



Kenn Big Lunch 7th June 2015  
Village Scarecrows - How shall we do them this time?

## Birthdays /Anniversaries in March

5th Leon Naish  
 9th Tassos Papasolomontos  
 10th Jack Butland  
 12th Wendy Van Riessen  
 15th Jenny Treble  
 17th Lee Staples  
     James Mackay  
     Liz Stowell  
 18th Quinton Stowell  
     Grace Griffin  
     Jo and Colin Cooper WA  
 20th Olivia Gale  
 21st Margaret Cook  
 27th Amy Bye  
     Christopher Taylor  
 29th Jean and Fred Fenwick W.A.  
 31st Iris and Mike Callow W.A.

## St John The Evangelist, Kenn Altar Guild for March



Julia Bush, Jenny Pascoe and  
Jean Fenwick

## February Church Floodlighting

Our Church tower was floodlit for our Service of Evensong in February.

**Our Flag** was not flown in February

## Plough Sunday in Kenn

Our Family Plough Service at St Johns on 22nd February was well attended.

After our opening prayer Julia set up her ironing board and asked for help. Jeannie and Ruby willingly assisted in the ploughing, sowing, providing light and water to the crop and finally 'harvesting'!

All in the space of five minutes.

Hartley brought up the plough, Tim the churn and others the fleece, seed and soil etc. Warren duly blessed these items.

We prayed and gave thanks for the farmers and all who work on the land. For family, friends and neighbours. For livestock and all living things. For the well-being of our homes, land, fields and orchards and for all of God's creation.

We all sang some lovely hymns finishing with "We shall go out with Joy" (three times).

Julia had thoughtfully provided popcorn to augment the usual biscuits and coffee, which we all enjoyed after the service.  
John Ball





**Kenn New Room**

The New Room was built in 2004. A large part of the cost was covered by a 'Landfill Tax' Grant from Biffa. One of the conditions of the grant was that the building would be available for use by everyone in the community. This is just to remind everyone in Kenn that for a (very reasonable) rental fee, the New Room provides a small meeting place with heating/coffee making facilities and a nice loo. Julia Bush 01275 873554

**March services in Kenn - Mothering Sunday**

There will be a Mothering Sunday service at Kenn church at 11am on 15th March, to be taken by Rev Avril Gaunt. We will meet in the New Room on Saturday 14th March, from 2-30 - 3-30pm to make posies of flowers for Mothers and Carers. All children/youngsters are welcome to take part, there will be drinks and snacks afterwards.

**Vestry Meeting**

The 2015 Vestry Meeting at St John's will be after the 11am Family Service on 22nd March. It will take about 10 minutes

**Fairtrade Fortnight 2015 in Kenn**

There will be extra stock on the Fair Trade table at the March Kenn Village Market, i.e. more chocolate and other scrummy stuff (some of it terribly sensible if you have given up chocolate for Lent). Also, the cakes on the Cake Table will contain as many FairTrade ingredients as can be included.

**Simnel Cakes**

Since the death of Mr Emmanuel Blay last year, I have thought long and hard about whether to continue 'baking for the Blays'. I have decided to carry on for the near future, instructing Denis Blay, Emmanuel's eldest son, to spend the profits on the school fees for his and his siblings' children. There is no free education in Ghana. Doubtless the day will come when I don't want to do this any more and I will just stop.

So, this year, **Large Cakes £6 Small cakes £4**

Please fill in a flier in church, or contact me by phone (messages will be acknowledged). Cakes will be available from Maundy Thursday 2nd April

Julia Bush 01275 873554

## THE VILLAGE MARKET



It was good to see so many people supporting the market last month and thank you to all our stall holders who fill the hall with such wonderful produce.

If you would like a table or would like the opportunity to raise money for your favourite charity our details are below.

The delicious refreshments this month were provided by Julia Bush who raised £75 for Smile Train, she is thrilled that with a special match the gift voucher we have funded one whole operation! Thank you for your generosity.

**The next market is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 12pm.**

This is the day before Mothering Sunday so if you are a last minute shopper - don't worry! Kenn market will be able to help as there will be flowers, cakes, cards and gifts to delight your mother.

Maggie Hobbs 876277 or Lyn Burnett 870189

Mike and Iris's grandson, Edward Callow has been in the local paper again

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### Young DJs take to the airwaves

MUSIC, interviews and topical discussions have been filling the airwaves at Backwell School.

A team of talented pupils, led by station manager Edward Callow, has begun running its own radio station to examine current affairs, play popular tunes and interview people of interest.

Headteacher Julian Baldwin was the first to go in front of the microphone on the station's launch day earlier this month.

The station broadcasts live at lunch-times and plays a stream of music throughout the day.

Fellow pupils can listen via computers on the school's network and in the common rooms, the theatre and IT rooms during lunch times.

The station was set up with money raised from a non-school uniform day along with a kind donation from Backwell School Association.

Students can post comments and request music for the broadcasts on Twitter or Facebook.

Elly Casey, Anna Horton and Edward Callow.




## Women's World Day of Prayer 2015

Music, flowers, words - these will all help transport people to the islands of the Bahamas in a service written by the local Christian women there for Women's World Day Of Prayer to be celebrated in **All Saints, Kingston Seymour** on **Friday 6th March at 7.30pm.**


Members of St. John's, Kenn's congregation will voice the problems some of them face and ask for the congregation's prayers.

Speaker will be Sarah Ould the Fairtrade representative who supplies Kenn's Village Market with goods and who has previously spoken at local Fairtrade fashion shows.

All are welcome to attend  
- men, women, children.




JESUS SAID TO THEM:  
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I HAVE DONE TO YOU?



Friday  
6th March  
Women's  
World Day  
of Prayer

All are welcome



Praying for The Bahamas

**ALL SAINTS  
KINGSTON SEYMOUR**

**7.30pm**

**Speaker: Sarah Ould  
(Fairtrade)**

[www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk) Registered Charity Number 233242



**STEAM RAILWAY  
EVENING**



at  
**Horsecastle Chapel, Yatton**

**Thursday 12th March**

**7.30 pm (Doors open 7.15pm) £3 on the door**

STEAM IN FRANCE IN THE 1960S and  
VIDEO FILM OF THE WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY

Refreshments by the café \* Raffle \* Bookstall

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CAFÉ - A NOT-FOR-PROFIT  
COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

## LENT LUNCHES

All are welcome to go along to the  
Andrews' home,  
Cherry Tree House, Kenn Street,

for Lent Lunches  
each Wednesday in Lent

On offer are soup and bread, cakes, tea  
and coffee - and lots of chat.

From 12 noon - 2pm

A donation is asked for Christian Aid



## **What's on in Kenn**

**Monday 2nd March at Kenn Village Hall  
7.00pm - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
FOR THE PARISH OF KENN  
Followed by - Parish Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 10th March at The Drum and Monkey  
VILLAGE LUNCH meet from 12noon**

**Wednesday 11th March at Kenn Village Hall  
7.30pm Kenn W.I. Meeting**

**Saturday 14th March at Kenn Village Hall  
VILLAGE MARKET with COFFEE MORNING  
from 10.00am till 12noon**

**Sunday 22nd March at St. John the Evangelist  
Easter Vestry Meeting after Family Service  
*(come and elect your Churchwardens)***

**Saturday 28th March - Church Room  
Charity Coffee Morning 10.00am—12noon**

**Monday 30th March at The Drum and Monkey  
Book Club Meets—why not join them at 7.30pm**

## Bird News

No sooner had I written about the lack of Redwings and Fieldfares (KN&V last month) than a spell of cold weather brought an influx to the mild(er) South West and reasonable flocks have remained in our area. The berries have gone so they are feeding on invertebrates on wet fields. They are often in mixed flocks with Starlings and falcons Peregrine Falcons have been regular on Kenn Moor and the Wemberham area of Yatton predating them (mostly Starlings I suspect).

A Black Redstart has been visiting gardens in Kenn Street, reported by both Chris Blake and Simon Pascoe. These are quite rare winter visitors albeit occasionally a pair nests in the Bristol area.

I haven't received a single report of a Barn Owl seen in daylight this winter but several instances of night time sightings including along Claverham Drove. There is still a high population of field voles to the extent that the owls can find plenty of food in the hours of darkness and if this continues, it bodes well for the 2015 season.

Ravens been noisy in the last couple of weeks, but do not seem to have returned to last year's nest site on the pylon on Congresbury Moor. I have noticed that a new nest has appeared, this one on a large pylon north of Lampley Road.

The pools at Dowlais Farm hosted 120 Lapwings mid month along with a single Common Gull (which are not common in these parts and are now called Mew Gull.....) Possibly the same Lapwing flock was over the Severn Estuary a few days later with some smaller birds, possibly Golden Plovers, but too far out to make a positive identification.

Finally, 53 Snipe and a single Jack Snipe were present on YACWAG's Kenn Moor reserves, the highest count of the winter.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208.



AT THE DRUM AND MONKEY

**JAZZ**

ON SUNDAY

ROGER WELLS

HOTSHOTS

JAZZ BAND

MARCH 29th

6pm - 8.30pm

ALL WELCOME, NO ENTRANCE FEE,

SUNDAY LUNCH AVAILABLE

BOOKINGS ADVISABLE

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AT THE DRUM AND MONKEY

KENN

**CHINESE**

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET

MONDAY 30th MARCH

£8.45

PER PERSON

TEL: 01275 873433

**PLEASE BOOK**

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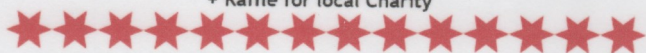
AT THE DRUM AND MONKEY

KENN

**FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY!**

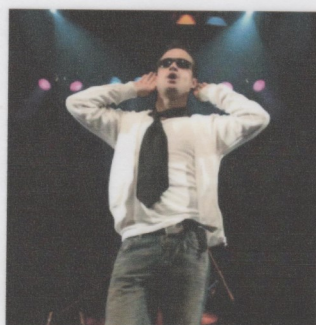
ONLY £20.00 Per Person

£20.00 per person includes a 2 course meal, all shows are 7pm for 7.30pm sit down meal. Book early to avoid disappointment + Raffle for local Charity



Lee Pashley  
is the amazing

**Robbie  
Williams  
& Michael  
Buble**



**A GREAT NIGHT OUT!**

**TUESDAY 31st MARCH**

BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

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Kenn Village Lunch  
Tuesday 10th March  
The Drum and Monkey  
from 12noon  
All Welcome

Every Wednesday is Quiz Night  
No charge - but prizes to be won.



Useful Numbers:

**Village Hall Booking Secretary:**  
Sarah Clark 01934 833307

**St John the Evangelist Priest in charge:**  
Revd Warren Williams 01934 833608

**Churchwardens:**  
Julia Bush 873554  
John Ball 874077  
Mobile 078 1667 1304

**Village Flag Flying:**  
Marianna or Robin 340323 or  
Hazel 349535

**Altar Guild Secretary:**  
Marianna Mackay 340323

**Church Floodlighting:**  
David Pugh 874278

**North Somerset Council:**  
01934 888 888  
out of hours:  
01934 622 669

**News & Views:**  
Margaret Ball 01275 874077  
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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



Will be held in Kenn Village Hall on Saturday,  
14th March - 10:00am till midday.

**Recycling - 3rd/10th/17th/24th/31st**

**Dustbin - 10th/24th March**

**Green Waste - 3rd/17th March**



**North Somerset Times**

Copies of this local newspaper  
are freely available in the bar of  
the Drum and Monkey from  
Wednesday afternoons.

**Kenn Women's  
Institute**

Kenn Village Hall, 7:30pm

Wednesday 11th March - Visitors Welcome



**Clevedon Salerooms**  
FINE ART AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

Tel: 01934 830111

Email: [info@clevedon-salerooms.com](mailto:info@clevedon-salerooms.com)

*Antique and Quality Furnishings.  
Collectables etc  
Thursday 26th March 10.00am*

*Viewing at Saleroom  
Wednesday 25th March 10am - 7:30pm  
Morning of sale from 9am*

*Quarterly Specialist Sale  
Thursday 12th March 10.30am*

*Viewing at Saleroom  
Tuesday 10th March 2pm - 5:30pm  
Wednesday 11th March 10am - 7:30pm  
Morning of sale from 9am*

## **Down on the Farm**

February 2nd was Candlemas Day, the old saying is half the winter and half the hay. We have just had a good dry week that has helped stock farmers and corn growers alike. The stock farmers have been able to get a lot of muck onto the land. For big dairy farms this is a God send as they run out of storage space for the dung. The muck is now on the land where it can do some good and there are no big tyre marks in the fields from vehicles and heavy machinery

The early lambing went well, we've hardly had to lamb any ewes, they've done it themselves, never had it so good! The sheep trade is still very good, due to the amount of late grass, everyone has lots to feed the sheep and last years lambs have fattened with very little bought in feed.

The cattle trade is also good as there is still so much hay and silage from last year. With very little value, farmers have had to buy cattle to eat it.

Corn farmers are starting to plough and get next years corn sown, just hope the weather lasts it makes life so much easier.

Valentine's day was yesterday, the Romans first noticed that birds used to pair up around Valentine's day, this is why you see more pairs of birds squabbling in the road or singing to one another at this time of year.



Dictated by Jeff Naish, typed by Leon Naish



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**High blood pressure?      Migraines or headaches?**

**Trouble sleeping?      Stressed?**

**Help is at hand...Holistic Therapy arrives in Kenn!!**

Some of you may have noticed the emergence of Rose Holistic at Rose Bungalow, on Kennmoor Road.

Nicola Pike has established the treatment centre as a part-time venture around her new occupation as mum!

Initially clients can receive the benefits of Indian Head Massage; a fully clothed, totally non-invasive massage to the back, neck, arms, hands, scalp and face. It has been proven to help with high blood pressure, headaches, stress, poor complexion and fatigue, amongst others.

(Plans are in place to include Reflexology and Spinal Touch in the near future)

If you are interested and fancy giving it a go, Nicola is available for treatments most Wednesdays and weekends. Treatments last an hour, although the first consultation includes a medical history so usually takes a little longer. For a limited time, treatments are available at £22 each (normally £25). Alternatively, book 3 for £50 or 2 for £40.



## VILLAGE CLEAN UP.

We will be having our annual village clean up on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As usual we would welcome anybody in the village, who cares about their environment, to give up an hour or two to pick up the mountain of litter which seems to plague our verges and roads.

So please put the date in your diary and more details will follow.  
Robin & Hazel.



## KENN W.I.

The February meeting of Kenn W.I. was well attended.

Our speaker was Mr Brian Cherry the Treasurer of Clevedon Care, our Charity for 2014.

He told us of the workings of the charity and how it relies solely on donations and the goodwill of its volunteers to enable the service to continue.

The service is available to everybody, a nominal charge is made which goes to the driver to cover their costs. At least one member of the W.I. had used the service and was very pleased with the service provide.

Kenn played Marksbury W.I. in the second round of skittles at the Crown Inn at Regil. At the end of a good match Kenn won by 19 pins. We look forward to the next match and hope our opponents are nearer to home.

***We will be providing the coffee and cakes at the village market on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Proceeds to go to the League of Friends of Clevedon Hospital.  
Please come and support us.***

Our March speaker will be Rupert Higgins who will be talking on "The work of the Avon Wildlife Trust". Rupert is a freelance ecologist and I am sure his talk will be very interesting. As normal visitors are very welcome to come to the meetings.

Marion Hulance

## CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

KENN CHURCH ROOM

SATURDAY 28th MARCH

10.00am—12 noon

Lise hopes you like her photo of Robert on 'Ladye Bay' beach with his Jack Russell terrier; 'Ghilly' who he utterly adores and daily nurses through her lifelong allergy illness.

Lise sends 50th Birthday Greetings to her beloved husband Rob.



## Village Bunting.

Lyn Burnett and I are embarking on a fun project.

It arose out of discussions about decorating the hall for the village lunch in June. We are going to make village bunting.

Here is the plan. We need donations of villager's old cotton shirts, blouses or dresses.

It does not matter what colour. Lyn and I will then make them into bunting. The bunting will then belong to everyone.

We have to ask that the donations of clothes are cotton. This material shapes well, is easy to work with and will last. Your offering can be left in the porch of Chapel Cottage or given to Lyn in Oak House ,

Caroline.



## Book Group.

The book group met on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 to discuss 'Scoop' by Evelyn Waugh.

This is a fast moving satire on the newspaper industry.

We acknowledged the un P.C. aspects of the novel and discussed it within the context of its time. Then it seemed we could not stop laughing!

We quoted our favourites bits to each other and collectively decided this was a book we all enjoyed.

Next we are going to read 'London Fields' by Martin Amis.

As always anyone is welcome to join us.

We will meet in The Drum on March 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 at about 7.30.

## Margaret's Mutterings

Thanks to everyone who helped at our Jumble Sale in half-term—the sum of £102.95 was raised towards the cost of our Christmas Parties. Special thanks from the Harrow Homeless for the knitted woolly hats.

Contributions to Kenn News & Views are warmly invited - it is your magazine and we need your News and Views.

Margaret

*From Mike Bell - 7th June 2015*

*The Village Scarecrows would like to join in our "Big Lunch" in the area of Kenn Street and the Village Hall.*

*The theme being international and food.*

see cover for ideas.

Late Night Worship continues monthly at Yatton Methodist Church.

Next one will be on Friday, March 6th 2015.

As ever there will be sessions of lively, modern worship using recordings of the leading worship groups mixed with a more reflective approach accompanied by our resident acoustic guitarist.

The doors are open at 7.30 pm to give plenty of time to grab a coffee and cake and settle in with friends before we start at 8.00pm.



**LATE NIGHT WORSHIP**

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**

**YATTON METHODIST CHURCH**

**SPACE TO WORSHIP JESUS**

**SPACE TO ENCOUNTER HIM**

**LIVELY AND REFLECTIVE WORSHIP**

**EASYGOING AND INFORMAL**

**CAFE STYLE WITH REFRESHMENTS**

**8.00PM TO 9.30PM**

## SERVICES FOR MARCH 2015

**1st Sunday 1st THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT****PURPLE**

- 8.30am** *Holy Communion at Kenn\**  
 9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton  
 9.30am Holy Communion Cleeve  
 11.00am Morning Prayer/All Age Holy Communion at Claverham  
 11.00am Family Service at Kingston Seymour  
 6.00pm Evensong at Yatton\*

**Friday 6th March – Women's World Day of Prayer**

- 10.30am Claverham Free Church  
 2.00pm Yatton Methodist Church  
 7.30pm All Saints' Church Kingston Seymour – Speaker Sarah Ould– Fairtrade rep.

**2nd Sunday 8th THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT****PURPLE**

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton\*  
 9.30am Parish Communion with Holy Baptism at Yatton ~ *Lennox Alexander Galloway*  
 9.30am Holy Communion at Claverham  
 11.00am Holy Communion at Cleeve  
**11.00am** *Holy Communion at Kenn*  
 1.00pm Holy Baptism at Cleeve ~ *Oliver-Paul William Langford BARNES*  
 6.00pm Evensong at Kingston Seymour\*

**3rd Sunday 15th MOTHERING SUNDAY****PURPLE**

- 9.30am Family Communion at Claverham\*  
 9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton  
 11.00am Family Communion at Cleeve  
 11.00am Family Communion at Kingston Seymour  
**11.00am** *Family Communion at Kenn*  
 12.00pm Holy Baptism at Yatton

**3rd Wednesday—18th March**

- 11.00am** *Holy communion at Kenn*

**Saturday 21st March**

- 3pm Bellringers' Service at Kingston Seymour

**4th Sunday 22nd PASSION SUNDAY - COMMITMENT SUNDAY****PURPLE**

- 8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton\*  
 8.30am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour\*  
 9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton  
 10.00am Café Celebration at Court de Wyck School  
**11.00am** *Family Service at Kenn followed by Annual Easter Vestry Meeting*  
 6.00pm Holy Communion at Cleeve  
 6.30pm Ecumenical Service at Yatton Methodist Church

**5th Sunday 29th PALM SUNDAY (CLOCKS GO FORWARD)****RED**

- 10.00am Team Communion at Yatton

\* Book of Common Prayer (1662)



**HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES 2015****RED****MONDAY 30th March**

- 11.00am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour
- 7.30pm Compline Service with Meditation at Claverham
- 8.00pm Meditation & Compline at Yatton

**TUESDAY 31st March**

- 11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn**
- 7.30pm Compline Service with Meditation at Claverham
- 8.00pm Meditation & Compline at Yatton

**WEDNESDAY 1st April**

- 10.00am Holy Communion at Yatton\*
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour
- 7.30pm Compline Service with Meditation at Claverham
- 8.00pm Choral Meditation at Yatton

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 2nd April**

- 11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn**
- 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Meal with Communion & Vigil at Yatton
- 7.30pm Last Supper Communion Service at Cleeve
- 9.00pm Watch 'til Midnight at Kingston Seymour

**GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April**

- 10.00am Stations of the Cross at Cleeve
- 10.00am Children's Workshop at Yatton
- 11.00am Devotional Service at Kenn**
- 2.00pm An Hour at the Foot of the Cross at Kingston Seymour
- 2.00pm The Last Hour at Yatton
- 2.00pm Hour at the Cross at Claverham
- 3.30pm Ecumenical walk over Cadbury Hill

**EASTER EVE SATURDAY 4th April**

- 9.30am-12pm Yatton shopping precinct - *Ecumenical* Christian Witnessing  
available to chat, offering Easter-egg gifts, Christian tracts & newspapers
- 8.00pm Ceremony of New Fire at Yatton

**1st SUNDAY 5th April EASTER DAY****WHITE**

- 6.30am Sunrise Holy Communion at Cleeve followed by breakfast
- 7.00am 'Sunrise' *Ecumenical* (half hour) Service - **Cadbury Hill**
- 8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton\*
- 9.30am Easter Communion & Decoration of Cross at Yatton
- 9.30am Easter Holy Communion at Claverham
- 11.00am Easter Family Holy Communion at Cleeve  
(and with Easter Egg Hunt for the children)
- 11.00am Easter Communion at Kenn**
- 11.00am Easter Communion at Kingston Seymour

## Mrs Christine Malet -

Known to Kenn School Pupils as Miss Bond from 1935/1940?

Miss Bond taught at Kenn school in the late thirties, as a support teacher; that is 'unqualified'. It was here that my late brother John and I passed through Christine's hands.

From those early years we did not meet again, until Ray Naish organised the first reunion for former pupils at Kenn.

After this I intended to visit her at her home, but did not pursue this, as I am not good at finding my way around Bristol. How wrong I was; when I rang to say I would like to make contact, Christine immediately remembered me and a number of my contemporaries of that time. She lived next to Bristol Zoo and each time I called on her she would ask after Ray. When I relayed this to him he would express surprise, since he had not been taught by her.



Miss Pilgrim is likely to have been Ray's earliest teacher. Miss Pilgrim lived at Kenn Court Cottages with her spinster sister. Ray probably figured in Mrs Malet's mind as being the mainspring of the reunions.

At the outbreak of WWII Christine joined the ATS and was subsequently offered a commission which she declined, saying that she did want 'to leave my girls' as she put it to me. This was typical of her nature and at her funeral I spoke to a number of people, from all walks of life from education, past parishioners and acquaintances all of whom attested to her loyalty and affection.

Christine had a happy facility of bonding with people to lasting effect. She told of visiting her best friend Mrs Fishley-Holland (the wife of Mr. Fishley-Holland the potter of Court Lane). As her friend lay dying, she visited twice a day. I suspect this was a period when she taught at East Clevedon, giving her the opportunity to visit at both ends of the school day.

After her military service, Christine then formally trained to be a fully fledged teacher.

This career path took her to Merrywood Grammar School, Bristol where she taught alongside my cousin for a time, All Saints, Clevedon and as Deputy Head at Portishead with 1400 pupils.

Some years ago, when I re-established contact with Christine, her home was on Clifton Down, a superb flat where she was very happy.

Each time I took my wife to Southmead Hospital, I would call as I had two hours to while away, we would discuss all manner of subjects, all of which she would be 'up to speed' with; on one occasion saying that if she were younger computers would appeal very much to her.



Over the period of Christine's passing, I learned of her affection for Scotland. We never debated this, however, I remember she loved to watch the Edinburgh Tattoo.

Another thing we did not discuss was her husband, whom she described as an old rascal. I did not ask her to enlighten me, but at the wake, a parishioner described him as a most interesting genuine person.

Talking of things not discussed; at the funeral I met a relative who told me of Christine's interest in cars, mentioning she first bought a second-hand MG followed by a brand new one. I can really visualise that car suiting her.

During her time at Westbury Fields, Christine was wonderfully cared for. I believe that Christine had fallen while out walking and fractured her pelvis. From then on she needed full nursing care.

At that time I lost touch, but having done a trawl of the Clifton church offices, I got lucky. Christine told me that since entering Westbury Fields not a day had passed without a visitor, except Christmas Day. This was so that her friends and family had the freedom of this special day.

Towards the end Mr & Mrs Hurrell of Clevedon were kind enough to keep Ruth and myself briefed on Christine's condition, pneumonia, followed by low blood pressure, but she would not allow staff to send her to hospital.

When talking to Mr. Hurrell about the coming funeral, he told me that Christine had left complete details of her funeral, chief among them was no tributes, no flowers, no fuss.

I was wrong footed by this as I hoped to learn material for this missive. And also to send a posy from the Class of 37/40. As it was, we contributed to the new organ fund at All Saints, at her request.

The funeral at All Saints, Clifton was quite high church, by our standards.  
The coffin was already in place surrounded by candles with no adornments.

On seeing this and Christine's love of flowers, I am sure that thinking of a posy would have pleased her.  
At the conclusion we took communion.  
There was a good congregation and the wake was held on site in the function room.

Some years ago, John Griffin told me of visiting a dying parishioner and he said to John "I am not afraid" which I thought was quite a nice place to be.

On this note, I feel that Christine will have passed from us with every hope of such comfort

Bob Gale.

**KENN BELL, again!**

At the bottom of page 3 in February's KN&V was a short item about John and Grace Griffin "ringing in" the New Year, 2015.

Thank you both from me (as that saves me going out late on a winter's night!) and also, I am sure, from all Kenn residents who seek to keep up such old traditions.

What the item didn't say was that 2015 brings the 200th anniversary of our bell being cast and installed in St. John's Church tower.

The exact dates we do not know but it is sufficient to know that the date of paying the bill, in the Churchwardens' accounts of that time, was 25th. October.

This year that date falls very conveniently on a Sunday so I am hoping our service on that day might somehow be "themed" around this very special anniversary.

If enough people are interested I am prepared to show visitors up the tower and explain what I can of the history of this bell and the earlier one which it replaced.

Hopefully this can be done on the previous day, Saturday 24th October, and possibly the following Saturday too if enough book with myself on 01934 834550.

Only one or two can be taken up at a time and we will have to have a steward on three floors.

Visitors would have to be responsible for their own safety and that of any children accompanying them!

I have not yet had chance to discuss the above with Warren or our Churchwardens so it is all dependent on their approval...and on my health and capability at the time for the tower visits!!

Geoff. Marchant.

Great idea —the Churchwardens will do the necessary Risk Assessment in good time.

JB



## Reflections of a (newish) Parish Councillor

Recently I realised with a shock that it is about two years since I was co-opted onto Kenn Parish Council (KPC) and in view of the looming General Election and Council Elections I thought I'd share some personal reflections on being a Parish Councillor.

Firstly I must say how much I have enjoyed working with the other members of KPC and have appreciated the courtesy and respect that they have shown me. Meetings are well chaired (I even chaired one once!) and we have excellent and dedicated support from our Parish Clerk. Generally we have a harmonious relationship but needless to say there are times I haven't agreed with everyone and when one is out voted at a meeting I have tried not to take it personally. I know no-one is getting at me – I just accept they are wrong! Usually we do agree and I'd like to think we work well together. Most of us have our own areas of interest and expertise and that brings strength to the team.

When you become a parish councillor you immediately find people expect you to be able to sort out all their problems and of course this is just not possible. No councillor has any more power or authority than anyone else in the village and parish councils themselves have well defined responsibilities and boundaries within which they have to operate.

Cameron's Localism does not mean that we can take on everything at local level. It simply does not work like that and for many things we rely on North Somerset Council anyway.

One of the shocks on becoming a councillor was the frustratingly slow pace of trying to achieve anything. North Somerset Council is probably no better or worse at getting things done than any other, but having come from the fast moving hi-tech microelectronics business it was a culture clash.

When you see the same issues crop up a year later you do feel like asking why? On one issue I asked how long it had been going on and the answer was 14 years! That is not a criticism of the Parish Council but more a comment on the scenario in which we have to operate.

Another shock was the amount of routine stuff we had to address. I've learned a lot about drains, hedges and garden planters!

On the other hand there are some areas where we can just get on with things. A couple of examples come to mind which also show that councillors do literally get their hands dirty. In my case one was mending the (soon to be removed) dog bin at the end of Kenn Street and the other was with another villager clearing a vast number of drinks bottles that someone had tipped into a foot of (cold) water by the side of the road. I also look after the village defibrillator in the old phone box and ensure it is checked regularly.

We have had some articles in KN&V about standing for the Kenn Parish Council next May. My advice would be to go for it if you are interested BUT do consider the following points first:

- You must have the interests of the village at heart. Remember that Kenn is not a museum and whether we like it or not, change is inevitable and it should be managed appropriately.
- Be prepared for people to be disappointed that you aren't fixing their problem or sorting out their neighbour.

You have to work within the constraints of the local government system and relevant legislation.

Also some things are outside your remit.

- You must be prepared to attend the meetings and do your homework beforehand. If not don't bother standing. Meetings are every two months with additional ones as required
- You must be prepared to work as a team, make sensible contributions and not get emotional if things don't go your way.
- Do have a chat with a councillor beforehand. Most of them have far more experience than I have.

So why become a Parish Councillor? Within our democratic society someone has to do it! With continuing council cutbacks and the pressure on North Somerset for housing, Kenn Parish Council needs people with energy and vision more than ever. You have an opportunity to give something to the community and influence life for the better. Despite some of my comments it is possible to get things done and improve our village!

Finally, will I stand in May? I don't know. Probably.

Stephen Brain

## KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2015

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR THE PARISH OF KENN**on **MONDAY – 2 March 2015 at 7.00pm** at The Village Hall, Kenn Street, Kenn

Persons registered as local government electors for the Parish of Kenn are invited to attend and are entitled to speak and vote.

**AGENDA**

1. To sign the minutes of the 2014 Annual Parish Meeting. (Copies on the noticeboards and available on the Parish Council web site or on request to the Clerk )
2. To receive the Annual Report by the Chairman of Council on the Parish Council's year from May 2014.
3. To receive the Financial Report of the Parish Council.
4. To invite Kenn local government electors to:
  - 4.1 Make comment or ask questions of Kenn Parish Councillors & North Somerset Councillors (if in attendance) representing the Parish of Kenn
  - 4.2 Suggest parish items for possible consideration during the next year.

Cllr Sheila Naish

Chairman of Kenn Parish Council – 16 February 2015

**AFTER THE MEETING** – Pc Adam Clarke will be attending to discuss local policing matters. He will be representing the new Local Neighbourhood Policing Team now responsible for the area which includes Kenn.

A Parish Council meeting will be held after the above meeting finishes – separate agenda

**Health Walk Leader Training**

North Somerset  
will be holding  
their next course  
on

Wednesday 25 March 15 9.30am – 3pm at  
Nailsea Fire Station, Pound Lane, Nailsea, BS48 2NN  
If you would like to become a health walk leader then  
this FREE accredited walk leader training day may be  
for you. To reserve a place please call Go4Life  
on 01275 882 731

Parish Council precept on Kenn for the  
forthcoming financial year is less by 5.54%

**APRIL 2015 to MARCH 2016**

	For next year		Compare
	2015/16	per wk	last year
Band A	£22.52	43p	£23.84
Band B	£26.28	51p	£27.82
Band C	£30.03	58p	£31.79
Band D	£33.78	65p	£35.76
Band E	£41.29	79p	£43.71
Band F	£48.80	94p	£51.66
Band G	£56.31	£1.08	£59.61
Band H	£67.57	£1.30	£71.53

Consultation to the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015 on

**Community Health Services in North Somerset**,  
which cover health & care for adults & children including;  
community nurses, the Minor Injury Unit in Clevedon,  
learning disabilities and clinical support for people with  
long-term conditions such as diabetes and dementia.  
Details on website – [www.northsomersetccg.nhs.uk](http://www.northsomersetccg.nhs.uk)

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**MEETINGS****The Village Hall, Kenn St. Kenn****2015**

2 March – Annual Parish at 7.00pm

followed by Council

27 April – Council at 7.30pm

7 May – Election date

18 May – Statutory Annual  
Council at 7.30pm

6 July – Council at 7.30pm

7 September – Council at 7.30pm

2 November – Council at 7.30pm

Agendas will be on notice boards  
3 clear days before the meeting.