

Saturday

30th April
at Kenn Village Hall

10.00 am till midday
(last orders 11.45am)

Tickets — Adults £6 - Under 12's £3

Family (2 under 12's & 2 over's) £15

From :

John and Grace Griffin 872948

Caroline Holden 343133

John Ball 874077

Profits to
Yatton Moor General Fund

Followed by Kenn Village Clean Up

Scrambled Egg

Bacon

Tomato

Sausage

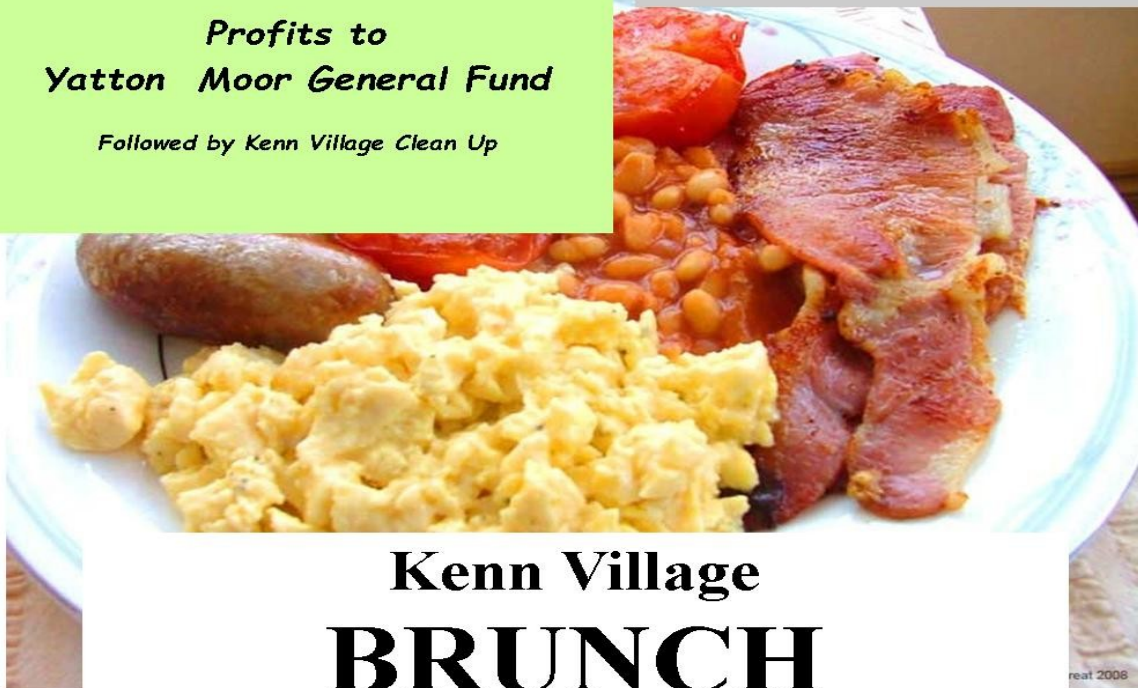
Baked Beans

Toast

Marmalade

Tea

Coffee



Kenn Village
BRUNCH

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st Clare Hibbs
Mike Beardshaw
3rd Antonis Papasolomontos
Avril Brown
4th Rosie Treble
6th Andrea Walters
7th Jo Batten
Archie James Alexander
8th Emma Brooks (Fenwick)
10th Anna Edwards
13th Troy Gale
16th Brian Cook
19th John Ball
21st Barbara Middleton (80)
22nd Liz Jaehme
23rd Mary Willcox
Talitha Stowell
24th Margaret Ball
25th Jeannie Bessant
Ruby Bessant
Harry Bessant
28th Theresa Walters
29th Miles Naish
30th Isobel Pascoe

KENN ALTAR GUILD - APRIL ROTA



Irene Stowell, Margaret Bessant
and Marianna Mackay

Being a member of the Kenn Altar Guild means just one hour's work, cleaning and/or flower arranging for each week of one month a year.

If you would like to be part of this select crew please contact Marinna on 01275 340323

Our flag was flown on 31st March to celebrate the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Mike and Iris Callow.

Church Floodlighting

Our Church was lit for the Women's World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 4th March.

On Wednesday 18th March to mark the third anniversary of the passing of our dear friend Raymond Naish.

On Sunday 19th March for Evensong.

The Annual Vestry Meeting of St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

Held before 10.00am Mothering Sunday
Family Service on Sunday 6th March, 2016

Warren welcomed everyone, he has been serving Kenn for almost three years and expressed pleasure that this church is healthy with good friendships and sense of community, growing spiritually and not ossifying. The Clergy, especially the Rector Tim Scott with the Churchwardens have been discussing Mission in the Team of Yatton Moor.

He thanked the outgoing Churchwardens Julia Bush and John Ball for all they had done during the past year. Julia is not standing this year, having been Churchwarden since 2000. Warren thanked her sincerely. His thanks were echoed with applause.

Warren mentioned the high spots of the Church year in Kenn - The Big Lunch, Harvest Supper, Lenten Lunches, Gospel Choir Concert. He gave thanks for the regular helpers, Altar Guild, Organist, Bell ringers, those who care for the churchyard - so many people all helping in so many different ways - and all greatly appreciated.

Election of Churchwardens

One nomination had been handed to the Revd Warren Williams before the meeting:

John Ball proposed by Julia Bush and seconded by John Griffin.

John was duly elected and the result was greeted by a round of applause.

The meeting closed at 10.10am.

Recent Services at St John's Kenn

Our February Family Service celebrated **Plough Sunday**, with the church filled with various farm implements. Hartley Staples walked the plough up to the Chancel step, where it was blessed, along with the churn, the fleece, the earth and the seed.

We gave thanks for the work of farmers and food production and prayed for all the farmers, at home and abroad who provide us with our food.

After the service we all enjoyed drinks and biscuits while the children tried out the farming paraphernalia.

Our picture shows trainee bell-ringers



A week later we celebrated **Mothering Sunday**.

As Warren was taking the Family Service in Kingston, Caroline led the service, Jenny did the welcome and supervised the distribution of the posies. Celia read the prayers, and the talk used the reading (beautifully read by Sam) as a 'Recipe for a Mother', slightly reminiscent of act 2 in most pantomimes (you know, the Dame, a dog a string of sausages and a lot of flour).

After the service we had coffee and Simnel cake.

St John's played host to ladies from Kingston for the **Women's World Day of Prayer Service**, organised by Celia. This year the service was written by the women of Cuba, and our readers made a good effort towards bringing the exotic warmth of that tropical island to a chilly evening in Kenn. Special thanks to the three youngsters who gave up a cool Friday night to be with us. Thanks to Jo too, for wrestling with the music. In fact, thanks to everyone who contributed, a cast of thousands.

After the service we had coffee and Cuban snacks. Thanks to Julia for the snacks.

Julia Bush

Simnel Cakes

Thanks to all those who munched their way through two dozen Simnel Cakes, and a generous donation,

I was able to send £100 to the Blay Family in Ghana.

Thank you all for your continued support (33 years I think) we are now contributing to the 2nd generation of Blay children's school fees.

Julia Bush

YATTON MOOR TEAM MINISTRY

Forum

Chapter House

Thursday 14 April

7.30 for 8pm

Speaker: Margaret Russell
(Action By Christians Against Torture)

ALL WELCOME

**The Parish of Yatton Moor
St. John the Evangelist, Kenn,
All Saints', Kingston Seymour
St Mary the Virgin, Yatton**

**Annual Parochial
Church Meeting**

**at St Mary 's Church,
Yatton**

Thursday 28th April

7.00 for 7.30pm

Copies of the Parish of Yatton Moor Annual Report for 2016 will be available in all churches - please take one per family.

Julia and John

Margaret's Mutterings



Sunday 13th March Vince and Beth Stowell joined Jenny Treble at the Bath Half-Marathon raising funds for Jenny's trip to Fiji. Our picture shows Beth and Jenny having achieved times of 2.33.38 for Jenny and Beth 2.46.55. Vince 2.15.10.

The record for a FULL Marathon is 2.02.57

Sarah Rossiter's Dad (Mike Wright) wishes to pass on his thanks to everyone who made him feel so welcome and supported him at the March Market. The plant sales made £47.00, all the money will go to Myeloma UK. Myeloma is a bone marrow cancer, which Mike has been battling with for nearly 5 years. He looks forward to having a stall again soon!.

Holy Week and Easter at St John's and All Saints

Each day in Holy Week, there was a Communion Service or special event at the churches in Kenn and Kingston Seymour. These included a recital of Stainer's Crucifixion and a service of foot washing at All Saints, while Kenn had two quiet and reflective Communion services.

On Good Friday we followed the Stations of the Cross in Kenn, followed by the making of the Easter Garden (thanks for your help Callum).

On Holy Saturday the church was decorated by 'the flower ladies', and wonder of wonder, all the arrangements were in yellow and white. Marianna Mackay had hoped for this, and although she thinks she may have mentioned it, it didn't appear as a formal request. Somehow, everyone just 'got it. Gorgeous.

In the evening, a small group from Kenn joined other worshipers from across Yatton Moor for the service of 'New Fire' at St Mary's. After the churches are stripped of all their trappings and candles as Holy Week progresses, this service starts in darkness, readings are read by the light of just two candles, prayers are said in the dark. Then a fire is lit and the new Paschal Candle lit and taken into the church, gradually more candles are lit and the lighting in the church switched on dimly. Then everyone leaves, walking into the dark, waiting for the dawn of Easter Day.

On Easter Day, we were fortunate to have Avril leading us, through a joyful service. 'He is risen', made all the more joyful by the inclusion of chocolate eggs all round, as part of the Address, which also included the Stations of the Cross and an egg hunt. Thank you Avril, and Jo for playing our Easter hymns.

After the service, instead of the usual coffee, we were treated to sherry and extra super-duper biscuits, courtesy of Mike and Iris Callow, to celebrate their 60th (yes 60th) Wedding Anniversary.

Yum Yum.

Julia Bush





Thanks to Hazel for this picture of young Police Horses being shown the sights of Kenn.

Kathleen Bromfield

We are sad to report the passing of Kathleen Bromfield, formerly of Trevone, Kenn Street at the age of 70 years. Kathleen supported our Christmas Tea parties by making superb Christmas Cakes and was a stalwart working at local charity shops. Our sympathy goes to her family.

LENT SAUSAGE AND EGG PIE

Having received lots of comments about the sausage & egg pie that Caroline served at the Lent lunch I am supplying the recipe. This was passed on to me by my Mum who found it much easier to make for picnics than sausage rolls. One of my sons gets me to turn it into what he calls 'breakfast pie', by adding chopped bacon on the top for a change. This is delicious served warm or cold and ideal for lunch boxes or outings.

12oz short crust pastry (shop or home made!)

Large pack of good quality sausages (450gm)

Four eggs

- roll half the pastry and cover the base of a pie dish, I use a pyrex one that has about a 7 1/2 " base
- cut each sausage into four and spread all over the base of the dish
- add four eggs and gently break the yolks , so that you have egg whites and yolks that show up individually
- sprinkle with chopped bacon if required
- cover pie with the other half of the pastry, seal edges and put a small hole in the centre to let out steam.
- Bake 1 hour at 175- 180 centigrade

Jenny Pascoe

Lent Lunch.

During lent this year there was a Lunch in St John's Church Kenn every Monday from 12.00 to 2.00pm.



The first lunch was a small cosy affair. The second was attended by over 20 people. The church became a true community space. We had a variety of soups, bread, cheese, cake and coffee. I soon realised that balancing plates and mugs of soup in the pews would not work! So we had pie, quiche or pizza instead. The radio was on and there was no rush to leave. Gossip, laughter and village news was exchanged. We also welcomed day trippers from Clevedon.

Everyone was welcome to this midday meal, those of faith, those of none and the various shades in between.

People helped with the event. John and Julia made sure the heating was on. Jenny and Julia donated cakes. Jenny made a delicious sausage and egg pie that was thoroughly enjoyed.

A small donation of £1 more than covered costs. People gave generously and I raised £76. The money will be enough to buy two coffee dispensers. This means no more ferrying trays of mugs from the new room to the Church after services or events.

People have enjoyed this event so much there are plans afoot to make it a monthly event. A fallow month or two first.

Caroline.

Book group



We gathered as usual in The Drum on the 29th February 2016. We had read 'The Pure Gold Baby' by Margaret Drabble. This novel, set in the sixties, is about a single mother who raises a child with learning difficulties on her own. We all admired Drabble's beautiful style. We discussed our responses to the plot which never seemed to get going. We also discussed the voice of the narrator. The narrator was recounting her observations in the present of events decades before. This at times, by her own admission, was unreliable.

The next book we are going to read is 'Wuthering Heights' by Emily Bronte. Are you like me and believe you have read Wuthering Heights by some sort of cultural osmosis and a liking for Kate Bush? I was caught short recently and realised I had not read the actual text itself. You are welcome to join us.

We had agreed that the next book group will be on the 28th March 2016.

This is Easter Monday so it will be on Monday 4th April instead.



THE VILLAGE MARKET

The sun brought out the shoppers to the March market and they enjoyed the array of Easter produce the market had to offer.

We welcomed new stall holders Mike and Barbara selling their plants.

Marian and Andre provided the refreshments to raise funds for Zoe's journey, for Golden Retriever cancer research. You may have seen Zoe on Crufts on Friday night, she lives in Nailsea with her owner and due to her prompt treatment has survived cancer, and her experience is helping to save other dogs. Thanks to all who kindly donated a grand sum of £100 was raised.



Mary Ashton's Produce Stall

Next month the WI ladies are providing the refreshments to raise funds for Springboard.

If you have a charity you would like to raise money for please contact either Lyn or myself. We would welcome any new stall holders too.

Our next market is Saturday 9th April from 10 am to 12pm, we hope to see you there.

Maggie Hobbs 876277 or Lyn Burnett 870189

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kvhallbooking@gmail.com

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

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 01934 622 669

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Coffee Morning

Will be held in Kenn Village Hall on Saturday,
 9th April from 10:00am till midday.

Recycling - 5th/12th/19th/26th April

Dustbin - 5th/19th April

Green Waste - 12th/26th April



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 over 50's in rural communities.
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**Kenn Women's
 Institute**

Kenn Village Hall, 7:30pm

Wednesday 13th April

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Thursday 28th April

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Tuesday 31st May 2pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 1st June 10am - 7:30pm

Morning of sale from 9am

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Kenn Supper Club.

The number of people coming to supper club is slowly growing.

This is now an established event on the third Wednesday of each month.



The conservatory and an allocated waitress are ours. Good fayre combined with exchange of news and gossip make for a friendly village evening.

The next Supper club will be on Wednesday 20th April 2016 at 7.00 for 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

If you want you can then stay on for the pub quiz.

It would be helpful if Mike had some idea of how many diners to expect. Please contact John and Grace Griffin. Tel 872948.

Bowls - The Generation Game



Bowls truly is the 'sport for all'.

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SERVICES FOR APRIL 2016

1st Sunday 3rd April THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**WHITE**

8:30am ***Holy Communion at Kenn****
 9:30am Parish Communion at Yatton
 9:30am Holy Communion at Cleeve
 11:00am Taste & See/Holy Communion at Claverham
 11:00am Family Service at Kingston Seymour
12.30pm ***Holy Baptism at Kenn Olive Daphne Yuan Yuan Tran***
 6:00pm Evensong at Yatton*

2nd Sunday 10th April THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**WHITE**

8:00am Holy Communion at Yatton*
 9:30am Holy Communion at Claverham
 9:30am Parish Communion at Yatton
11.00am ***Holy Communion at Kenn***
 11:00am Holy Communion at Cleeve
 6:00pm Evensong at Kingston Seymour*

3rd Sunday 17th April THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**WHITE**

8:00am Holy Communion at Claverham*
 9:30am Parish Communion with Holy Baptism at Yatton
 9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve
 11:00am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour
6:00pm ***Evensong at Kenn****

3rd Wednesday 20th April**11.00am** ***Holy Communion at Kenn*****4th Sunday 24th April THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER****WHITE**

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***
 6.00pm Holy Communion at Cleeve*
 6.00pm Ecumenical Evensong at Yatton

* Book of Common Prayer (1662)

Welcoming a new baby

This idea has been shamelessly plagiarised by Caroline and myself from the Yatton Methodists!

They have a community initiative that when a new baby is born, the family is supplied with an evening meal for a week. (With two new grandchildren recently I know how much this would have been appreciated by my daughters-in-law)

We are keen to try and launch this initiative in Kenn. This would be a whole village activity, including the church and all other community groups.

If only eight to ten of us got together it means that on any given week seven of us should be available to provide one meal. This would require minimum effort on our part and make a huge difference to new parents.

There is only on average one baby born in Kenn every two years so will mean a very small commitment that will make an enormous difference.

This seem a wonderful way to welcome a new baby into the village and could give a helping hand when exhausted parents need it most.

Please can you contact me if you feel able to be part of this initiative.

Many thanks.

Jenny 01275 878451 JennyPascoe@gmail.com

VILLAGE CLEAN UP 2016

Unfortunately North Somerset Council are unable to tell us when they are likely to cut the grass verges in Kenn, so all we can do is set a date and hope it roughly coincides with their schedule.

The May Day bank holiday weekend seems appropriate as not many people go away then.

MEET: KENN VILLAGE HALL

DATE: SATURDAY 30/04/16

TIME: AFTER THE VILLAGE BRUNCH

So have a lovely BRUNCH and then do an hour of litter picking to work off the calories.

Robin 07860235495



QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Not much to report at this stage but hopefully everyone is making sure they will be here on **JUNE 12th** for the celebrations.

We are counting this event as our **BIG LUNCH** for 2016.

We have one vacancy yet to fill, that of **Children's Games/Entertainment** organiser.

If anyone could please volunteer to help coordinate this vital part of the day it would be appreciated.

Please give Robin(07860235495) or Marianna(07860497203) a ring.

More news in May's Kenn News & Views.

Robin



Village Brunch

Hope to see you at the Village Brunch, a popular event in the past.
Saturday 30th April.

Arrive at Kenn Village Hall from 10am, present your ticket to Maitre D' John Griffin and line up for a full English Breakfast. For menu see poster.

Meet your friends, bring your nearest and dearest (Family tickets available). Free tea and coffee refills, plenty of time to chat. Last Orders 11.45am.

From the Brunch Bunch (01275 873554) Tickets From Caroline 01275 343133 John and Grace Griffin 01275 872948, John Ball 874077

Choral Works

including

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**Saturday 23rd April
7.30pm**

St Mary the Virgin, Yatton

Yatton & Winscombe Chorale

Directed by Ian Hubbard

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Concert promoted by Yatton Moor PCC (Charity-No 1132177)



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With live music from Jig Mad Wolf!

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Saturday 16th April 2016

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What's on in Kenn - April

Monday 4th April at the Drum—Book Club

**Saturday 9th April - Kenn Village Hall
10-12noon Village Market and Coffee Morning**

Tuesday 12th April - Village Lunch at The Drum and Monkey

Wednesday 13th April - KVH - 7.30pm Kenn Women's Institute

**Thursday 14th April 11.00am The Church Room
'Meeting Place'**



**Wednesday 20th April - at The Drum & Monkey
Kenn Supper Club meet 7.00pm**

**Saturday 23rd April — Church Room 10-12noon
Charity Coffee Morning**

Sunday 24th April — Jazz on Sunday at The Drum

Monday 25th April Caribbean Buffet Night at The Drum

**Tuesday 26th April Tribute Night at The Drum
David Essex & 70's Superstars**

**Thursday 28th April 7.00 for 7.30pm - Kingston Seymour Village Hall
Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Parish of Yatton Moor**

**Saturday 30th April - 10-12noon at KVH
Kenn Village Brunch
followed by
Kenn Village Clean Up**



KENN W.I.

It has been a busy time since our previous meeting, our skittles team beating Uphill by 9 pins to go through to the quarter finals when we will play Banwell at the end of April.

We had our first lunch club outing at the White Hart at Wrington, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The next meal is set for Wednesday 1st June.

Our speaker for the monthly meeting was unfortunately taken ill with the flu. We changed the meeting round and had the business first followed by cake and tea.

The W.I. stand by then came into force. The group played a very vocal game of Beetle which was enjoyed by all. Everybody was a winner receiving a small Easter egg.

Our speaker for April is Cdr Phillip Unwin. Cdr Unwin gave us a talk last year about the S.S. Great Britain. He will continue his talk, this time on her home coming.

The W.I. is undertaking the coffee morning at the Village Hall on Saturday 9th April in aid of our charity Springboard.

Springboard's aim is to support children with additional needs from birth to 5 and their families in North Somerset.

We look forward to seeing you at the market.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 13th April at the Village Hall starting at 19.30. Visitors as always are most welcome.

Marion Hulance.

Stop Press — Ann Holtham reports - Church Room Coffee Morning 26/3/16 we collected £61 this morning for Springboard, which I think was very good indeed as there are so few people about this weekend.

We used the new flasks and very useful they will be too. Just right for all our events. For some occasions we may need another one when we have the cash but it was just right for Saturday Coffee.

Meeting place



For two years, maybe longer, Julia and I had been thinking about providing a group for parents and very young children.

We held an initial group in December 2015 in The New Room. Just to see if there would be any interest. (This is the little room at the top of Kenn Street by the small car park.)

The small group decided that they wanted to establish 'meeting place' as a regular slot. The group is on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 11.00 and lasts for up to an hour. There are five women in the group. Another is about to join after she has her second baby due in the next few weeks.

The next group will be on Thursday April 14th 2016 at 11.00am.

The aim is for mothers or carers with very young children to meet each other, have coffee and a chat. Hence the name 'Meeting Place.' The women exchange news, the children play and we are in the background making coffee.

If you are at home with a small child you are very welcome to join us.

P.S. We are very clear this is not Church by the backdoor. Rather a venue for friendship and meeting people.

Julia 873554. Caroline 343133

Bird News

Rob Treble reported a singing Chiffchaff on the 5th March (an early date) and John Croxton followed this up with another near Kenn Pier the next day. I had to wait until the 18th when one was singing by the Gang Wall in Yatton. The cold dry weather hasn't encouraged many migrants at the time of writing.

Neil Aldridge has seen Barn Owls at Nailsea Wall and in the Cooks Lane area. This is heartening news after such a wet and windy winter and an expected decrease in the vole population. I walked across an uncut grass field near here and was amazed to see dozens of vole runs so maybe 2016 will be another successful year for our local owls.

At the end of February, Andre at Nailsea Wall handed a pellet (see photo) that she had found in her garden to John Croxton. Neither John or I could recognise it but it contained a lot of feathers. I showed it to Ed Drewitt (a pellet and feather expert) and he immediately identified it as from a Peregrine that had eaten a Little Grebe. Now Little Grebes only fly at night and as a Peregrine would only be able to capture one in flight, the Peregrine must have used light from the Hand stadium perhaps or from Clevedon to see its prey.

This behaviour is thought to be a recent development and has often been recorded in Bristol in recent years. Now night flying migrants will need to evolve an avoidance strategy; perhaps they will learn to avoid well lit areas.

All birds of prey, gulls crows etc cast pellets to rid themselves of the indigestible parts of their diet.



This tale begs the question about there being an unusually clued up Peregrine around.

His or her probable score is two Barn Owls, a Sparrowhawk a Black Headed Gull and now a Little Grebe. And that's just the victims that have been found.

Clevedon still has a pair of Peregrines (thanks to Clive Finlay for the picture of one on one of the radio masts) so it may be one of these birds. What will be found next I wonder?

April is the main month for arriving migrants, Swallows, House Martins, all the warblers and perhaps Miles or Jeff will spot some Yellow Wagtails passing through - they look like Canaries in the spring.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208.



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Songs from the Shed



As far as we aware there will be no 'Songs from the Shed' during April and May in Kenn Village Hall. (Although sometimes Jon Earl will take a fancy to a band and book them in.) 'The Songs' are instead going to the Curzon Cinema in Clevedon for a music festival on 21st and 22nd May.

This two day festival brings outstanding headliners 'The Magic Numbers' and Midge Ure. Other performers Mary Spender and Benjamin Folk Thomas have played in our village hall. Mary in May 2014 and Benjamin in the Spring last year.

The Village Hall is becoming a venue on the music circuit. Two weeks ago in the Guardian weekend music listings, I noticed that three of the acts had played in the village. The folk duo 'Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman' played our first concert in September 2013. The two had recently won the BBC Radio 2 folk award for Best Duo. They now play venues like The Colston Hall. 'The Keston Cobblers Club' visited us in June 2014 and now play the bigger folk clubs. 'The Little Unsaid' had only played with us in February this year.

No one can forget 'Co Co and the Butterfields' in October 2014. They are currently touring in Switzerland. Recently three of the band members formed a smaller group called Dulcima. They were in the last six for Britain's entry for the Eurovision Song Contest. It showcased their music beautifully on the radio and television. (Although as amazingly talented musicians they have probably secured their future by not representing the nation at Eurovision.)

We all love our village hall. It is a vibrant active local venue. This is now enhancing by being a small part in the national music circuit.

This could not happen without the voluntary back up. Colin and Jan always help with the cleaning and tidying. Emma is an excellent bar maid. Nigel and Lyn who book the hall. How lucky are we.

Caroline and John.

May issue of Kenn News & Views - copy, as soon as you have it please to Margaret - through the letterbox at Chaseside, or email margaret.john@btinternet.com

Thanks to everyone who contributes and distributes !

“Not my job?” (or any other title you can think of)....

Kenn is a great place and we take great pains to keep it nice. Unfortunately litter is one of our major problems. When I walk around the area I'm depressed by how much litter is along the roads, hedges and verges. Not as much as you may think is from cars. Sad to say a lot of appears to be from recycling, which means that recycling is either blowing out of the plastic boxes supplied to us (and why when we live in a gale swept coastal area don't North Somerset automatically provide free covers?) or it is sprayed out from the lorries when they drive past. This latter cause could well be the only possible explanation when you see the amount of rubbish in some of the country lanes.

To deal with litter, we as a village, have regular Village Clean up or Tidy Up days, ably organised and supported by volunteers and encouraged by local establishments such as the Drum and Monkey. So the area can look good, the Parish Council organise planters and provide plants which are maintained by villagers.

We take responsibility for our environment but sometimes one wonders if others share our view.

The following is an extract from emails between myself, North Somerset (NSC) and the Internal Drainage Board when I reported some bedding fly-tipped in the rhyne on Kenn Moor road near Kenn Street.

14th Jan – Using the N Somerset web site I reported fly tipping. In return got a long, content free, automated reply with a reference number.

7th Feb – rubbish still there. No communication from NSC so I emailed them:

Me: “Any update on this?”

Some days later a man turned up looking for the rubbish despite the fact NSC had already been told where it was. We sent him in the right direction. Nothing resulted.

23rd Feb - Me to NSC: “Despite a man coming to our door a week or so ago to ask where the item was, it still has not been collected.”

NSC: “Please accept our apologies for this delay, I have chased this up under our reference CAS-1169166-T6GN, I have also looked at the previous log and the contractors have advised if this is in the rhyne they are unable to collect this.”

Me: “I am somewhat bemused by your comment that if it is in the rhyne it can't be collected. Why not? If they have a couple of sticks they could easily haul it out from the road. Are they wimps? In that case who is responsible for it? As all the roads here are bordered by rhynes does it mean there is no point reporting fly tipping?”

NSC: “The Rhynes are looked after by the Internal Drainage board so unfortunately we are unable to retrieve any items from them, If you would like to contact them <http://nslidb.org.uk/> is the website or contact number is 01934 8333 388.”

Me to NSC: " I have forwarded these emails to the Drainage Board for their comments. I did mention to you at the time that the item(s) were in the rhyne. Can I suggest that if North Somerset feel it is not in their remit to fix the problem they should realise at the time it is reported and take responsibility for passing such reports on to the appropriate authority, rather than letting it drop?"

NSC: No reply. (Sulking?)

25th Feb - Me to Internal Drainage Board (IDB): "A few weeks ago I reported fly tipping to North Somerset. The offending articles appeared to be bedding thrown alongside the road and partially in a rhyne alongside Kenn Moor Road and its junction with Kenn Street. Nothing happened so I requested a status update from North Somerset and the following is the resulting correspondence. (Enclosed). I would be interested in your comments."

26th Feb – IDB to Me: "Thank you for contacting the Board on this matter. From your description the watercourse in question is not a Board maintained rhyne. However, we will have our Rhynes Supervisor investigate this on his return from leave next week and will update you when he has done so."

A week or so later – rubbish no longer present. No idea who took it. Initially assumed the Drainage Board until I received the following email:

10th March – IDB to ME: "The Rhynes Supervisor has made an inspection of the area alongside Kenn Moor Road. He has identified some rubbish in ditches, however, the ditches affected are private ditches the responsibility for removing rubbish and maintaining the ditches lies with the landowners of the ditches."

Aaaaaaargh!!!!

If the rubbish was still there I'd be tempted to chase this up with Highways and see their reaction but I can make a good guess.

As events developed I've rewritten this article several times for Margaret and now I'm not sure of the moral of this episode. Some folk who have had experience of dealing with the authorities are probably not surprised by this saga and perhaps wouldn't even try to get anything fixed. I've said before that North Somerset is probably no better or worse than other local authorities but it is a pity that people don't have our "can do" attitude that we are so blessed with in Kenn and spend the effort in fixing the problem instead of washing their hands of it. How much has it cost to send men out to do nothing? Anyway, someone has taken the rubbish and to be fair to them, North Somerset have removed fly tipping elsewhere.

PS – There is some other good news. For some unknown reason, on Tuesday the recyclers took everything apart from some flattened cardboard boxes. Having complained, by Thursday morning the recycling fairies had cleared them away.

Stephen Brain

Neighbourhood Watch

Overnight of 29 February-1 March a vehicle parked at Davis Lane, Clevedon was targeted and registration plate stolen



Received 4th March: Rogue Trader

Concern has been expressed locally regarding an unsolicited caller who is distributing leaflets in the area. The leaflet refers to some listed as 'Dave Tee Antique Specialist' and is asking about purchasing items from householders. Police would like to know if you or your neighbours have had any such leaflets delivered, and particularly any follow-up calls at the door. Please forward your details through the police on 101, or via the website or indeed through your local beat officers. Also please take a little time to look out for any vulnerable residents who may be subject of such callers. If there are unknown callers that appear suspicious, or indeed a van removing items from premises then please call police but use the 999 system.

Received 8th March:

Officers would also like to draw your attention to the fact that there have been a couple of incidents reported recently that involve people in supermarket car parks. Incidents relate to people being approached whilst loading shopping into the car. They get distracted by someone speaking to them, usually a woman, holding a map and saying that they are lost. Whilst helping them with directions, the stranger has with sleight of hand stolen purses from handbags. Whilst we do not wish you to become overly concerned over this type of crime, please take a little extra care when shopping to make sure that you do not leave bags, purses etc in a vulnerable or unattended manner. If approached by someone in this manner please ensure that you close the doors on your vehicle to prevent easy reach, perhaps suggest to them that they call in to a local shop for directions. If you think that someone has stopped you with the intention of stealing your goods/possessions please call the matter in to the police (101 or 999) immediately

Received 4th March

This is the time of year when historically there is an increase in the theft of items from sheds, garages, barns, stables etc.—see note on opposite page.

Received 9th March

GENERAL - Police have noticed a slight increase in vehicle crime, some of which is related to the theft of registration plates. The risk of this happening to your vehicle can be reduced by ensuring that plates are fixed with anti-tamper screws. These can be obtained/fitted through your local garage or garage 'supermarket'. Also remember to keep vehicles secure at all times, make sure that nothing of value is left on display, always keep your keys safe both in the car and at home.

Thanks to Colin Bedford our local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

Protecting your Garden & Outbuildings

When protecting your home, it is not just the house itself you have to think about. Reports of thefts from gardens, outbuildings, sheds and garages, are an issue too – particularly in rural areas.

The value of property stored in sheds and outbuildings is often much greater than you may realise.

Keeping your garden secure

By increasing the security of your garden, not only can you reduce theft and burglary to your outbuildings, you can also help to minimise the risk of forced entry to your house.

- Supplement and reinforce garden fences with tall and prickly plants and shrubbery to act as a further deterrent to accessing your property.
- Shrubby can also be used under first floor windows and around drainpipes to prevent unauthorised access.
- If the access to the back of your house is gained via a passage, it is recommended you fit a steel bar gate, at least the same height as your garden fencing.
- Install outside security lighting operated by either movement sensor or photo electric cell.
- Photograph valuable and unusual garden ornaments and keep these in a secure place.
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Security advice for outbuildings

- Mark your power tools etc. with your post code and house number or the first two letters of your house name and place the details on www.immobilise.com.
- Put away all tools and equipment and lock up using good quality or specialist locks.
- Remember these tools could be used to break into your home. Don't leave ladders outside, or chain them up if you have to.
- Double garage doors with a rim latch should be supplemented with a mortice deadlock.
- Most standard 'up and over' garage doors are easily overcome by a burglar. You can prevent this by drilling a hole through the channel above the wheels and fitting a padlock. Alternatively, fit a hasp and staple each side of the door with a padlock or fit a specialist lock.
- If the garage is attached to the main building ensure that connecting doors are secure.
- Check that your household insurance covers theft from your garden and outbuildings.
- Fit a battery operated alarm.
- Fit a window grille and/or frosted window film to stop a thief seeing into your shed or garage.
- Chain tools, cycles and other valuable equipment together using high security chain or cable and a good quality padlock.
- Replace standard hinges with strap hinges secured by coach bolts or use security screws on existing hinges.

Kenn Parish Council

Chairman's chat,

This year has brought us the usual ongoing items for our agendas

Parking on the pavement on the road by the bus stop and also at Oakland Automotives; Hedges and verges, cuts and obstructions; Speeding, through the village on Kenn Street and the Moor Road; Warrens Holiday Village; St Modwens; Broadband.

These items appear often and the results are slow but I am pleased to say that progress whether good news or not has been made on them. We do not give up, just keep at them.

It is a frustrating job waiting for replies from Councils and other bodies and sometimes the questions have to be asked again and again before we get answers.

Eleanor does a sterling job with these issues, and I am grateful for her help and support as are all the Councillors.

We have had to address the St Modwen site again, villagers and local business have been consulted, different views and ideas taken into account, but we are still awaiting an official application, this is a challenge that will affect our village both in terms of size and infrastructure. We have taken advice on a Village plan which has been suggested by some villagers and this will progress into the next year.

Local transport and development plans are being drawn up and we have given feedback on our position to the relevant authorities.

We took advantage of the free flowers from North Somerset and it was a great success, we shall be repeating this again this summer

The village has had 2 major changes with the Hand Stadium now the home of Active Gym, and the Equestrian centre now the new base for the Police Horses, and a training facility. The new owners and managers of these facilities are keen to work with the local community and have extended warm welcomes through the Parish Council to our villagers. We are delighted to work with them.

We are pleased that more villagers come to the meetings now. Lots of feedback and positive input given, a greater involvement and understanding of just how the council works, what works and what takes ages to resolve or get answers to.

Cheers for now,

Sheila

From: Seb.Greene@n-somerset.gov.uk
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Subject: New North Somerset Council website going live
Date: Tue, 23 Feb 2016 17:45:56 +0000

Hello

The council's new public-facing website will be going live this evening, marking the start of a series of improvements to our online services.

The most noticeable change to the site is the look and feel, and the way that the content is structured. The change helps us group subjects together in a way that helps people find what they are looking for. The site will also be much easier for people to view on tablets and smart-phones.

Improvements to the self-service functionality available through the site will be made over the coming months. In the meantime, some elements of the site may look slightly different to the rest of the site.

Please encourage members of the public to use our website if they are able to, particularly if they are reporting or requesting services. Further improvements will be made to these services over the coming months.

The new website will become accessible from www.n-somerset.gov.uk and the old site will cease to exist. If you are looking for something on the site, try using the search.

A static menu of sections on the site is also available on every page, just by scrolling towards the bottom of the page.

We hope you find the new website easier to use.

We will be monitoring the site closely to make sure that information is in the right place to help people find it, but if you have any suggestions for improvements please contact me.

Regards

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KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2016

Sites Allocations Plan (Consultation draft)



North Somerset Council has produced the above plan which allocates land for development and protects important green spaces throughout the district.

We are interested in your views, so come along to the following drop in sessions to find out what is happening in your town or village

The consultation period is from Thursday 10 March to Thursday 28 April 2016

For further information go to www.n-somerset.gov.uk/sitesandpolicies

Monday	21 March	4-7pm	Weston Library
Tuesday	22 March	4-7pm	Nailsea Library
Wednesday	23 March	4.30-7pm	Churchill Primary School
Thursday	24 March	4-7pm	Portishead Library
Tuesday	29 March	4-7pm	Clvedon Library
Wednesday	30 March	4-7pm	Congresbury School Rooms
Thursday	31 March	4-7pm	Yatton Library
Monday	4 April	4-7 pm	Winscombe Community Centre

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COUNCIL

MEETINGS FOR 2016

The Village Hall, Kenn St, Kenn

9 May – Stat. Annual Meeting of Council

4 July – Council Meeting

5 September – Council Meeting

7 November – Council Meeting

Agendas will be on noticeboards 3 days before a meeting.