



Kingsbury Episcopi Area Newsletter - Issue 164

Sept and Oct 2021

Wassail!



**SUMERSET
EMERGENCY
THEATRE**

Wassail Theatre and The Octagon Theatre presents

Apples & Angels by Nick White

September 8th - 30th (Tues - Fri 6pm, Sat 2pm)

Burrow Hill, Kingsbury Episcopi

“The problem with never giving up is that forever’s a long time.”

Wassail and The Octagon Theatre Yeovil have teamed up to produce a new story celebrating the power of human connection and the communities that surround us. Apples & Angels is an all new, open air promenade production that takes place among the idyllic orchards of Burrow Hill, home of the Somerset Cider Brandy Company in Kingsbury Episcopi, on the edge of the Somerset Levels.

It has been written by Wassail’s Artistic Director Nick White and features a community cast who will be performing alongside an ensemble of professional actors. The community cast includes young people from Huish Episcopi, Langport, Martock, Kingsbury Episcopi, Yeovil, Crewkerne and Ilchester, and other local residents of all ages!

In the story, Pete is organising a wedding for the Mallard family at Burrow Hill but the bride has disappeared! Two years ago to the day, Pete married Babs in a glorious, tragic wedding where something similar happened. Today Muriel, Pete and Babs find themselves at the bottom of Burrow Hill, looking for the things they’ve lost and so much more. Can Lil help them before the spirits of the orchard converge and it’s all too late?

Performances will take place come rain or shine, and will comply with the latest Government and industry COVID-19 guidelines.

Book via website: <https://www.wassailtheatre.co.uk/>

Apples & Angels is an open-air promenade event.

This is a 'PAY WHAT YOU CHOOSE' event. We will be inviting you to make donations after the show. Suggested ticket prices are - £2, £5 or £10 which we can only accept in cash after the performance.

We will also have a cash bar with some of Burrow Hill's finest cider!

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When we arrived at Chimney Cottage it wasn't long before we found out that Mr Bickford, the previous dweller with his wife Naomi, had run an antiquarian book-selling operation from the building. Following in this tradition, we have operated an antique-box selling and renovation service for the past 10 years, which we are now finishing.

It has been a marvellous and appropriate place from which to operate, just quietly tucked away. In the 1920's to the 1940's, it had been a village butcher's shop. It goes much, much further back in time. Combining the old and new, we have been able to use the internet and social media to attract custom far and wide, mostly throughout the UK but also from Australia, America & Europe. People have driven miles to visit the workshops. The demand has been continuous and has, no doubt, been helped by such TV programmes as The Repair Shop. From the start our approach has been:

'something which is old and broken and which has been mended, is worth far more than something which is new.'

We called the work Jackdaw Boxes and it has become one of the first places on which you land if you are seeking antique box restoration via Google. We haven't gone out of our way for self-promotion. It is what it is..... and part of the seeking, is the journey.



We have worked with 100's of clients from all sorts of backgrounds, many of whom have had tears in their eyes on receipt of their refurbished family treasure, fit for a new life. We are making this 'news' public since it might be that there will be someone local, who knows someone who might like to consider having a chat about taking over our work, buying the stock and materials etc. It might be that someone might have the inclination to take it on and develop it further. There would seem to be a demand & potential. We are intending to invest more of our time in the work of the Kingsbury Time Travellers and there are only so many hours in a day, even when we get up early. If you feel you might be interested then feel free to be in contact for a chat.

The Community Centre is open for business again!

Book your party, family celebration, conference, meeting or charity event now!

See our website for more information and to check availability www.kingsburycommunitycentre.co.uk

The monthly film nights and community breakfasts, weekly wellbeing/exercise classes and occasional music evenings will be returning in the Autumn.

But in the meantime (*and while our village pub is closed*)

'The Rec Arms' bar will be open

Friday evenings, 5pm - 10pm (last orders at 9.30pm).

A chance to catch up with familiar faces and, if you are new to the parish, come and make new friends and find out just what an amazing community you have moved into!

Please note the bar will only be open while the Wyndham Arms remains closed. It will also be closed Friday 24th September and Friday 17th December due to prior bookings.



At the core of village life

****STOP PRESS****

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 will be on sale from the Community Centre on SATURDAY 2nd OCTOBER, 10am

Parrett Talk deliveries

Our thanks, as always, to those who bring Parrett Talk to your door:

Joan Batstone, Theresa and Graham Busby, Lorraine Langford, John and Sue McGrouther, Brian and Jean Harris, Eva Ehrens, Sue Francis, Brian Hudson, Maralyn Longman, Phil and Heather Male, Annie White, Jillian and Maurice Fawcett, and Nick and Sheila Frost.

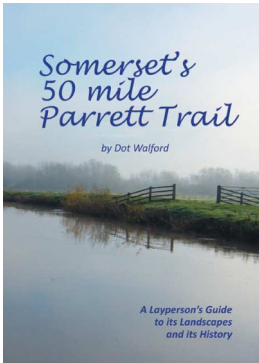
This service to the parish is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Maralyn

Maralyn Longman was one of the group of people who first came up with the idea of a parish newsletter around 27 years ago. Since that time Parrett Talk has been produced every two months. Maralyn has been part of the team since the beginning and for the past 27 years has organized the distribution to our faithful team of deliverers. She now feels it is time to step down although she will still be part of our team and will continue with her own round of deliveries. We thank her most sincerely for her ideas, encouragement and quiet dedication in ensuring that Parrett Talk has continued to be delivered to every household in the parish.

A hard act to follow for sure, but Annie White will now be taking on the role of distribution to our deliverers.

We request that any flyers which we agree to deliver with Parrett Talk are given to Annie by the deadline date for the relevant edition.



My little book is written as though I'm actually taking you with me along the 50-mile Parrett Trail. However, *it is not intended as a guide book*, although there are details of the route on geological maps plus, grid references of towns and villages visited en route to the rear of the book. Hopefully my jottings will encourage you to pick out the parts you'd most like to see, or even better to walk the whole 50 miles. There are pubs and cafés in most villages to help you plan your days. Maybe you could read the book as a story, or it could be a book to take with you, enabling you to read it before walking each section. It would then give you an idea of what there is to discover each day. Whichever you do, hopefully all will be of interest and provide you with a flavour of this part of sunny Somerset.

I'm not a geologist by training but have spent many years walking the Parrett Trail, some as a guide, and have developed a deep interest in the geology, flora and fauna and the history of the area. I hope these notes will entice you to look at the countryside in a new way, to look further than just the views, pasturelands and buildings to see land formations and how they affect the way we live.

Another of my hopes is that you'll feel inspired to explore more of Somerset, the land of the *Sumorsaete* – the Summer Settlers – and the county I live in and love.

There's so much to discover! **Dot Walford**

Contact Dot at dmwobbly@btinternet.com to purchase book.

The Wyndham Arms Sadly, The Wyndham Arms has announced that it is closed, for the foreseeable future. The owners' stated wish is to sell the pub as a business and we understand that they are actively seeking a buyer.

Several months ago, the parish council formally registered the pub (and the village's other pubs) as an "Asset of Community Value". If any such community asset is put up

for sale, with "vacant possession", the vendors have a legal obligation to inform their local authority (SSDC, in this case) which would trigger a 6 month period during the which the property can NOT be sold, thus allowing time for any group of members of the local community to submit a Community Bid.

The Wyndham does NOT currently have vacant possession – it is occupied by a pub business, and does not have planning permission to be used as a private residence. If Scott and Lizzie do not succeed in selling it as a pub, they could apply to SSDC for a "Change of Use" planning permission and then – if successful – could try to sell it as a private residence. The fact of it being registered as a community asset provides strong grounds for the community to mount an opposition to such a planning application. If such an application were to succeed, the building could then be put up for sale with vacant possession – but that would trigger the Community Bid 6 month moratorium.

The hope must be that Scott and Lizzie have a genuine desire to sell as a pub. A small group of villagers have started a Facebook page "Save Our Wyndy", a start to being prepared if a community bid does become an option. They will remain on the side-lines, keeping an open dialogue, and hoping that they never need to do anymore; however, they will be prepared to do more if they need to.



News from St Martin's

It is wonderful to be enjoying a little more freedom, and for those of us at St Martin's, the return to singing our favourite hymns again has been a particular joy. We are still wearing our masks and gelling our hands, but nonetheless, it still feels as though we have made our first tentative steps back towards normality. New things are happening too as we look towards our 'new term' in September. Firstly, on Sunday 12th September in the church rooms at 6.30pm we will be having the first of a new evening offering entitled 'Still Waters'. It is a peaceful 40-minute service incorporating words, contemporary music and silence. The aim is to provide a space to be still, to reflect and to find refreshment and renewal in our busy lives. We have held two 'Still Waters' services in All Saints at Martock and the feedback has been really positive, so do come and give it a try if you can – all are very welcome. Moving forward we will be alternating the 'Still Waters' service between All Saints, Martock and St Martin's each second Sunday evening of the month.

Also on Sunday 12th we will be holding our Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Martin's at 11.00am followed by a Harvest Ploughman's Lunch in the church rooms. Once again do join us if you can and if you would like to have lunch do drop Barb Moore a line to book your place. There will be an auction of all donated fresh produce and we invite any attending the service to also bring tins and packets of food. All donated items and proceeds of the auction will be given to the Lord's Larder. Over the weekend of the 18th and 19th September we welcome the Kingsbury Time Travellers to the church rooms for a walk-in exhibition along with other activities. On Sunday 19th coffee and refreshments will be served from 11.00 – 12.30 in the church rooms including a limited bar serving wine, cider and bottled beer. If you would like to join us for a noggin and a natter pre-Sunday lunch do come along – all are very welcome.

Finally, an advance date for your diaries – our All Souls Service will be held on Tuesday 2nd November and we will be remembering our loved ones who have died over this year and in past years. As we emerge from this pandemic we will be taking some time in the service to acknowledge the losses and pains of this year and bring them to God as we gather together on that evening. I hope many of you can be with us for any, or all, of these times – I look forward to seeing some of you in the days ahead.

Every blessing **Paul**

News from the Methodist Church

Well friends, we have some news, at last! In September, we shall resume services on a fortnightly basis, starting on the 5th at the usual time of 10.45am.

Naturally, there will still be the need for caution, masks and hand sanitiser will still be in place, and the social distancing requirement is down to 1 metre. With masks on we can now stand and sing!

Risk assessments have been rigorously carried out to ensure the safety of everyone present, but basically, it's down to common sense and consideration for each other, which by now we feel should be automatic anyway.

There will be tea/coffee served after services in the Wesley Room again too, so we're getting there.

As seen from the press release below, we are pleased to be welcoming Revd.

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Andrew Longshaw to our Circuit. With his arrival and input, we will gradually start to resume some of our outreach activities, and welcome the return of the groups we miss.

It is hoped that Revd. Andrew's 'open house event' will be on Saturday the 25th September at 10.30 am, but we emphasise the word 'hope.' As we have come to know all too well, things can change very quickly, so watch our noticeboards for updates and confirmation.

We hope and pray that our invitation 'All are welcome in this place', will be written large on our open doors very soon.

All blessings - **Christine Weymouth**

Kingsbury Episcopi Methodist Church is pleased to announce that the Revd.

Andrew Longshaw will be taking over as Minister of the church from September.

As well as Kingsbury, Revd. Andrew will have pastoral responsibility for the Methodist Churches at Crewkerne, South Petherton and Netherhay, just across the border in Dorset. With his wife Elizabeth, he will live at the Manse in Crewkerne.

Revd. Andrew comes to us with a wealth of experience in both rural and urban ministry, and has most recently been working in the Aire & Calder Circuit in Yorkshire. In addition to his routine work in the local churches he has been a chaplain in a hospital, a hospice, and a prison, as well as local schools.

Revd. Andrew is a 'community minded' minister and takes every opportunity to be involved in local community events as well as the usual church activities. He is also ecumenically minded, and looks forward to working with the other denominations in our communities. He has been chaplain to RAF Spadeadam, in Cumbria, and consequently has been heavily involved in the work of the Royal British Legion, and is currently serving as chaplain to Featherstone Branch, and as County Chaplain.

As soon as the opportunity arises, we will have an 'open house event' for everyone to come and meet Revd. Andrew and his wife Lizzie, and welcome them to the Kingsbury



Our Hundred : Exploring the Archive : St Martin's Church Rooms A series of community meetings

In the coming months, KTT would like to share items from the growing archive, through a series of evening meetings to be held on Tuesdays in the church rooms, 7.30 start to 9.00pm, to include a coffee / tea break. Each meeting will have a different theme/content.

Over the past 5 years we have searched, sourced, located, copied, archived, hundreds of documents, photographs, maps, objects and short films. We have used and applied

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The Morning of Sedgemoor by Edgar Bundy – Tate Britain.

Who from the parish were present at the battle?

On whose side did they fight?

What happened to them?

some of these in the various projects undertaken. Individuals, groups and institutions have also made use of the archive. Some of the materials we have used to establish the website www.kingsburytimetravellers.org.uk and provide a social media presence through the KTT Facebook page. We aim to build on this in the coming years and are beginning to work with partners on 'cunning plans'.

We have spent the past 18 months beavering quietly away in developing the website and in so doing, have begun to arrive at a sort of framework for the next 5-year plan, at the end of which it will have morphed further.

We would like to share what has been accumulated so far and by so doing, renew and reaffirm the work. All welcome - please come along.

Dates in 2021 : Tuesday 12th October : Tuesday 9th November : Tuesday 7th December

**Our Hundred : 18th & 19th September
St Martin's Church Rooms**

A walk-in event, including:- Exhibition / Willow workshop / Tower Tours / Village Guided Walks / Tea / Coffee & Cake Noon to 4pm

Over the weekend we are planning a flexible, walk-in event based in St Martin's Church Rooms and garden, with the church tower open for tours. The event should give us all an opportunity to have a 'cup of tea and a slice of cake', say hello to new neighbours and have a look at some of the history and heritage of 'Our Hundred', our parish. Maurice Fawcett will be working on a willow sculpture with whoever wants to get 'hands-on' to make something from willow. Children and adults will be able to help create a 'thank you tree', by making willow objects to hang from it. It will also double up for our Christmas festivities.

We are aiming to have some tour guides for a 'walk around the block'. There will be a number of 30-minute guided walks of the nearby streets, when historical insights into people and place will be explored. Bob Warren is going to loan his marquee so we will have both this, the church rooms hall and a few gazebos. Nick Frost & the bell ringers have agreed to arrange some tours up the tower. So, for those who have yet to see our surroundings from there, now is your chance.

The Time Travellers will have an exhibition to include the WW2 VE Day materials and I expect there will be something on cider, withies and gloving. All are welcome and if you are new to the area, please come along and get more of a feel for the parish. Bring friends and family. You can drop in and out at your convenience. If you'd like to make a cake that would be excellent. Please bring it to the church rooms on the Saturday morning or leave at Chimney Cottage (next door to the car park) on the Friday. The event is free with a small charge for tea/cake, but any donations will be most welcome.



*Who took this picture?
And, When? And, why
are we using it here?*



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Web: www.somersetagents.orgEmail: info@somersetcc.org.uk**August Village Agent News****Summer is in full swing! And we are delighted to share with you a new project 'GET OUTSIDE IN SOMERSET'!****somerset village & community agents**

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Being outside brings huge benefits for our physical and mental health, but for a large majority of people, the Covid-19 pandemic has created many barriers to getting outside, and this has amplified feelings of loneliness and isolation.

That's why we're working with organisations from across the county to support people in [Somerset](#) to get outside and move in more ways that suit them.

There is a new website covering a wide variety of activities, events and challenges, as well as information on a wide range of topics across health and wellbeing, the website will be regularly updated with new activities to inspire the Somerset community.

From yoga in the park, fishing, and geocaching, to cycling, climbing, and forest bathing, there is something for everyone. For more information, please visit <https://getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk/> and use the really easy search function to discover something near you! If you would struggle to take part, but want to, let us know and we can help find a solution!

If you are involved in any outdoor activities you would like listing on the website, get in touch with the Get Outside team! We are also looking for passionate people to support the project and inspire the community to get outside to improve their physical and mental health – so share your passion with Somerset and become a Get Outside Ambassador!

Loneliness: We all feel lonely from time to time. Feelings of loneliness are personal, so everyone's experience of loneliness will be different. One common description of loneliness is the feeling we get when our need for rewarding social contact and relationships is not met.

But loneliness is not always the same as being alone. You may choose to be alone and live happily without much contact with other people, while others may find this a lonely experience. Or you may have lots of social contact, or be in a relationship or part of a family, and still feel lonely – especially if you don't feel understood or cared for by the people around you – there is more on this here:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/loneliness/about-loneliness/#WhatCausesLoneliness>).

Lockdown has amplified this for many people, as groups and regular social activities stopped running temporarily, but hopefully now they are slowly reopening, and there is always support and help at hand from us Village Agents – we have reopened many of our face-to-face Talking Cafes, as well as our Facebook live sessions – so book an appointment for a chat - www.somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/

We can arrange regular Talk & Support calls for you for free, just to have someone to chat to, arrange befriending services and link you to Good Neighbours schemes where they are set up – our Agents are very skilled in helping people overcome

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loneliness and reduce isolation. Also, check out the many groups that meet on the Get Outside website – you might discover a new hobby and new friends!

As ever, Village Agents can be contacted by calling 01823 331 222 or visit the website to find your local Agent, or request a call back: www.somersetagents.org

Fiona Harvey Carers Service Coordinator, Community Council for Somerset.

Parish Council Minutes

June meeting Cllrs supported the following planning applications:

The erection of a chalet bungalow on land at The Bungalow, Stembridge.

The demolition of existing and replacement of a single storey extension to rear of dwelling Doke House, Silver Street, Kingsbury Episcopi.

Cllrs were reminded that there was now a balance of £2200 in the Community Infrastructure Levy fund. It was proposed that we should use some of this money towards developing a neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. This will be discussed in more detail at the September meeting.

A quote had now been received for replacement metal plaques for the milestones in the parish, at a cost of £175 each. As two residents at New Cross had kindly offered to pay for the missing plaque at New Cross Cllrs agreed that all four plaques should be replaced.

July meeting Cllrs agreed a grant of £500 towards the exterior painting of East Lambrook Schoolroom.

Cllrs supported the planning application to erect a single storey garage including workshop area at The Coach House, Silver Street, Kingsbury Episcopi.

The parish council had received details of proposed contributions towards outdoor play space, sport and recreation from the proposed development at The Avenue, if approved. It was questioned as to how SSDC had arrived at amount proposed. The chair would contact SSDC before a formal response was submitted.

A letter had been received from Reverend Fillery regarding St Martin's Churchyard and asking that the parish council take on the responsibility of maintaining it as it is a closed churchyard. It was felt advice was needed from SSDC and also that the parish council would need to see a copy of the 'Orders in Council' to confirm that the churchyard has actually been closed officially.

It is hoped that from September the parish council will resume holding their meetings at the primary school, the September meeting being held on the 8th September at 8pm, but please check the notice boards and the parish website before attending.

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DIARY DATES

July and August 2021

<u>September 2021</u>		
5th	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	Parish Council KE Primary School	8 pm
8th - 30th	Wassail Theatre and The Octagon Theatre Apples & Angels by Nick White Burrow Hill, Kingsbury Episcopi	Tues - Fri 6 pm Sat 2 pm
10th	'The Rec Arms' bar will be open Friday evenings (last orders at 9.30pm). KE Community Centre	5 - 10 pm
11th	Community Breakfast KE Community Centre	9 am - 11.30 am
12th	2nd Sunday Harvest Thanksgiving followed by Harvest Lunch. St Martin's Please book places for lunch via Barbara Moore 01935 822889 Matins St James's, E Lambrook Harvest Festival with Strawberry cream teas served afterwards URC, Mid Lambrook Still Waters St Martin's Church Rooms	11 am 11.30 am 3 pm 6.30 pm
18th - 19th	Our Hundred - A walk-in event, including:- Exhibition / Willow workshop / Tower Tours / Village Guided Walks / Tea / Coffee & Cake St Martin's Church Rooms	12 Noon - 4 pm
19th	3rd Sunday Morning Prayer St Martin's Coffee, cake and limited bar service St Martin's Church Rooms Morning Service Methodist Church Evensong with Holy Communion St James's, E. Lambrook	10.am 11 am –12.30pm 10.45 am 6 pm
24th	The Rec Arms is Closed	
25th	Rev. Andrew's 'Open House Event' Methodist Church	10.30 am
26th	4th Sunday Holy Communion St Martin's Holy Communion St James's, E Lambrook	10 am 11.30 am
29th	Ploughman's Lunch followed by either bingo or a beetle drive St Martin's Church Rooms	12 noon



DIARY DATES

September and October 2021

<u>October 2021</u>		
2nd	Community Breakfast KE Community Centre Community Centre Christmas Party Tickets will be on sale from the Community Centre	9 am - 11.30 am 10 am
3rd	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
6th	Parish Council KE Primary School	8 pm
10th	2nd Sunday Holy Communion St Martin's Matins St James's, E Lambrook	10 am 11.30 am
12th	Our Hundred : Exploring the Archive St Martin's Church Rooms	7.30 pm - 9 pm
15th	Deadline for November/December edition of Parrett Talk Please note that any copy or inserts received after this date, may not be published or included.	
17th	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	4th Sunday Holy Communion St Martin's Holy Communion St James's, E Lambrook	10 am 11.30 am
27th	Ploughman's Lunch followed by either bingo or a beetle drive St Martin's Church Rooms	12 noon
31st	5th Sunday No service at St Martin's - Benefice Holy Communion Service - All Saints, Martock No Service at St James's - Joint parish service in St Peter and St Paul , South Petherton	9.30 am 9.30 am

<u>November 2021</u>		
2nd	All Souls Service St Martin's	7 pm
6th	Community Breakfast KE Community Centre	9 am - 11.30 am