

Kingston Seymour Village Magazine



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Welcome to the second Covid 19 issue of the magazine and let's hope there will not be too many more. I personally feel as though I am in hold mode waiting for the end of all this while time just passes. I realise for others, those on their own, people with young children, well any aged children stuck at home and of course those with businesses or the threat of losing their jobs, it is so much harder. Today is the 60th day in lockdown and by the time you all get this it be nearly 70 days (you can tell I've been keeping a diary) which seems unbelievable. I keep telling myself this will end and meanwhile I suppose we have to make the best of it.

There is some sadness in the magazine this time with thoughts and memories of villagers who have sadly passed away in the last couple of months.

I am sure no one will mind me adding to the many thanks, many seen on the Facebook page, for this brilliant community of Kingston Seymour. So many people are doing deeds for charity and also there are many who help or support other people by for instance shopping, telephoning people on their own, doing litter picking and the many kindnesses that no one ever hears about. Thank you, John, Judith and Sue, for running the Post Office from 10.00 to 11.00 on Tuesdays. We are lucky to have Tiffin as a local business in the village providing an opportunity to buy take-away cooked meals and grocery supplies so easily.

A bumper magazine this month as I have received so many contributions. Thank you everyone and the lovely John at Pace Print for printing it for us. Anything that is near normality is encouraging and so cheering. If you want to see it in colour, please go to the Village Website.

Stay safe everyone.

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Face Masks

In memory of Joy Clark I have made a selection of face masks. Boris has suggested that we wear these when or where required to help prevent a second spike of Covid-19. There is a choice of four or five designs and the elastic is adjustable, not fixed. As you see there is a choice of fabrics from spots, stars, horizontal stripes, plain or patterned

With David's blessings these are now available, with a minimum donation of £5 which will be sent to Macmillan Cancer Support, which David told me was Joy's charity of choice.

Available from Sue Lang at Church View.
Telephone 835939.

Many thanks, as this is something the village can do to honour Joy's memory.

Joy Clark

On 21st April 2020, Joy Clark of Lampley Road, died in Weston Hospital ITU, as a result of contracting COVID-19.

Jocelind Clark (nee Gothard) known to all as Joy was born on 25th May 1945 in Belfast. By the time Joy was aged 22, she had lived in over twenty different places across the UK and Republic of Ireland and had attended twelve different schools. This somewhat nomadic lifestyle was due to Joy's parents, Norman and Maisie, being Salvation Army Ministers known as Officers.

When Joy's parents were sent to Grangetown, near Middlesbrough, Joy met a young Salvation Army bandsman, and married David in August 1967. Their

only child Beverley was born just over a year later. Joy and David eventually settled in Rochdale in 1972 at which time Joy commenced her 40+ year career as a Social Worker.

The three most important things to Joy were her family, her music and her faith.

Joy was a wonderful Grandmother who was an incredibly positive and loving influence on her grandchildren Ben and Abi throughout their lives. From being toddlers, never a day would go by when Joy would not either see or at least speak to them.

Joy was a very talented Pianist and Vocalist, who could also turn her hand to playing a Brass Instrument and the Accordion, and could often be seen singing in choirs, or playing at church services. Most recently Joy loved to sing in the Worship Group at Christchurch Clevedon, occasionally stepping in to also play the keyboard.

Throughout her life Joy held and demonstrated a strong Christian faith, always showing a commitment and passion for worship, surely influenced by her upbringing in The Salvation Army, and compassion and support for others in need.

In 2010, Joy and David along with Bev, Karl, Abi and Ben moved into the village. Joy loved being part of the village community, attending and supporting most events as well as being an active member of the Kingston Seymour Church House Group. Joy enjoyed her walks through the village, usually whilst being dragged along by the family dog Charlie. Joy often remarked she could not believe she lived in such a lovely place, and how her walks gave her time to appreciate God's wonderful creation.

Joy will be missed as a Wife, Mother, Grandmother, active villager and Christian friend.

Karl Holt

Controlling *Neovison vison* – American Mink

Seen any mink recently? Hopefully not, for they can be voracious predators on our waterfowl and water voles. This was the case around 20 - 30 years ago, following escapes from fur farms and deliberate releases by well-meaning but rather misguided "animal libbers". Fur farming was banned in 2002, but by then the damage was done.

Norman Harris tells of hearing a commotion during breakfast, coming from the hens' run. A mink had one of the hens in the adjacent rhyme by the time he got out there. "I managed to retrieve the hen, came back in, got my gun, went out and waited until the mink reappeared. When it did, I despatched it!"

MAFF (as Defra used to be) never offered a bounty, but Norman and the Clevedon Wildfowlers Association had a concerted effort some 20 years ago and caught 18 in a year just around Kingston. Moorhens, mallard, swans and herons are now plentiful as a result.

The Association of Drainage Authorities - to which our own Internal Drainage Board belongs, recently reported† two interesting technological advances in mink control. Firstly, from simple water samples, it is now possible to isolate animal cells and identify the genetic "signature". Like otters, mink can be very elusive. No sign of them around here at the moment, but forewarned is forearmed. Which leads to the second innovation - smart traps. These have an electronic cage door that relays activation by e-mail and/or text, thus allowing for benign species to be released. The East Anglian IDBs are trialling these techniques at the moment, with great success apparently.

In the meantime, with all this lockdown exercise going on, if you do see a mink swimming in the rhynes or crossing the lanes, please let Norman or I know.

†Martin, T. (2020) *A mink free GB: A brighter future for water voles?* ADA Gazette, Spring. 22 only.

John Harris. 832126

Norman Harris 834295

Lockdown Quizzes.

If you are fed up of endless Quizzes in Lockdown I thought I would cut out the middle man and just give you some interesting facts I have learnt over the last couple of months.

Did you know that a can full of normal coke sinks while one full of diet coke floats and so does a can of Pellegrino Lemonade?

Did you know that a group of Hedgehogs is called a pickle?

Did you know that the first Human Corona Virus (not this one) was discovered by a Scottish researcher, Jane Aleida, in 1964 when she was working in St Thomas' Hospital in London?

Did you know the Ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain?

Did you know that Chicago is called the "Windy City" not because of the local climate but because it was a nickname coined by 19th Century journalists who were referring to its residents being "windbags" and "full of hot air".

Did you know that the magnetic north pole is moving from Canada towards Siberia at a rate of 37 miles per year?

We all know that Clevedon has the second highest tidal range in the world at 15 metres, but did you know that the highest tidal range in the world is in the Bay of Fundy in Canada at 16.3 metres?

Did you know the elephant is the only animal that cannot jump?

Did you know there is only one letter that does not appear in any US state name? The letter Q.

So much useless knowledge and I could add so much more and if you are setting a quiz - you're welcome.

Brenda Hilliard 1943 – 2020

Brenda was born on the 20th February 1943 in Epsom, Surrey. She had a very happy childhood with her two brothers David and Peter living in West Ewell, Surrey. She went to Ruxley Lane secondary school and then to Wimbledon Technical school where she learnt Pitman's Shorthand and typing. I was doing my GCE 'O' levels at the same school and when I saw Brenda and that was that. I was sixteen Brenda was fifteen. We were engaged on her 18th birthday and married three years later when we were both 21.

Work brought me to the west country, and we lived in East Coker a beautiful village just south of Yeovil. We were there for seven years when work again made us move to this fantastic village of Kingston Seymour in 1980. For a period of time Brenda worked for Abbey Lifts who had an office in Back Lane. She then moved to Bristol University where she was the administrator in the Counselling department. She stayed there until she retired.

Socially Brenda enjoyed badminton playing for Yatton Optimists where she was treasurer for a period. Unbeknown to me Brenda was secretly having golf lessons at Clevedon GC and joined Tall Pines GC in 1995 where I was a member. She was a very good administrator became Lady Captain in 2005. We enjoyed many trips to France, Portugal and Spain playing golf with a group of friends all of whom were Tall Pines members.

Unfortunately, Brenda developed dementia some four years ago and our lives changed completely with Brenda becoming progressively worse. She fell and broke her hip in our kitchen in October 2019 and from then on it got even darker. She died in Elm View care home on the 8th of April.

I miss her.

I must thank all of our kind friends in Kingston Seymour for their support during the last few months. You have all helped me cope.

John Hilliard

Time for a Haircut

I was 11 when my sister was born and my mother had a thrombosis. My rather Victorian father said I had to help in the house. I was to do the family's washing and ironing but in return I was to have an allowance. This continued till I left home at 18 to go to university.

This was well before the days of automatic washing machines which would have been a doddle. We had a small single electric tub and electric wringer. So fill, wash, wring. Washing into sink and rinse. Wring again and out on line while next wash washed. Once dried, but not too much, iron. That took up a lot of my weekend but maybe that was dad's idea - to keep me out of mischief.

The allowance sounded like a lot of money, and for the life of me I can't recall how much it was, but I had to clothe myself and buy anything else I needed. My mother was a darling and bought my school uniform when I passed to go to High School. (Why is it you don't fully appreciate your mother until it's too late). She also went half with me for my first record - Perry Como's Catch a Falling Star - 7/6 if I remember rightly. I've still got it! But then I don't throw things away.

So I soon learnt to make my own clothes and cut my own hair most of the time. When I married Frank he went to the barbers but didn't enjoy either the long wait as it kept him from his work or paying the 3/6 for the cut. So I took over. It didn't take me long to mainly master a short back and sides though not quite as short as the RAF cut Frank would have preferred. But then I was the one who had to look at it. As my late sister-in-law, who was a hairdresser, told me in 10 days you can't tell the difference between a good and a bad cut.

Fast forward and my sister was about to start chemotherapy. She didn't want to lose tufts of hair. Would I cut it for her. I only do short back and sides. That'll be fine. So I did and it looked lovely. I still have some of the locks I chopped off and found them the other day. Brought back such sad memories.

Next I did dad's hair which he allowed with a lot of complaining. But I was saving him a lot of money! Forward again now Frank was gone and Len had arrived. He was chuffed to save money too and my 'hairdressing' days continued. But now on lockdown and needing a haircut of my own back to the old days. This morning I cut my own hair again. Brought back all these memories. Len did offer to do it but I felt he didn't have as much practice as me even if his father had been a barber.

Tricia Reynolds

MEGAN HARRIS

1919 - 2020

We buried Mum in her predetermined grave with Dad on Maundy Thursday. As a result of the Covid-19 lockdown, it was a simple graveside service at All Saints, most sensitively led by Avril, with just the three of us as mourners. The sun shone on a calm morning, and the birds sang, uninterrupted by traffic. It was elegant in its simplicity and could not have been more meaningful for us. Perhaps other patterns of life will change too? Working & schooling from home, less overseas travel, changed purchasing patterns, disaster planning, etc.

In lieu of a wake, after the internment we had a delightful picnic in the shade of the belfry, and were able to go our separate ways with the grave infilled and the site beautifully tidy. Our particular thanks to Avril, and Julian Britton and his team.

We have received a huge number of messages of sympathy, almost all reflecting on her long association with the village, and we are extremely grateful for the wide range of sentiments shown. Thank you everybody. All being well, we shall have a service of thanksgiving in due course.

John, Ann & Brian.

Church Notes

How life changes. When the last magazine went to press, none of us knew what lay ahead for each one of us and for our village.

As with many other parishes, John and I were dismayed that we were asked to keep the church building locked until further notice. It continues to feel wrong that we can't offer that quiet space for our village family to use. All we can do is reassure you of our concern and care and be available to you. Please do contact one of us if you need us.

Locked doors has also meant no church services as we have known them, but instead a Zoom service has emerged. It happens at 6pm on a Sunday, is an informal service, lasts about 30 minutes, links the 5 Churches of the Team and is mainly led by lay people (us) rather than clergy. It's easy to access and it's great! You can just listen in if you don't want to be seen, useful if you've just come in from the garden and feel a bit dishevelled, or you can click on the video link and see everybody. If you are interested, email John or me and we can forward you the link.

Within the past week there has been a very slight shift in the regulations and a few days ago, Avril was nominated as the one person allowed to enter the church building for prayer. It's a small but comforting step forward.

It was fabulous to have so many posies collected on Mothering Sunday and Easter Gardens left over the Easter weekend - loved Sam's village scene with the phone box. Thank you so much everyone for brightening Easter in Lockdown, for the messages on the Easter Tree in the porch and to Mark and the kind people who made the churchyard look trim and cared for. It's been a really difficult time, and continues to be, for everyone. None more so than for our village families and friends who have also endured the loss of someone dear - and there have been so many - John Smales, Megan Harris, Brenda Hilliard, Jill Iles and Joy Clark. Such a sad time. To all the families we offer our deepest sympathy, our love and our prayers.

Joy was part of our Monday afternoon Bible Study group and it was a huge shock to hear of her passing. She will be remembered as someone of great faith, whose life was a witness to that faith, who absolutely loved the Lord

and trusted in Him whatever disappointments and struggles life threw at her and who wanted, above all else, to bring that love and faith to everyone. We shall miss her hugely.

You may have noticed that there has been activity at Kingfisher Cottage, Back Lane. The plan is still for Reverend Fran Binding to be joining us later in the summer and we welcome that. Fran is coming to us from Wraxall and Failand parish, and those of you who already know her will also know how highly regarded she is there. We are so very fortunate to have her moving to Kenn and Kingston and look forward to welcoming her in August. I think Avril (and Richard) will be hugely relieved! I don't think any of us will know how much Avril does quietly for the village, as well as shouldering many of the weekly services during this time of vacancy. She has been our rock and we thank them both.

A booklet of prayers has been produced with the coronavirus in mind. There are prayers for different situations and needs, prayers for children and the booklet also includes words for a simple act of worship for the morning and evening. There is a pile of these in the church porch, please do help yourself to one if you would like to.

Rev. Avril is saying morning prayer in church again. No one else can accompany her at present, but if anyone would like prayers for those they are concerned about, then please either phone 01934 832995 or email at: avriljgaunt@gmail.com. with their requests.

Keep safe and let's look forward to the fun to come!

Sue Thomas - Churchwarden

Food Bank

A Food Bank is now operating in Yatton and is administered through Niccy Hook, who is the Youth Club leader at Rock Road. Niccy is doing some fantastic work with the young people there and is a lifeline for some of the most vulnerable children. One of the projects she started was a Rock Cafe, open to the public on Saturday mornings at the Youth Club. When the situation allows for its re-opening, bear it in mind if you are Yatton way and can drop in for a coffee. I know she would really welcome our support. I'm guessing the collection point for food donations is in the Co-Op.

A Poem for Ladies of a certain Age

I have discovered that this poem is attributed to at least two different authors

I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates
You see we are the oldies now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died
They'll never know the things
we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told
We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s
If only you knew the truth!
There was sex and drugs and
rock n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts
Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum
Somebody's wife then Nana
Who on earth did we become
We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full

But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull

So here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!
It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no flaming flour

Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer
At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whisky, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal
So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this awful virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth

We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates

Christian Aid

Thank you for the response to this appeal. I know from messages I've received that many have given directly and I have sent nearly £200 from donations given to me for forwarding. It's never too late to give if you had intended to.



Kingston Seymour Village Show 2020

The village show this year will be a little different. The good news is that there will be a show. It will in the main be a virtual show on our very own Facebook page where photos of entries can be uploaded. If Facebook isn't for you then Photos of entries can also be emailed to info@kingstongarage.co.uk or delivered to Trudy at 1 Back Lane.

Classes 42-44 will be judged from outside your homes. This will make for a very pleasant walk around the village (keeping within whatever the current social distancing rules are) on show day for those who are happy to walk round to look at what has been displayed.

Photos are needed for all classes except Family Craft 42-44 and Writing Classes 35-37 There will be no charge to enter but if you wish to donate to a charity of your choice in the name of the village show that would be lovely.

We will not be awarding the cups or prize money this year but do not let this dilute the competition as there will be prizes once all the judging has been completed.

The Facebook page will have all details, but entries will need to be posted/delivered by Wednesday 26th August & outside items ie: classes 42-44 will be judged on Saturday 29th August.

Results will be published Saturday 29th August.

Kingston Seymour Village Show Schedule

Children's Classes

Photos of entries to be uploaded to the Village Show face book page, emailed to (happy to use my email but it's up to you) or posted to Trudy Harris 1 Back Lane, by Wednesday 26th August Entries to be judged on appearance only.

Cookery

4 years and under

1. Decorated biscuit
2. Fruit kebab

5-8 years

3. Fruit or vegetable totem pole
4. Decorated cup cakes

9-12 years

5. Decorated cup cakes
6. VE Day theme decorated pizza

13-16 years

7. Decorated Victoria sandwich
8. The favourite family dinner you have cooked

Photography

4 years and under

9. Creepy crawly
10. Something funny
11. Lockdown

5-8 years

12. Creepy crawly
13. Something funny
14. Lockdown

9-12 years

- 15. Creepy crawly
- 16. Something funny
- 17. Lockdown

13-16 years

- 18. Creepy crawly
- 19. Something funny
- 20. Lockdown

Handicrafts

4 years and under

- 21. Painted stone
- 22. Rainbow picture

5-8 years

- 23. Something you made at home school
- 24. Rainbow picture

9-12 years

- 25. Design a poster to advertise the village Christmas post, please see details at the very end.
- 26. Piece of art or craft inspired by the rainbow theme

13-16 years

- 27. A Kingston themed Christmas card
- 28. Piece of art or craft inspired by the rainbow theme

Adult Classes

Photos of entries to be uploaded to the face book page, emailed to or posted to Trudy Harris 1 Back Lane.

Photography

- 29. Trees
- 30. Kingston Church
- 31. Farm Animal
- 32. Head and shoulder photo (not selfie)
- 33. Lockdown

Flower arranging

34. An arrangement of flowers to thank a key worker

Writing (Your own original work)

Poem

35. My New Normal

Limerick

36. Lockdown

Short Story - 100 words exactly

37. The year 2020

Art

38. Painting or drawing of your choice

Flowers

39. Best flower in your garden

40. Rose from your garden

41. A vase of flowers from your garden

Family Craft

All items to be displayed at the front of your house viewable from the road for judging on Saturday 29th August.

42. A Scarecrow

43. Hanging Basket

44. Garden Planter

Below are details that must be included on the poster for class 25, please design A4 size (you can word in your own way but needs to contain this information).

Kingston Seymour Village Christmas Post Day

Tuesday 15th December 2020

Cards to be dropped off to village Hall between 9.30 -11.30 am

10p per card proceeds to The Children's Society

Mulled wine & mince pies

Thank You - Graham, Emma and I would like to thank so many of you for your thoughts, words of sympathy, kindness and support during such challenging times for us all.

With best wishes, Hilary Smales.

Kingston Seymour Parish Council

What extraordinary times we are living in! For any of us who didn't witness the Second World War, the removal of our freedoms to act as we want to is quite challenging and we have all had to adapt in so many different ways. As I write this, we are still "*locked down*" but there is hope that we are past the worst peak of this horrible virus and that some relaxations of these measures may be on the horizon.

My thanks go to Sylvia for getting the end of March edition of the magazine published and delivered and also to everyone on the Community Action Team who have been caring for their neighbours and those throughout the village who have needed support. Once again, Kingston has risen to the challenge and has supported itself and all of its residents!

Business of the Parish Council continues - albeit that we did not have a meeting in May.

The Government changed the law such that the previously mandatory "*Annual Meeting of the Parish Council*" was no longer mandatory and your Councillors decided that the principal business usually at that meeting - election of the Chairman - could be carried over. Therefore, our Chairman remains as Mike Sewell for another year with Fred Malton as his Deputy. All of the roles and responsibilities which your Councillors carried during last year will carry on into 2021.

Because of the lock down regulations, we will not be able to hold the Annual Parish Meeting this year which we did have pencilled in for the 20th May. The next formal Council meeting planned is on the 15th July but if an urgent

need arises, a meeting can be called at any time and after the due amount of notice given to you, the parishioners.

We are liaising with the Friends of All Saints and the Village Hall Committee to agree when it will be appropriate to hold the Village Annual Meetings, but we do not anticipate this will be before September or October.

District and National Government has largely been refocused on other matters, so we have not heard of any progress on the Coastal Path or multi use access across Tutshill Sluice. I imagine that we are now unlikely to see anything on either before 2021.

I did write last time about the representations we had made to North Somerset about our roads and we have had some good news from that direction.

In late May, NSC are going to rebuild and resurface the far end of Ham Lane. This is something we have been asking them to do for years! Whilst not many of us need to go down that far, those that do have had to negotiate 300 metres of dreadful road surface and at last, it is going to be fixed! The missing "No Through Road" sign, which should be at the junction of Ham Lane and Broadstone Lane will also be replaced.

We have also been advised that there will be work scheduled for Lampley Road (and some other areas) later in the year but it is too early for NSC to be committed to precise dates. We are also working with them to get the road painting re-done in some areas and to fully integrate this into their proposed work and schedule it correctly.

We have been told that a small section of Back Lane is to be shut for a couple of days in July in conjunction with Truespeed work. I believe that Truespeed are aiming for the end of July to get the Broadband live.

My thanks go to Chris Walton who has once again conducted the Internal Audit of the Parish Council's accounts. We will now go through the steps to

satisfy the external auditor and there will be a public period of examination - in late July/August - once the Parish Council have formally "signed off" on these at the July meeting.

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 (*when we can!*) 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.

Stay safe!

Steve Dixon, Parish Clerk

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Website: www.kingstonseymour.org.uk

Phone: 07902 798 162

We have the whole of 2019's RHS Garden magazines - one for each month. Would anybody like them? Just give us a ring, 833088, and come and collect them.

Tricia and Len Reynolds, Whistlers

Historical Society

Personal Accounts of VE day in Kingston Seymour

I have been searching the archives to find any eyewitness accounts for the celebrations at Kingston Seymour for VE day. So far I have only come across a few. It is strange to think how such a significant event could so easily have been lost to our knowledge in the years following the War when folk were thinking ahead to a better world and wanted to forget the awful events that affected everybody of that generation. There are, however, a few memories written down, still in existence from those who were there at the

time and perhaps more will come to light. Please, if anyone feels that they have any information to offer on this subject relevant to the village of KS, could they contact the Historical Society and share them with us.

Mrs Gladys Travis of Middle Lane Farm wrote an article for the village scrap book some years ago, in which she recorded her memories of the war years and in particular the events of VE Day. In an extract she writes.... "Throughout the first two years of the war, the Church bells were silent, as indeed they were everywhere, only to be rung as a warning of invasion. Kingston Seymour Ringers were given permission to ring for the first time in October 1942 to commemorate the Victory of El Alamein and at Easter 1943, and thereafter every Sunday afternoon until the end of the War.

When the final surrender to the Allied Forces came, Kingston Seymour celebrated, as did everybody, with singing and dancing in the Schoolroom with an overflow in the playground, a bonfire and fireworks at Lampley and a Thanksgiving Service in Church. In the words of the Rector, Revd Frank Gornall, we met to give humble and hearty thanks to God that somehow we were preserved and the great agony of the World was over".

Revd. F.H.Gornall himself wrote ...

"May 8th 1945. Thanksgiving Service at 7.30 pm. The next day there were sports in Rookery Field in the afternoon- prizes. In the evening, a Social in the schoolroom spilling out into the playground. Refreshments served with Community singing and dancing (piano played by Mrs Stanley Griffin, Barberry Farm from 7.30 - midnight) with an adjournment to Lampley, to light a bonfire at 10.30. There was no 'Mafficking or Paper Hat spirit' - just a profound solemn feeling hung around our sense of Thanksgiving deep as by the grace of God we could make it."

The School log records... "May 8th 1945 School closed today and tomorrow for the two days V E Holiday."

Louie Kingcott records a general memory, ... "What a relief when at last Germany surrendered and later on Japan after the first atomic bomb attack...At last we could take down our blackout shutters and curtains and

live a more normal life, but we had food and clothing rationing for a long time, petrol was short as well, so we didn't do much travelling."

Browsing through my dad Frank Kingcott's diary for 8th May 1945 there is only an entry on the day before saying, "Finished Mangolds" and also for the day afterwards, saying "Yellow cow calved, Bull calf", as being a farming diary he has not recorded what he did that day socially, although it is almost certain that he would have joined in with the thanksgiving, along with all his friends and fellow villagers later on that day and late into the evening on the 9th.

Jane Bell

Following many discussions on the Village News Facebook pages a polite reminder to all dog owners: we've seen a big increase in dog mess and discarded poo bags around the village, including in the churchyard. Please remember to take a bag, pick up after your dog, and take the bag home. Thank you



Some terrible one-liners to cheer you all up!

- * I bought a crocodile that can't swim.
It seems he's got a reptile dysfunction!
- * Sorry about the lateness of today's joke, I was going to tell one about unemployment but it doesn't work!
- * 2 cannibals eating a clown, one says to the other "does this taste funny to you?!"
- * Accordion to a recent survey, replacing words with musical instruments in a sentence often goes undetected...
- * I'm allergic to bread but I eat it anyway....
I'm a gluten for punishment!
- * What do you call a judge with no thumbs?
Justice fingers!
- * We did a virtual zoo tour this morning. We saw a baguette in one of the cages. - It was bread in captivity!
- * Thought I'd start making our own honey so I ordered a dozen bees online. When they turned I had 13 so I called the supplier.
They said that I got a freebie....!
- * What do corduroy pillows make?
Headlines!!
- * Today's mission is to build a car out of spare washing machine parts I found in the garage.
I'll take it out for a spin later!
- * I told Lisa She should embrace her mistake and rise above them
She gave me a hug and went upstairs.

Tiffin at Bullocks Farm

Travelling Tiffin are delighted to still offer you the chance to buy and collect from our Tiffin Larder, enabling our team to remain free to deliver to the vulnerable and less able.

We have amazing suppliers charging everyday prices, so take advantage of our master butcher, local baker, fruit & veg merchants, grocery and household suppliers for you to collect next day after ordering.

We can't supply everything, but can source all the basics and top requests including that important bottle of wine to help our community get through these next few months



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