dinner

### CHILDREN'S PHOTOGRAPHY (16 and under)

- 63. A macro / close up
- 64. The seaside



**Congratulations** to Tilly (nee Stokes) and Ryan Farmery on the birth of a little girl, Rose, on 14<sup>th</sup> March. A sister for Max. I not sure her bathroom floor, two completely novice "midwives" and one excellent experienced one on speakerphone was part of her birth plan but they are all doing well.

## Heartfelt thanks



I would just like to thank all of you for the very kind get well wishes etc that you sent me after my recent operation. I am very happy to announce that the operation was entirely successful. A small journey to prevent any reoccurrence is all that I have to experience in the future.

Thanks to our wonderful NHS, who have been so vigilant in returning me to good health, I am so very grateful.

Love and best wishes to you all

Judy Seward

## Flower Guild information for Spring



### Easter Flowers

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Good Friday this year after 4pm or on the Saturday morning from 10am. Please let us know if you would like to do a placement.

There will be lilies available to dedicate to loved ones in each Easter arrangement. They are £3.50 per lily. Please fill in the form in the porch and return it to Sue Thomas or Trudy Harris by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March with the payment.

### Church Rota

Anyone is welcome to do the Church flowers seen in the church every week. The Rota is in the Church Porch and you sign up to cover 2 Sundays. The flowers can be an arrangement or just a vase of your favorites and will be left for the 2 weeks (you just need to check and water them). There is a £20 allowance for anyone to claim for the flowers and you can pick a time that means something to you or just whenever the feeling takes you! They need to be in the church for the Sunday service. Anyone is welcome and you just sign your name on the rota. The next gap to cover is the 2 weeks starting with the 14<sup>th</sup> April (covering the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>). Please don't be shy everyone is welcome.

### Wedding Flowers

There are 2 weddings in May where we may need help with flowers. For any updates on Church flowers or Flower Guild outings please keep an eye on the Facebook Village and Flower Guild pages. We also have a Flower guild WhatsApp to keep everyone informed. Please let us know if you wish to be added. We promise not to send out hundreds of updates.

## Kingston Seymour Parish Council



Our meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> March was dominated by discussion of the forthcoming Pier to Pier Way and the so called "Duck Lane Link". We were joined by the new NSC Project Manager for both sessions.

### **Pier to Pier Multi-User Way**

We were told that the end was in sight with the essential farm track nearing completion which would allow completion of the surfacing to the multi-user way and for the fencing to be finished. You will have seen the posts for the route signage go up and we understand that the new, high up, signs will be attached and not covered, with a lower-level temporary sign saying that the route is not yet open in place (more easily removed by contractors when it does open!)

Councillors learned that the plans agreed last year with the residents of Yeo Bank Lane for passing places along this stretch were not yet in place, but we were assured that budget would be found and that these would be installed. They would only be "deep" enough for vehicles to pass and clearly marked as such. They are not to be treated as parking places, there will be no double yellow lines as this is not appropriate in a rural situation.

Councillors were very concerned that specific points raised in the safety audit, such as the access of HGVs through Lower Strode Road, the dangerous corner and parking at Dowlais Farm corner were all risks that NSC officers have decided are "acceptable" and nothing further is going to be done to mitigate these risks regardless of our concerns.

Our Police team have said that they will increase patrols when the route opens to try and ensure that cyclists and other users of the route behave responsibly. There still seems much to do but opening "*in the spring*" remains the declared intent and perhaps by the time of the next edition of this magazine, a formal date will have been declared!

### **Duck Lane Link**

Councillors were informed that the physical construction works needed are expected to be completed within three months. Councillors remain concerned that with there being no real prospect of the link carrying on to Clevedon in the short or medium term and with the Road Safety Audit

strongly suggesting that Lampley Road is not suitable for family cyclists. Councillors raised concerns that public money is not being spent well, offering little gain for Strawberry Line users but an increased danger should they unwittingly enter the Lampley Road having come from the relatively safe “off road” section.

We will continue to press on both matters.

### **Other Business**

Councillors discussed a planning application in the village and learned from our police team that thieves were targeting vans in Yatton – particularly those with sliding doors and where the lock is being drilled out to gain access. Rogue traders have also been operating in the area and parishioners are reminded that if someone offers to take away your rubbish, they must have a Waste Carriers licence from NSC. If they don't and your rubbish is fly tipped somewhere but can be traced back to you, you will be prosecuted.

About village maintenance, we have agreed to the annual cuts that have been undertaken annually in certain parts of the village and we have accepted a quotation to prune the trees on the Triangle and remove a dying maple tree. This will give more space for a small Christmas tree to be planted there for festive decoration when the time comes later this year.

I'd like to say a big “*Thank You*” to everyone who plays a part in looking after our village.

I saw Mr and Mrs Calderbank picking up litter from the Lampley Road verges the other day and I know that they walk miles around our lanes doing so. I'd also like to thank Judith Barber who has the unpleasant task of emptying the three public waste bins in the village. I know she needs a strong stomach for this but I'm pretty sure that she'd rather have dog poo bags placed in these bins than for the poo to be left at the side of the road or hanging up in a hedge. Please, if you are a dog owner, pick up after your beloved canine and either take the poo home to your own bin or place it in one of the three in the village. Thank you.

### **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 £10k in the bank. You may have noticed the small increase in Parish precept that I told you about last time now appearing amongst all the other increases on your Council Tax Bills!

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

NSC have recently issued two consultations. The first is about parking in Clevedon, Portishead and Nailsea with the possibility of charging. I'm pretty sure that this will affect many of you so please have your say on the proposals.

The second is about the possibility of switching to a three weekly waste (black bin) collection cycle.

I'll put some details of both on our village website, and they can also be accessed via the NSC site. Please do have your say!

Our next meeting is on the 8<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall and the first part will be the annual meeting of the Parish Council where we will deal with all the regulatory things we need to do. Then we will have a standard meeting to discuss progress on all the outstanding issues. All are welcome to attend.

On **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** we will be holding the Annual Village Meetings night when we will review what your Parish Council has done and will also hold the annual meetings of the Friends and of the Village Hall itself. Please make a note in your diaries to come along and support your parish organisations.

*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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## Historical society

### 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.

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

AGM followed by Social

Memorabilia and Displays, old maps of the Parish and interesting artifacts found in the parish, Quiz and Raffle, wine and food...

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

For details contact ;

**Jane Bell 01934 877322 and Anne Perrott on 01934 833888**

Visitors are welcome to join us at the AGM and Social and to find out more about the Society.

## New initiative helps N.Somerset community groups provide local people with expert energy advice.

Calling all community groups in North Somerset! A new project run by the [Centre for Sustainable Energy](#) (CSE) is offering community groups funding and support to promote retrofit among local homeowners.

Retrofit means any work to improve the energy efficiency of a home. From insulation to low-carbon technologies like solar panels, retrofit describes any changes made to a home to make it cheaper to heat and more environmentally friendly. Household energy use makes up about [15% of the UK's carbon emissions](#), so retrofitting homes is vital in our journey to net zero.

CSE is looking for local community groups to help host Open Homes events. They will provide advice and support throughout the project, as well as tailored resources and grants of up to £5k. If you're a community group and are interested in getting involved in the project, email [woe-energydemo@cse.org.uk](mailto:woe-energydemo@cse.org.uk).

The West of England LEAD project is funded by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, via the South West Net Zero Hub.

Tilly Hudspith    Communications Intern



## Kingston on Canvas



As a farmer, I have always enjoyed a 20 minute (no more) siesta. I no longer rise at five in the morning, but I still have the post-lunch nap!

One such rest this winter, in the peace of our garden room, set me thinking about the various paintings around the room, most of them of the village and most of them birthday presents to Gill.

I know that others of you in the village have similar works by Molly Willis, Brenda Clough *et al.* - so what are the chances of bringing them all together? The plan is to exhibit them in the church (available for say 3-5 days uninterrupted) in the early summer (good light). If we can raise a few bob in the process, all well and good, but the main intention is just to get these reflections on our village in one place for our mutual enjoyment.

Thus far, by word of mouth only, I have tracked down 30 or so original paintings and drawings of Kingston Seymour subjects – the church, the Triangle, various farms & farm buildings, and our very characteristic countryside.

If you have any such originals (not copies) that you would be willing to exhibit, please let me know. As I have no artistic abilities or know-how, any offers of help would be most welcome, even with stewarding.

John Harris.

## Classical Concert for Hope



On Friday 15th March All Saints church was honoured to host a candle light, fantastic classical concert in aid of the Hope Christian Trust.

The concert was the inspiration of Beth Burdge from Mendip View Farm. Beth is a singing Purcell scholar at the Wells Cathedral School. Beth and her friend Emily organised the concert with several vocalists from the school. We were entertained to solos, duets and chamber arrangements. The program was diverse with sacred music, opera and even a rendition of an English folk song.

The atmosphere was truly magical and we became very emotional by the end of their concert. We thoroughly enjoyed their encore.

The ladies of Kingston again produced a fantastic selection of canapés during the interval, which were much appreciated by all along with the selection of wines.

The Reverend John Angle gave a short but succinct talk about the Hope Christian Trust, which he and his wife Janet have been trustees for 20 years. This trust supports a Christian School in Gaza City. Many of the audience were unaware that there are Christians there, 800 in total. The Lighthouse School has both Christian and Muslim teachers and pupils. There are about 280 pupils educated there. "Google" the school to learn more about this wonderful institution. Janet also created a display of her beautiful, embroidered Palestinian dresses, including a wedding dress, which she has collected over many years.

As a result of this concert we were able to raise over £1,800 and donations are still being received. These funds are needed urgently as John has recently sent about £8,000 to buy food for the Christian's who are sheltering in the Catholic and Orthodox Church compounds surviving on any food they can find at extortionate cost. Funds will also be desperately needed to help restart the school when this war ends, hopefully in the near future.

Many thanks to all our friends near and wide, who supported the concert on Friday and also those generous people who have sent donations. Any further donations can be given to Sue Lang or Sue Thomas, who will forward them to John. It is also possible to make regular donations to the trust.

Sue Lang



## **Keep Active with Age UK Somerset**

Due to popular demand, local charity, Age UK Somerset, have launched a new, low cost, Tai Chi QiGong session for older adults in Clevedon.

Every Tuesday at 11:15am, at 1<sup>st</sup> Clevedon Scout Hall, Great Western Rd, Clevedon, BS21 6HG, you can join this friendly class- £5 per week. Specially designed for people over 55, the sessions are fun and friendly and can improve your balance, strength and flexibility.

QiGong, pronounced '*chee gung*', is a form of Tai Chi that is beneficial to both physical and mental wellbeing, consisting of 18 easy-to-learn gentle movements.

In Clevedon, you can also join Strictly Seniors, a fun and friendly choreographed class with steps from ballroom and latin dances. This is held in Kenn Road Methodist Church, Thursdays at 2pm.

Or, if you are less steady on your feet, you could sign up to one of our Strong and Steady strength and balance classes, to help stay confident and mobile.

For more information, or to sign up, call 01823 345624, email [bookaclass@ageuksomerset.org.uk](mailto:bookaclass@ageuksomerset.org.uk), or visit [ageuksomerset.org.uk/ageingwell](http://ageuksomerset.org.uk/ageingwell)



## Church Notes

Fran's farewell was on 11th February. It was lovely to have her with us for Burns Night, and to join with her and Bishop Mike the week before, for a Confirmation Service here at All Saints, the first for a number of years. An adult declaration of faith is always very meaningful and was a very fitting end to Fran's ministry in post, before retirement. The following week we joined with Kenn where she was presented with a welcome cheque from all of us. Kingfisher Cottage is owned by the Diocese and is to be let for the time being.

Whatever our crazy world throws at us, nature can always show that there is always hope. Spring brings that more than any other season and in our church we also have signs of hope. Our team of 5 churches has been without a Team Rector now for almost two years, Fran's leaving has left a vacancy with the House for Duty position and by the time this goes to print, the remaining full-time priest at Cleeve and Claverham will also have moved on.

But ... we are beginning to find ways of all working together, to share the resources we have, to discover what makes each of our churches and communities different and to get to know each other better. We are also incredibly blessed to have Avril, and two other retired priests, offering their help and support across the 5 churches, as well as lay people, offering their time and gifts where a service can be held without a priest.

So we are in good heart and doing all we can to keep All Saints a place where all are welcome and our service pattern can continue. Another great reason for hope is that the Team Rector's post has been advertised so we wait just a little longer to discover the outcome of that.

**Easter** Avril will lead the 2pm Hour at the Foot of the Cross service, starting by the 3 crosses that Norman and Sam put up in the churchyard

**Easter Sunday: 11am** All Age Holy Communion celebration for this central Christian Festival will be led by Rev John Angle

**Easter Sunday and Easter Monday 2.30pm-5.00pm** Cream Teas and Cake and Tea in the church and outside, with a Plant Stall and Easter Egg Hunt. Take away boxes are also available if you would prefer to eat at home and cards can be accepted!

Minor repair work has been taken to treat woodworm in the wall plate of the wagon roof. The blocked chimney flue has been cleared and the gap where the jackdaws found their way in, now secure again. The churchyard grants given by both the Parish Council and the Friends of All Saints ensure that outside maintenance can be tackled; ditch clearing, and mower servicing and repairs were the main items last year.

The silver birch had to be felled because of disease, but Angus has done a fantastic job of selling the wood to more than cover the cost of having this done. Gateposts and fencing are a must for this year, almost all need replacing. At long last we plan to make the repairs needed to the Chancel and Vestry roofs and valley. A massive thank you to Pete Briscoe and Steve for finding the reason for water coming in through the south aisle roof. A very old, hand-made nail had forced its way back up through the lead, leaving a hole large enough for the rain to get in.

A huge thank you as well, to Aaron who got hold of some tarmac and filled in the large potholes outside Church House. Margaret, I know, has had offers of help from people unable to make a churchyard working party. All these things make a massive difference, it may not seem much, but truly it is - thank you to each and every one of you..... and who does fill that planter on the fence by the Old School.

Finally, we send our love and our prayers to John and Leonie. Thank you John for all you have given us and continue to do. Bless you both.

Sue Thomas

I have been sent this by Pauline Madge as she felt after the brilliant concert in the church recently perhaps people might be interested in this concert too.

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## Yatton Historical Society

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Yatton Local History Society talk by Clive Burlton on The citizens of Bristol at war

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Yatton Local History Society talk by Alan and Jane Bambury on Arnos Vale Cemetery

Both at 7.30pm Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW. Contact [yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com](mailto:yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com)

## Yatton Music Society Forthcoming Concerts.

Yatton Music Society is continuing their Spring concerts and the May concert will be the final concert of their season. Our concerts are again attracting good audiences and many musicians with national reputations are offering their talents to play at St Mary's in future seasons.

The April concert will be on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** will be given by the Bristol based organist Richard Johnson. Richard was an organ scholar at Oriel College and since 2004 he has been organist at Westbury-on-Trym Parish Church. He is a member of Exultate Singers, and Accompanist to the City of Bristol Choir. Richard has played for services at many of the UK's cathedrals, including St Paul's, Salisbury, Wells and Winchester, and has featured on BBC Radio 3's *Choral Evensong* with the RSCM Millennium Youth Choir and BBC television's *Songs of Praise* with the City of Bristol Choir and Exultate Singers. The concert at St Mary's Church will be enhanced with a video display of the organ during his performance, this will be arranged by the Bristol & District Organist Association.

For our final concert on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**, the YMS welcome the brilliant young flautist Stephanie Gilbert, Stephanie is currently based in Backwell and is an alumna of Millfield school and the RNCM. She will be accompanied by Bristol based Helen Reid who is a former BBC finalist Young Musician of the year.

Concerts start at 7.30pm at St Mary's, ticket prices are £10 and the audience is assumed 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



### April 7th

8.30am St John's  
11am All Saints'

Traditional Communion  
All Together in Church

### April 14th

8.30am All Saints'  
11am St John's

Traditional Holy Communion  
All Together in Church

### April 21st

11.15am All Saints'  
6.00pm All Saints'

Holy Communion  
Songs of Praise

### April 28th

11am St John's

Holy Communion

### May 5<sup>th</sup>

7.00pm St John's  
11 am All Saints'

Traditional Holy Communion  
All Together in Church Annual meeting of Parishioners

### May 9<sup>th</sup> Thursday

8.30am St John's

Team Ascension Day Service with refreshments  
Afterwards Also available on Zoom.

### May 12th

8.30 All Saints  
11am St John's

Traditional Holy Communion  
All Together in Church

### May 19<sup>th</sup> Pentecost

11.00am All Saints

Traditional Holy Communion

### May 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday

11am St John's

Holy Communion

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

Friends of All Saints Church

# Quiz Night

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 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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