



From finding an unfinished chaffinch nest a few years back to long hours painting nests during lockdown, Susan Ogilvy from East Lambrook has completed a delightful book which is now generally on sale. Susan, who is an experienced botanical illustrator, said " It's all becoming slightly overwhelming - five quiet years of sitting at my desk painting nests have been overtaken by the huge juggernaut



Chaffinch nest found on the garden path after a storm , 26th March 2016.

of the Penguin publicity machine. When I started this project I had no idea such a machine existed, let alone would sweep me up!"



Post code Lottery

Over 400 winners in the Post Code Lottery received their prizes at an event held in the recreation ground in Kingsbury on 1st October. The winning tickets went to residents in TA12 6 - Martock and surrounding villages but the big prize was won in Kingsbury itself. Congratulations to the lucky ones!

A Postcode Lottery winner

Friday 1st October was a day to remember for so many lucky people in Kingsbury. The Postcode Lottery came to share out £7.3 million prize money to the winning players in the postcode sector TA12 6. It was an amazing evening. Meeting up with so many friends and neighbours after such a long time made us all feel good, I'm sure. The event was so well organised. Food and drink were passed

around by friends, the car park attendants made sure everything flowed nicely and even the sun came out.

My husband and I feel very lucky indeed and we are still smiling when we look at our big cardboard cheque.

Thank you to the Postcode Lottery and everyone who made it a night to remember.





That's some sunflower!

My grandson Austin gave me a small sunflower seedling at the beginning of the season and since then we have been having a little competition to see whose would grow the tallest. As you can see from the photo he has most definitely won. My measly specimen was 2m 54cm and had 5 heads. His was 3m 5cm and had an amazing 68 heads on it!

Jillian Fawcett and Austin Pamer

Thank you from Barb Wright

I would like to thank all the children at Kingsbury School for the lovely handmade flowers they made me for my retirement and the staff for their gift.

I have enjoyed my 27 years as lunchtime supervisor and will miss the children and other dinner ladies I have worked with over that time. I have many happy memories of my time there. I have seen so many children grow up; many now bringing their children to pre-school and school. My family have been connected with the school for four generations. Many of us danced around the May Pole and I had my first swimming lesson in the pool which my Dad helped to dig out. The children keep you young and now I

have our first grandchild-Louella- to enjoy and keep me on my toes.

Thank you all once again for 27 happy years from your old dinner lady. **Barb**

On behalf of LARA, I would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU to EVERYONE** who contributed to the GREEN GARDEN stall in Thorney; with bric a brac, plants and pots and time, effort. And, with huge appreciation & generosity from our customers!

We were able to send £350 for matched funding to Safe Passage, one of many charities supporting refugees, with legal & practical help.

You can also contact RAFT in Taunton, who gather in items of clothing, etc. etc. for different refugee organisations. They have a list of items on their Facebook page. Or, contact me on 01458 251520

Again, my thanks! **Utta Brown**

Do you enjoy singing?

If so, please come and join our friendly choir which meets on Thursday evenings in South Petherton. There are no auditions, you don't need to be able to read music and the musical director is Alice who used to run the café in the community shop. If you knew Alice, you will realise that the rehearsals are good fun! Come along and try it out.

Contact: south.petherton.choir@gmail.com



Or come to the choir's Christmas concert -

Saturday, 11th December at 7 pm

in the parish church, South Petherton

Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine, mince pie and programme

Under 16s free

Tickets from N & D News, South Petherton or choir members

(Or contact Stephanie at south.petherton.choir@gmail.com)

Retiring collection for charity



Apples and Angels - a show for Burrow Hill

Apples and Angels is a magical, entertaining Somerset story that was performed at Burrow Hill throughout September. The audience, ciders in hand, strolled through the orchards, following fast-talking Pete Steel, his lost bride Babs, and a wonderful local cast as they jump back and forth through time, face losses and life lessons, and eventually, reach a reconciliation of sorts. The show was written by Kingsbury-raised Nick White with Burrow Hill and the local community very much in mind.

The hill and its famous sycamore provided the backdrop, apple trees were the sets, tractors rumbled in the background and the Temperley's collie dogs wandered proprietorially through various scenes. Hay bales provided seats for those who needed them, and coats and sturdy footwear were advised.

The story centres on Pete Steel, a 'right nogger-head' and Tottenham fan, and his perpetually hungry, lost bride Barbara Best (Babs). Pete, a bowler-hatted spiv, was played by Wassail actor David Reakes and Babs by the company's Leela Bunce - who manages to waft like Kate Bush across the hillside *and* eat a pickled egg while delivering her lines faultlessly. Imogen Smith plays Lil, the wise woman we all need in our lives, while Asha Pathy-Barker is a memorable force as Ceamore, the tree spirit that binds us with the underworld.



With songs, mythology, football and lots of local in-jokes, the show has something for everyone. Yeovil College Performing Arts students Josie Farrant (Egret), Lauren Stuckey (Elver), and Harrison Waterhouse (Piper) deserve special mention. They lurked in my peripheral vision throughout the show, a constant presence, emerging with hisses and whispers as animal spirits, seedlings and as Pete's demanding, abandoned children. Luna and Fergus Campbell-White, the youngest cast members, also made a big impression as a young Lil and Will, with lashings of cheeky charm. Directed by Joanna Procter, *Apples and Angels* was a collaboration between

Somerset's Wassail Theatre and The Octagon Theatre, hosted by the Somerset Cider Brandy Company. The performance ran for just over an hour, with plenty of time for drinks and chatting at the Burrow Hill Cider Bus afterwards.

This was the last show at Burrow Hill before their harvest began, but Matilda Temperley, (aka the 'big apple') says they are already planning more local shows and events next year. **KC**





Our HundredCommunity Event

Many thanks for all the support over the weekend of the 18th & 19th of September. The event was an attempt to share several projects from the past two years which, without Covid,

would have been shared bit by bit over the time. These included: WW2 & The People of the Parish; our Gloving heritage; our introductory work on Withies & Westmoor; the Ciderland project; examples of needlecraft showing a continuum over the past 70 years; the Millennium 2000 photo project; Who do we think we are? - the Family History Research corner. It seems to have been well-attended with a cross-section of people, of all ages, from near and far. A great community and team effort and many shared positive comments. Immediately - and for getting the 'feast' ready - a big thanks to:- Barbara Moore and colleagues - Pat, Margaret, Elaine, Sarah, Graham, Liz, Rhea, Michelle for co-ordinating & serving the light refreshments, thanks to those -' invisible' - who gave so many cakes for the event; to Graham & Liz for the table-top sale ; to Maurice Fawcett and Steve Cooper for sorting out the withy workshop enjoyed by so many old and young alike and who together have begun a Christmas Tree for the upcoming festivities ; to Jen Tucker and all the gloving colleagues... Sandra, Doreen, Betty, Elaine, Pauline - did I miss someone here I didn't see ? to Penny Bool for the gloving & millennium photo give-back work; to Joan Isaac for the Family History Research corner..... and much more all the time behind the scenes with this work; to Pauline Warren for stepping in as first aid help and to Bob Warren for loan of marquee; to the marquee



putters up and downers.. Steve, Clive, Mike, Dave L, Brian & Dave T, Bob;to Dave Gray, Bob Warren & Helen Aldous for the guided walks; to the Bell Ringers for the Tower Tours and the Bar - Nick, Phil, Dave, Nelleke, Stephanie, Sheila and who as a result have helped some to see parts of their hundred from another 'bird's eye' perspective; to the traffic monitors Steve, Steve & Mike; to all those who have opened up their hearts and cupboards for the work on the WW2 project - Bryan Harris, Sandra & Hugh Male, Dave Lane, William Hebditch, Hazel Manning-Johal, Maud Manning, Ken Hebditch, Kevin Cox, Janet Elswood, Barbara Bradford, Barbara Wright, Olga Hall,



Jonathan Male, Mark & Sarah Leach, Leonard Bluck, Richard & Joan Batstone, Pauline Batstone..... and..... on the embryonic withies project.....Brian & Betty White, Brian Lock, Leslie and Hugh Male, Prof. Alan Male, Gordon Howard, Ron Male, Jonathan & Nicola at Coates Willow,to Rodney Male, to Nick & Justin at Muchelney Forge...for help in many ways..... and for the venue and its ancient origins, which worked wonderfully with its spaces and its sense of time, history & community. All most perfect, with plenty of outside space and air circulation. Thanks to our new vicar the Revd Paul Fillery and the PCC for support with the event. Most of all - thanks to you all for coming, providing support, cakes and joy. The problem with names is that one or two might have been omitted - apologies if so - completely unintentional and forgiveness sought ...upwards.... onwards.....Our Hundred..... Time Travellers All.....

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**Friday 10th December at 7.30pm
St Martin's Church, Kingsbury Episcopi
Christmas Concert**



**Castle Cary Choir under the direction of Martin Emslie
Tickets £10 to include refreshments**

Available from Barbara Moore on 01935 822889 or Graham Beckinsale on 01935 823678

News from The Methodist Church

We have the beginning of routine events in that services are now fortnightly on the first and third Sundays, so that's most welcome.

Many big decisions yet to be made about events and group facilities. Big decisions for a small team and meetings have been arranged then cancelled or postponed because of illness. All very frustrating.

However, I think we can start the ball rolling with Coffee Pot. What's needed to start with are volunteers to join a rota. It's not an onerous task, there's plenty of support and people work in two's to set up and serve tea's and coffee's along with biscuits (supplied) and occasional cakes. New helpers will be most welcome, along with our well-remembered ones before Covid struck.

If anyone would like to give it a try or return to this friendly gathering, please call Christine on 01935 826578 for a chat about it.

Other than that, we have booked the Kingsbury Episcopi Band for a Christmas event with carols on Sunday the 19th of December at about 4pm. More details later. As usual, the message is to check the noticeboard nearer the time.

Stay safe and well. **Christine Weymouth**



New Cross Farmhouse at Christmas If you are short on holiday inspiration, New Cross Farmhouse has a wide selection of workshops and events - including professional tree decorating with Frogmary Flowers, door wreath making with mince pies and even a holiday cookery course and dinner party on December 11.

newcrossfarmhouse.com

We will be holding another legendary **COMMUNITY CENTRE CHRISTMAS PARTY** on **Saturday 27th November**. Dance to THE eighties tribute band **ELECTRIC PEACH** and enjoy a Lynda Hollis buffet all for just £20 a head. Tickets are limited so don't miss out! Tickets available from Kingsbury Community Shop.



Christmas Market
Sunday 5th December 12 - 3 pm
Community Centre and Rec

**Craft stalls, hog roast, bar, mulled wine, hot chocolate, teas, coffees,
live entertainment with KE Band, Santa's grotto**

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Parish Council Minutes September Meeting

The issue of speeding traffic on Thorney Road was raised by a member of the public. The parish council have looked at options and it was suggested that they look at the website 'Traffic Choices Somerset' which details various options available, albeit that some would not be permissible on that road because of legislation. (See separate article)

It was asked what the up to date position was on the proposed development to the rear of The Avenue. The application is caught up in the backlog at SSDC because of the phosphates issue.

Councillors resolved to support the planning application to convert a redundant farm building into a dwelling at Newtown Farm, Newtown, Kingsbury Episcopi.

The chair and clerk had attended a Zoom presentation on whether the parish should put together a neighbourhood plan. This will need a group of people to form a steering group and could take two years to complete. The chair would put together an article for the Parrett Talk to ask for volunteers to help take the project further.

Scrambler bikes and 4x4's were using the droves on Westmoor again and churning up the droves. It was suggested that perhaps not everyone knows that unauthorised vehicles are not allowed on the droves. Some signage stating this may help the situation.

Do you know what the speed limit is on Thorney Road?

The answer is 30mph. The next question is why are there no speed limit signs reminding you of that? Speed limit signs are only required when there is a change in the speed limit. The 30mph speed limit actually starts on the Langport side of Muchelney Abbey and continues right through Thorney, Kingsbury Episcopi and Stembridge. The last 30mph sign is located at the river bridge in Thorney, because they do not have street lights. After that because there are street lights we are not allowed to have more repeater signs. This has been the law for over 80 years, and the Department of Transport states that all drivers should be aware of this, as it forms part of the driving test.

Because of this we are not able to have traffic calming measures like the ones you see in Ash and Tintinhull.

Our only option is speed enforcement and to this end we purchased a Speed Indicator Device, that you will have noticed being moved around the parish. This gathers data as to how many vehicles are speeding as well as reminding people with an 'angry red face' if they are speeding and this data should assist in getting the Police Enforcement Officer to visit the parish more often. At present he does visit the recreation ground and West Lambrook.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee June 2022

I'm sure the majority of you will be aware that the Queen celebrates her Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. The parish council would like everyone to join in this celebration.

On the evening of the 2nd June the whole of the country will light a beacon to mark the Queen's official birthday.

On Saturday the 4th June the Queen will be attending the Derby at Epsom. It has been suggested that the parish might like to join her majesty in watching the Derby on a big screen at the community centre and recreation ground. It has also been suggested that people may like to 'Dress up for the Derby' with your top hat and tails and your fancy hats and bring a picnic as well. It'll be like you're actually at Epsom.

Then on Sunday 5th June 'The Big Jubilee Lunch' will be held across the country. As we did in 2012 to celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond jubilee it is planned to hold a similar event for her Platinum Jubilee at the Recreation Ground, bring your own picnic, dinner party or even your Sunday lunch.

Anyone who would like to assist with either of these events please contact the clerk Sarah Potepa, Kingsbury-Episcopi.pc@hotmail.com





DIARY DATES

November and December 2021

<u>November 2021</u>		
2nd	All Souls' Service St Martin's <i>Remembering who have died</i>	7 pm
3rd	Parish Council St Martin's Church Rooms	8 pm
5th	'The Rec Arms' bar will be open EVERY FRIDAY EVENING (last orders at 9.30pm). KE Community Centre	5 - 10 pm
6th	Community Breakfast KE Community Centre	9 am - 11.30 am
7th	1st Sunday Morning Prayer St Martin's Morning Service Methodist Church Evensong with Holy Communion St James's, E Lambrook	10 am 10.45 am 6 pm
8th	Kingsbury Episcopi Garden & Countryside Club All about Barrington Court Garden - Christine Brain, Head Gardener St Martin's Church Rooms	7.30 pm
9th	Kingsbury Time Travellers - Exploring The Archive St Martin's Church Rooms	7.30 – 9pm
14th	2nd Sunday Remembrance Service St Martin's Matins St James's, E Lambrook Still Waters St Martin's Church Rooms	10.30 am 11.30 am 6.30 pm
21st	3rd Sunday Morning Prayer St Martin's Morning Service Methodist Church Evensong with Holy Communion St James's, E. Lambrook	10.am 10.45 am 6 pm
24th	Ploughman's Lunch followed by either bingo or a beetle drive St Martin's Church Rooms	12 noon
25th	Licensing of Revd Paul Fillery as Vicar of Martock, Ash and Kingsbury All Saints', Martock	7 pm
27th	Community Centre Christmas Party Tickets available in the shop	
28th	4th Sunday Holy Communion St Martin's Holy Communion St James's, E Lambrook	10 am 11.30 am
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5th	1st Sunday Morning Prayer Morning Service KE Outdoor Christmas Market Evensong with Holy Communion	St Martin's Methodist Church KE Community Centre St James's, E Lambrook	10 am 10.45 am 12 - 3 pm 6 pm
7th	Deadline for January/February edition of Parrett Talk Please note that any copy or inserts received after this date, may not be published or included.		
10th	Performance by Castle Cary Choir	St Martin's	7.30 pm
11th - 12th	Christmas Tree Festival	St Martin's	
11th	Toy Service for The Salvation Army	St Martin's	3 pm
12th	2nd Sunday Holy Communion Matins	St Martin's St James's, E Lambrook	10 am 11.30 am
13th	Kingsbury Episcopi Garden & Countryside Club Serendipity and selection - the long apple road - Liz Copas, Cider Pomologist at Long Ashton Research Station and Orchardng Advisor for the National Association of Cider Makers. Followed by mulled cider and mince pies	St Martin's Church Rooms	7.30 pm
17th	No "Rec Arms"		
19th	3rd Sunday Holy Communion Morning Service Carols with KE Band Evensong with Holy Communion	St Martin's Methodist Church Methodist Church St James's, E. Lambrook	10 am 10.45 am 4 pm TBC 6 pm
24th	Christmas Eve "Rec Arms" open Christingle Service TBC First Communion of Christmas	St Martin's St Martin's	5 - 10 pm 5.30 pm 9.30 pm
26th	4th Sunday Benefice Holy Communion Holy Communion	St Martin's St James's, E Lambrook	10 am 11.30 am

<u>January 2022</u>			
8th	Community Breakfast	KE Community Centre	9 am - 11.30 am