

KENN

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Thanks to Hazel

NEWS & VIEWS

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February

1st Tim Taylor
 2nd Katy Hill
 4th Beth Stowell
 9th Sizzle Summerell
 10th Win Cole
 11th Alexis Papasolomontos
 14th Richard Dyer
 15th John Andrews
 16th Marianna Mackay
 17th Jeff Naish
 Julian Gale
 21st William Cheek
 22nd Polly Summerell
 Lizzy Dyer
 23rd Lorraine and Jonathan Allison W.A.
 25th James Griffin
 Rebecca Stowell
 26th Amelia Ann Bone

Church Floodlighting

Our church was floodlit for our service of Evensong on Sunday 17th January

St John The Evangelist, Kenn Altar Guild for February



Jan Bedford, Sara Thole and Maggie Hobbs

January's Family Service

At the very beginning of the service Warren welcomed the Pascoe family; grandparents Jenny and Simon, parents Ian and Jenny together with Oliver who was baptised at Kenn on the previous Sunday with his cousins Dexter and Isobel. (Olly, Issy and Dex). Oliver was accompanied by big sister Sophie who, having been baptised previously, had received a special blessing.

The theme for the service was quite grown up, 'Being open to God's message for us', in his words in the Bible and in his works, in the world around us.

Firstly, everyone read Psalm 19, together and in parts, that kept us on our toes! Then there was a reading from Nehemiah (see, I said it was grown up, who can spell/pronounce Nehemiah without looking it up?). Warren reread the verses and we showed whether they would make us happy or sad by holding up :) / :(faces drawn on paper plates. We had to be quite nifty! We also changed our 'plate faces' when Warren talked about other things we experience, and how they make us feel, the last was a bit of a teaser, how DO we feel when we listen to the Bible?

All through the service we had to think quickly and react to unexpected things, it's what Kenn church does best! Then we had drinks and biscuits, yum.

Julia Bush



On Sunday 17th January the flag was flying as the Pascoe clan gathered in numbers to celebrate the Christening of Dexter, Isobel and Oliver.

After a lovely service from Avril ably assisted by little Sophie the gathering adjourned to the village hall for a buffet lunch where it was great to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Ian and Jenny and Mark and Magda would like to thank everyone for their help in making it such a special occasion.

Our Flag

We flew our flag on Saturday 16th January for the 80th birthday of Fred Fenwick.

Then again on Sunday 17th January for the baptism service at St. John the Evangelist, of Dexter James Pascoe, his sister Isobel Ruth Pascoe and their cousin Oliver John Pascoe. 'A joyous occasion

KENN'S CHURCH BELL

John and Grace Griffin rang the single bell in the Tower at St. John the Evangelist at Midnight on 31st December to welcome in the New Year .

Geoff Marchant is preparing notes for ringing Kenn's Bell, in the absence of a regular bellringer.

Kenn will then have instructions for anyone to read and should help them to do the job safely.

VILLAGE CLEAN UP 2016

We are just waiting for North Somerset Council to let us know when they will be cutting the verges before we announce the date for the annual Village Clean Up.

So get set to do a couple of hours litter picking as we get Kenn ready for the summer.

Hopefully we will be in a position to publish the date in next month's News & Views.

Robin & Marianna



LENT LUNCHES

The Wednesday Lent Lunches at Cherry Tree House, Kenn Street begin on Ash Wednesday

10th February

and continue every week.

They run from Noon to 2.00pm and include soup and cake, tea and coffee.

Donations go to Christian Aid

January Coffee Morning

John and Grace were delighted to welcome everyone on Saturday 23rd January to the Church Room for a most enjoyable Coffee Morning.

Thanks to everyone who gave towards the cost of our Church Christmas Tree. Donations were so generous that funds are available for supplies for the Church room.

Saturday 27th February

10-12 noon

Chloe Hayzen

(with Dave and Sue Pugh)

invites you to

KENN CHURCH ROOM

COFFEE MORNING

for the Children's Hospice at Charlton Farm

All welcome, come and meet your friends.

Kenn celebrates the Queen's 90th Birthday

A very productive meeting was held at Church Path Cottage to exchange ideas as to how Kenn will celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday on Sunday 12th June.

A glass of bubbly always helps people to come up with interesting ideas and so it proved.

Food, drink, music, competitions, entertainment, games (both children's and grown ups) and quizzes were all subject to lively and constructive discussion.

So if you have ideas please share them with us.

It was lovely to see (and hear from) so many enthusiastic Kennites who are prepared to give up their time in order to plan for everyone in the village to have a fun day on June 12th.

There is a lot to look forward to and gradually all will be revealed over the next few months.

So put the date in your diary **SUNDAY 12th JUNE** for a memorable day of fun, great music, fabulous food and brilliant entertainment to share with your neighbours, family and friends.

Robin and Marianna.



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 * **PITCH PERFECT** *
 * Bristol's Top Acapella Acts all in one *
 * group *
 * Saturday 13th February *
 * 7.30pm ~ All Saints' Church *
 * Kingston Seymour *
 * 50% of the money raised is to go towards the *
 * building of a toilet facility at All Saints' Church *
 * Tickets £9.50 or £5 under 16 *
 *
 * Contact Sue Lang for more details 01934 835939 *

Bags of Rock Salt, for use on garden
 paths, are still available from Bram Rigg
 in the
 Church lay-by, near the flagpole -
 Feel free to help yourselves
 Donations to Kenn Pride are acceptable

Book group

We met as usual in 'The Drum' on the 25th January 2016 to discuss 'At Risk' by Stella Rimington.



Unanimously we loved this book and thought it a gripping read. The novel is a thriller. It follows Liz an MI6 agent and her pursuit of an 'invisible' terrorist threat.

Despite thin characterisation and occasional clunky plots, the pace and story telling was totally absorbing.

Our next book to read is 'The Pure Gold Baby' by Margaret Drabble.

We will reconvene at 'The Drum' on Monday 29th February 2016.

As always day trippers welcome.

Kenn Supper Club

The second supper club was held on the 20th January 2016 at The Drum and Monkey.

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



We enjoyed the warmth and comfort of the conservatory with our own allocated waitress. The delicious food was served promptly. Good fayre combined with exchange of news and gossip made for a friendly village evening.

The next Supper club will be on the 17th February 2016 at 7.00 for 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Please note that this supper club clashes with the next 'Songs from the Shed' also on the evening of the 17th February. If you want to go to both eat early at The Drum. The bands do not usually play until after 8.00pm. The chances of this happening in the future are very rare.

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.



KENN W.I.

Our January meeting was very well attended and saw the start of a new year's programme.

Our speaker for the evening was Alison Lee from Clevedon Hospital League of Friends, which was our charity for 2015.

Alison told us about their work and how the money raised is spent. In lots of cases it is for equipment such as scanners, which you would think would be provided by the NHS. As Alison is also the Practice Manager for the Clevedon Medical Centre we learnt how the practice works with the hospital. We then gained an insight into the services that are provided by the hospital, some of which were new to us.

The Institute took the opportunity to present Alison with a cheque for the League of Friends in the sum of £350 which we raised throughout 2015.

At this meeting we took the opportunity to decide on our August outing, which will be to Kilver Court. More details to follow.

Kenn played Portishead Harbourside team 2 in the second round of the Avon Federation skittles competition. The teams were evenly matched at the halfway mark but Kenn ended up winners by 35 pins. All members played well but a special well done to Margaret Burdge who was the top scorer of the evening.

Our speaker for February (10th) is Village Agent Emma Edwards.

Village agents support the over 50's in rural communities by highlighting the services that are available. I am sure that this will be useful to many of us.

The meeting starts at 19.30 and visitors are most welcome.

Marion Hulance.

Kenn Village Market



The market will be on
Saturday 13th February 10-12pm.

You are sure to find something to your liking, and all served with a friendly smile!

Maggie and Lyn

Useful Numbers:

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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



Will be held in Kenn Village Hall on Saturday,
 13th February - 10:00am till midday.

Recycling - 2nd/9th/16th/23rd

Dustbin/ - 9th/23rd

Green Waste - 2nd February



North Somerset Times



Don't forget that copies of
 this local newspaper are
 freely available in the bar of
 the Drum and Monkey from
 Wednesday afternoon

**Kenn Women's
 Institute**



Kenn Village Hall, 7:30pm

Wednesday 10th February - Visitors Welcome

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Tuesday 8th March 2pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 9th March 10am - 7:30pm

Morning of sale from 9am

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The Kenn Choir is reborn!

Exciting news for all those who like to sing. The Kenn Choir, which made its debut at The Big Lunch last year, is to be reformed to perform at the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations on 12th June.

All the people who joined up last year had great fun under Sue Parker's expert guidance and Sue has agreed to organise the singing again this year.



So come on all of you who enjoy singing whilst you work, shower or drive, don't be shy we will welcome one and all with open arms.

Please contact Sue by email at suzyjeg@hotmail.co.uk or ring Robin on 07860 235495 for more details.

Robin

Robert and Weston Hospice

Joyce and family would like to say a big thank you to friends and villagers for their kind donations to Weston Hospice in memory of Robert and in thanks for the wonderful care he received there.

I have no figures yet but will let you know when I have.

I am also aware now that many people donated at the Christmas Market which was a wonderful gesture, so thank you for this as well.

I will continue to bring Robert's supply of cards and pictures to the Village Market and all proceeds will again be sent to the Hospice.

Lent Lunch.

Christmas is hardly over and Lent will start on the 10TH February 2016.

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



Everyone is welcome to this light midday meal, those of faith, those of none and the various shades in between. The church will provide a welcome community space for local Kenn people.

A small donation of £1 will cover costs.

The first Lent lunch in St John's will be on Monday 15th February 2016.

The dates for the rest of the month are Monday 22nd and Monday 29nd February.

Caroline 343133

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KENN - ALTAR GUILD 2016

JANUARY	MARY WILLCOX, ROSEMARY WILLCOX, JANE STAPLES
FEBRUARY	JAN BEDFORD, SARA THOLE, MAGGIE HOBBS
MARCH	JULIA BUSH, JENNY PASCOE, JEAN FENWICK
APRIL	IRENE STOWELL, MARGARET BESSANT, MARIANNA MACKAY
MAY	CAROLINE HOLDEN, JO MANNING, KAREN, JULIA PANTELI
JUNE	GRACE GRIFFIN, JOHN GRIFFIN, TROY GALE
JULY	JILLY BUTLAND, DAVE PUGH, SUE PUGH
AUGUST	MARGARET BALL, SIZZLE SUMMERELL SAMANTHA WELCH
SEPTEMBER	BARBARA MIDDLETON, IRIS CALLOW, MARIANNA MACKAY
OCTOBER	JEAN WOODS, HEATHER JENKINS, TINA MIDDLETON
NOVEMBER	SARAH CLARK, CLARE STOWELL-HIBBS, ANN HOLTHAM
DECEMBER	EVERYONE TO HELP PLEASE

Altar Guild Secretary — Marianna Mackay, Church Path Cottage, Kenn Tel. 340323

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2016

**1st Sunday 7th February THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
OR (THE PRESENTATION of CHRIST) – CANDLEMAS GREEN
WHITE**

8:30am Holy Communion at Kenn*
 9:30am Parish Communion at Yatton - Candlemas
 9:30am Holy Communion at Cleeve
 11:00am Taste & See/Holy Communion at Claverham
 11:00am Family Service at Kingston Seymour
 6:00pm Evensong at Yatton*

2nd Wednesday 10th February ASH WEDNESDAY PURPLE

10.00am Holy Communion at Yatton with Imposition of Ashes
11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn
 7.30pm Team Communion at Yatton with Imposition of Ashes

2nd Sunday 14th February THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT PURPLE

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

3rd Wednesday 17th February

11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn

3rd Sunday 21st February THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT PURPLE

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

4th Sunday 28th February THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 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 - Plough Sunday
 6.00pm Holy Communion at Claverham
 6:30pm Ecumenical Evening Service at Yatton Methodist Church

Down on the Farm

The Pagan Festival of Candle Mass Day falls on the 2nd February.
some of the sayings go:

“Candle Mass Day, half the winter, half the hay.”

“If Candle Mass Day is Fair and Bright, Winter will have another flight.”

“When the wind blows on Candle Mass Day, ‘twill abide ‘till 2nd May.”

The mild weather kept the grass growing but because it's so wet half has been wasted. They say the sheep have 5 mouths at this time of year, because they press it with their feet 4 times and then eat about a 5th of what they've trampled!

It's the 22nd of January as I write these notes, the last few days have been cold, with frost but with bright sunshine.

On Sunday thousands of birds appeared on Tickenham Moor, lots of Field Fares and Red Wings. Where do they all come from? We've only had two cold days. Usually the cold weather brings them in. Now they've left again. Where do they all go?

Back in summer we had two pairs of Lap Wings hatch on Yatton Moor. I nearly drove over one group. Two weeks later after a lot of rain, they were still there running around. So I think they all lived. I hope so, as there are very few pairs left in this area.

The first lambs are getting bigger but have had a hard time so have not done as well as I had hoped. Luckily the sheep trade is picking up, hopefully by Easter it will be a good trade.

I was walking along the ditch at Tickenham Moor, on the other side, around six feet away, there was a Short Eared Owl which didn't fly away.

This is very unusual, I have never got so close to one before, hope he's ok.

Miles also saw a Short Eared Owl recently in the Moor below Weston-in-Gordano.

Notes from Jeff Naish, typed by Leon Naish



What's on in Kenn — February

Tuesday 9th - Drum and Monkey - VILLAGE LUNCH - from 12noon

**Wednesday 10th February — Ash Wednesday
12.00 - 2.00pm Lent Lunch at Cherry Tree House, Kenn Street**

Wednesday 10th — Kenn Village Hall - Kenn Women's Institute - 7.30pm

**Saturday 13th — Kenn Village Hall - 10-12noon
Village Market and Coffee Morning**

Monday 15th — at St. John's Church - 12.00-2.00pm - Lent Lunch

Wednesday 17th - 12.00 - 2.00pm Lent Lunch, Cherry Tree House.

Wednesday 17th - Drum and Monkey 7.00 for 7.30pm - Kenn Supper Club

**Wednesday 17th doors 7.30pm KVH - Songs from the Shed featuring
THE LITTLE UNSAID, TOBIAS BEN JACOB & LUKAS DRINKWATER**

Monday 22nd at St. John's Church - 12.00-2.00pm - Lent Lunch

Wednesday 24th - 12.00 - 2.00pm Lent Lunch, Cherry Tree House.

**Saturday 27th — Kenn Church Room - 10-12 noon
Charity Coffee Morning for Children's Hospice at Charlton Farm
Hostess - Chloe Hayzen**

Monday 29th at St. John's Church - 12.00-2.00pm - Lent Lunch

Monday 29th at The Drum and Monkey - 8.00pm - Book Group

Everything Kenn—NEW

Hello Kennites

As you hopefully are aware there was a new facebook page called 'Everything Kenn' which started off extremely successfully with over 60 likes. However, after some time it became apparent that it wasn't in the best format to allow villagers to post on to it. So after some reviewing with facebook, it was suspended and a new formatted group was created called '**Everything Kenn – NEW**'. Slowly the message has been making its way round to join the new one, but for anyone who may have missed it – this is for you. So...please come and check out the 'Everything Kenn – NEW' facebook group.

If anyone is not on facebook but would like a message, photo or event to be posted on your behalf please get in touch with me via email: janetinoz@hotmail.com or if urgent via phone/text on 07812 175347.

Hope everyone is enjoying the page – and please feel to post on it.

Thanks, Jane Roberts (admin)

Margaret's Mutterings

Songs from the Shed – first of the year was USHTI BABA - belly dancing, a huge variety of musical instruments and instrumentalists; all absolutely enthralling - not what I expected, but quite exhilarating. On offer was local cider produced by Ray Naish's grandson Andrew Jenkins (Heather's son) and his best friend—very palatable.

Thanks to John Hayden and Nigel Burnett for running our bar and to Jon Earl for finding the group and everyone who supported them.

Barbara Middleton – dear friend of Kenn and formerly Kenn's Postmistress got a mention on The One Show, by granddaughter Tuppence Middleton who is currently appearing on BBC1 playing Helene in War and Peace and Miss Havisham in The Dickensian.

Talking of stars – Goalkeeper, Jack Butland, has been in the news, yet again, being voted the England under-21 Footballer of the Year for 2015.

We love to have news of our youngsters – please keep it coming.....

Thanks to everyone who contributes to this Magazine and also to all who kindly distribute it. Copy for March—as soon as you have it please to:

Margaret.john@btinternet.com

BIRD NEWS

The brief cold snap mid month pushed quite a lot of Redwings and Fieldfares south and Hartley Staples noted sizeable flocks heading south in advance of the cold weather.

There were a few Siskins in Littlewood, but no big numbers displaced from further north. However, there was a Song Thrush singing persistently on the 23rd along with three Bullfinches and a lot of Blue Tit and Great Tit activity.

A Blackcap visited my garden just once in the frosty weather and the monthly water bird count on the Somerset Levels produced a lot more ducks this month.

Following on from last month's note about the ringed Barn Owl, Jackie Huxtable has found another batch of feathers, this time from a Sparrowhawk. Local naturalist, Ed Drewitt kindly identified these and confirmed that the Sparrowhawk had been predated by another bird. That really only means one species, a Peregrine Falcon and when John Croxton and I met Jackie along Cooks Lane, she confirmed that she did see Peregrines from time to time.

We went on our way and John spotted another pile of feathers - this time a Black Headed Gull, almost certainly a Peregrine kill. My guess is that the same bird was responsible for predating the Gull, the two Barn Owls and the Sparrowhawk.

This is pretty unusual but there are records of a female Peregrine predating another (presumably male - they are much smaller) Peregrine.

Jackie said that she didn't wish to be known for her association with dead birds (!) so she was pleased to report a (live) Goldcrest at All Saints School in Clevedon.

Bird song should increase now with the lengthening days and February 14th is the date, when traditionally, birds pair up.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208



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JAZZ ON SUNDAY AT THE DRUM AND MONKEY

Sunday 28th February

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What's on at The Drum & Monkey in February

Monday 1st - Best of Chinese Buffet please book

Tuesday 10th — from 12noon Village Lunch

Sunday 14th — VALENTINES DAY please book

Wednesday 17th from 7.00pm Village Supper Club

Tuesday 23rd - Dolly Parton Show Night
with 2 course meal booking essential

Sunday 28th - 6pm - 8.30pm - New Society Jazz Band
No charge - Sunday Menu available.

Monday 29th - Best of Spain Buffet please book
with live Classical Spanish Guitarist Entertainment

Monday 29th 8.00pm Book Club

Every Wednesday is Quiz Night
9.00pm - prizes, come and beat your neighbours

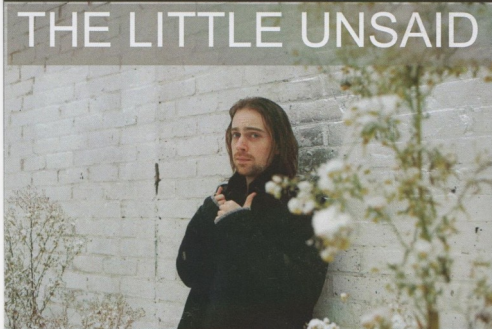
Monday — Saturday Evenings
Take away - Fish & Chips

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Songs From The Shed Presents at Kenn Village Hall DOUBLE HEADLINER

THE LITTLE UNSAID



"The Little Unsaid cranked up the intensity with his fierce and powerful keyboard and guitar-driven alt-folk, sliding instantaneously from tender to dramatic and back again, driving his deepest, darkest secrets to the eaves and pounding the keys with a desperate eloquence."



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YATTON MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT

Saturday 27th February
7.30pm - St Mary's Church

'TOPAZ'

Julia Hammersley (Harp)
with Michelle Krawiec (Flute)
Tickets £10 (Members £8)
Children and Students half price
available from the Team Office

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES FRIDAY 4th MARCH 2016

10.30am St Barnabas, Claverham
1.30pm St Mary's, Yatton
7.30pm St John's Kenn

This year the service is prepared by the
Christian women of Cuba

LATE NIGHT WORSHIP
FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
YATTON METHODIST CHURCH
LIVELY AND REFLECTIVE WORSHIP
SPACE TO ENCOUNTER JESUS
EASYGOING AND INFORMAL
CAFE STYLE WITH REFRESHMENTS
8.00pm to 9.30pm*

Yatton
Methodist
Church

Friday 5th
February
from
8.00pm

At LATE NIGHT WORSHIP we turn up when we like.

We grab coffee and biscuits and take time to focus on Jesus. We allow his Spirit to speak to ours as we let the loud music engage us. There is recorded music and video as well as guitar led worship. With dimmed lighting and tables dotted around, we can have space to be ourselves. We minister to one another with prayers and encouraging words. We share what's on our heart. We leave changed for the better and recharged for the future.

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Benjamin John Crossman**11th May 1924 - 17th December 2015**

Ben was born at Green Farm, Claverham, and attended Barberry House School in Yatton. His mother drove him to his school in her horse and trap in all weathers .

Leaving school at 16 he came home to work on the farm. He spent many hours ploughing with his horses at Hilsea, Claverham .



When war broke out in 1939 Ben was called for a medical which he failed as he only had sight in one eye. At this time he joined the Fire Service and Home Guard .

On one occasion they were practising a new grenade launcher at Kingston sea wall which back fired so all had to make a quick retreat.

He had a very active life and was also on many committees in his life time; among them were Yatton Parish Council and Chair of Puxton Parish Council. Ben devoted 45 years to the Durbin Trust Yatton, and was Governor of Yatton Infant School. Also Hewish and Wick Saint Lawrence Harvest Home Committee, as well as North Somerset Show Society and Yatton Fat stock Committee.

Ben was a keen gardener, and until 18 months ago, sold his produce at their farm in Hewish.

Our sincere condolences go to his widow Margaret, and children Ben and Rosemary and all there family.

Heather Jenkins (niece)

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Ben, was held at St Mary the Virgin Yatton on 7th January. Ben Crossman, while never living in Kenn had always supported Kenn events. He and his daughter Rosemary often joined in the farm walks guided by his brother-in-law Ray Naish and, with his wife Margaret attended the Christmas Tea Party on several occasions.

Ben's son Ben continues to collect apples from various orchards in Kenn and to use these to make cider at Mayfield Farm, Hewish.

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2016

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MEETINGS FOR 2016

The Village Hall, Kenn St, Kenn

7 March – Annual Parish Meeting
followed by a Council Meeting
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.

Digital Sessions for Parishes – 'Get up to Speed' run free talks and workshops for communities and businesses to help boost digital skills so people can make the most of current or future faster broadband speeds. They have just developed a new session looking at how different Google Apps can help communities communicate, collaborate and store information including: *Edit and share web based documents, stay organised at home and work, create spreadsheets & presentations, save & access your photos/videos & files on the cloud, keeping in touch with friends & family.*

They would like to run a session in Kenn, these are completely free, all they need is a suitable venue with Wi-Fi (such as a village hall or function room of a pub) and a minimum of 6 people.

INTERESTED? Then please contact the Parish Council by email (address below) – if enough people sign up we will let 'Get up to Speed' know so they can arrange a talk/workshop.

MEETING – 11 JANUARY 2016 Some of the topics covered at the meeting were:-

- **The Hand Equestrian Centre** – the Parish Council had a visit from representatives of the new owners. Currently they are working to get the site secure and ready for the arrival of the horses later in the year. The site would be used for crowd control and protestor training during the day, with both horses and dogs, also some limited firing of blanks may be carried out but advance warning would be given locally when this may occur. They gave assurances there would be no live fire arm practicing at this site as the police had a much better facility for this situated at Black Rock.
- **Village Clean-up** – this will be carried out after the verges have been cut by North Somerset Council and the Parish Council's new Liaison Officer was asked to find out when this might be. Also if they could provide litter pickers and collect the rubbish that has been collected.
- **Footpath Stile** – the stile's cross member needs repairing on the path between Kenn St and Kennmoor Road. Agreed to advise North Somerset Council's Footpath Officer.
- **Large scale house building sites** – update on the Yatton site, phase 2. The Congresbury application had been refused but may go to appeal. A request had been submitted to North Somerset Council by the St Modwens site developers to ascertain if an Environmental Impact Assessment Study was required.
- **Highways and vehicle movements** – consideration of information on the impact of more vehicle movements accessing these large building sites when they have been finished and are occupied. It was felt that some comments should be made relating to this in the West of England Joint Spatial Plan: Transport Study.
- **Free Flowers** – the contractors for North Somerset Council would be providing these to parishes again this summer. **Please contact Cheryl** if you have any planters in your front gardens which could display some of the 2000 plants which will be arriving around June time.
- **Kenn Planning Applications, Enforcements and Tree Preservation Order** – updates provided.