

# KENN ISSUE 333 MAY 2016



Thanks to Hazel for this photo of the  
Squirrel who found the fat balls

## NEWS & VIEWS

### **May - Birthdays & Anniversaries**

1st Hartley Staples  
Margaret Ball (senior)  
Lynne & Steve Bye W.A.  
3rd Cyril Willcox  
Chloe Hayzen  
4th Tony Parker  
Nigel Middleton  
5th Sarah & Tom Clark W.A.  
8th Mike Stowell  
Tina & Nigel Middleton WA  
10th Jilly Butland  
Jane Morris  
11th Tina Middleton  
12th Matilda Jane Harkness  
Robert Porch  
Adeline Humberstone  
15th Samuel Leiper  
19th Emily Limage  
22nd Duncan Mackay  
Bradley Beardshaw  
26th Jane Staples  
Colin Webb  
27th Christopher Jaehme  
28th Sally White  
29th Millie Stowell  
Trina Willoughby  
Samuel Rogers  
30th Joanna Brain

### **St John's Altar Guild**



### **May Rota**

**Caroline Holden, Jo Manning, Karen and  
Julia Panteli**

Thanks to everyone who so beautifully  
decorated St. John's for the  
Easter Celebrations.

### **April Family Service at St John's**

We met on a sunny but still chilly April Sunday to consider the theme of Christ's 'New Commandment'.

At the Last Supper, knowing that He only had a little time left to spread his message of love, Jesus told the disciples 'to love one another. By this everyone will know you are my disciples.....'

For the disciples, raised in the complicated social and religious rituals of day to day Jewish life, this wasn't as easy as it sounded. They had to get their heads round the idea that it was OK to share Christ's teachings with Gentiles as well as Jews.

Diana's talk (assisted by Jenny) re-enacted the reading about Peter's vision when a huge sheet, containing animals (a large cast of puppets) of all kinds, descended from Heaven, and God told Peter to kill and eat whatever he wanted. The Jews meticulously kept to the rules regarding Kosher foods. Peter protested three times that he could never eat anything that wasn't 'in the rules' but God told him that everything that He had made was good. Just as Peter got the message, three Gentile men arrived, and Peter realised God meant him to share Jesus' message of love with all people, whoever they were.

After the service we had coffee and biscuits, and a lot of chatting, :)

Julia Bush



## BAPTISM AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KENN

Olive Daphne Yuan Yuan Tran was christened in Kenn church on Sunday 3rd April.

The date was chosen because Olive's Aunt Rachel was visiting from Melbourne.

We had a lovely day, from the Bush and the Tran families.

PS Yuan Yuan means 'Completeness'



**HEAVEN PRESERVE US** - Could anyone help us out, we're in a jam.

I will not be able to attend the Tickenham Flower Show on 20th August. Lyn Burnett has kindly offered to sell 'Heaven Preserve Us' products but it's really a two person job. Would anyone like to sell preserves, with the opportunity of looking round this very good village show. The stall is indoors and you would need to be available from about noon to 4.30pm.

Thanks, Julia Bush 01275 873554

## Coincidence upon coincidence

After the death of Deryck and Renee Bell, their family made a bequest to St John's, which was ring-fenced to refurbish, replace and update the various church noticeboards.

In mid April, John Ball took delivery of our lovely new main Noticeboard.

Made from recycled plastic, it is extremely sturdy, durable and will never need painting.

A day or two later I found I was out of Blackberry and Apple jam, and made 5 jars.



The next day John and some chums from Stowell Concrete put up the noticeboard in the car park. That lunchtime, I got a call from Hilary, Deryck and Renee's daughter, to say she was outside the church and could I let her in to get *4 jars of Blackberry and Apple*'.

I asked her if she liked the noticeboard, she hadn't been round that side of the church, but scurried round and had a look.

She was very pleased and took a photograph (saving me a job). I quickly labelled up the jam and she went on her way rejoicing.

Smiles all round. Julia Bush

## Meeting place.



Every month we hear of another young mother and baby in the village.

There are about 10 mothers with preschool children in Kenn.

Due to work and other commitments not every one can come. 'Meeting Place' has a regular slot on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 11.00 and lasts for up to an hour.

**The next group will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 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

## Queen's birthday lunch

I am sure most will have noted from *News and Views* and *Everything Kenn* that this year's celebration on 12th June will include another performance by the Kenn Chorus.



Before that happens, of course, the Chorus will need to be formed, followed by one or two rehearsals 🎵 🍷 🍸 in advance of the big day.

Sue Parker will be organising this part of the proceedings and is keen to stress that this opportunity is open to all in Kenn regardless of previous experience of engaging in activities of this sort - i.e. the sole aim is to have fun!

The first step is to gather a list of those who wish to take part - so I would be grateful if those who are interested could let me know ASAP as we will need to start rehearsing really soon!

All the best, Tony Parker  
The Cottage,  
Duck Lane.

[mjap33@hotmail.com](mailto:mjap33@hotmail.com)

**Thursday 21st April** there was a lot of talk on the television about Beacons to celebrate Her Majesty's Birthday.

There were the makings of a bonfire behind the Village Hall, so why not have a Kenn Beacon, a lovely day, not too windy.....

Margaret tried to contact many of you by email—but after 2 hours trying, usual Broadband service, the computer jammed up and no emails were sent !

Sorry - if we had thought about it earlier it could have been a great occasion.

However, phone calls were made and an impromptu get-together resulted in 14 people raising their glasses to wish Her Majesty a Very Happy Birthday.





## The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

Soon every household in Kenn will receive their personal invitation to come to the Big Lunch Party to celebrate the Queen's Birthday.

Like thousands of communities up and down the land we in Kenn will have a glorious day to celebrate this special occasion.

As at last year's Big Lunch please bring a dish from a Commonwealth country to the event, enough to feed 4-6 people.

So please be creative, after all there are 53 member countries so plenty of choice.

Do feel free to bring your own supply of beverages but there will be a bar run by John Hayden.

We are still looking for someone to organise children's games etc, so please volunteer!!

Also a reminder that we are looking for singers to join the Kenn Choir who will be performing at the event.

Please contact Sue Parker on 01275 316624.

Do feel free to contact us with any questions.

Robin & Marianna

[mackayagents@aol.com](mailto:mackayagents@aol.com)



### DEAR KENN VILLAGERS

Please join us at 12pm on JUNE 12<sup>th</sup> 2016

At KENN VILLAGE HALL, KENN STREET

to celebrate The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

with your family and friends .

**Tickets £5 each or £10 for a family with children.**

Profits to **WESTON HOSPICECARE.**

There will be food, music, entertainment, competitions, children's games, a quiz and a bar with a glass of bubbly for the toast.

For tickets and more information contact:

Caroline Holden & John Hayden 343133

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Margaret & John Ball 874077

John & Grace Griffin 872948

Liz & Martin Jaehme 877389

Robin Mackay 07860235495

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# KENN 90



I am sure you will have heard that the charity chosen to receive the proceeds from the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations on 12<sup>th</sup> June is WestonHospicecare.

Once again the odd glass of red wine has got me into trouble!! Apparently I volunteered to try and add to our fundraising effort on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Those of you with long memories might remember that Kenn and Kingston held a very successful sponsored 100 mile walk some time ago. Fear not we are not repeating the 100 miles this time it's just 90!!!!

As any lunch in Kenn is always a sumptuous affair I thought you all might like a little walk to build up an appetite. Before you get too concerned the idea is that the village walks 90 miles not individuals!!!

From the village hall to the end of Duck Lane and back is about a mile so if we can get as many villagers as possible to walk that before lunch on the 12<sup>th</sup> we should collectively knock off the distance without any trouble – remember Mum, Dad a toddler and a little one in a pushchair accounts for 4 miles.

I will be at the Hall from 10am on the day so from that time onwards please come along, let me know you're walking, have a gentle stroll and help the Village reach the magic 90 miles!!

Previously we found that an event like this gives an opportunity to widen the scope of fundraising outside of the village and if as many as possible could take sponsor forms to work, clubs, friends etc that would be great.

If each of us could raise just £5 from outside the village it would swell our total donation to help WestonHospicecare continue their valuable work throughout the local area – any more than a fiver would of course be a welcome bonus.

***A sponsor form will accompany the Village magazine, if any more are required just ask!!!!***

**Please help and make our 12<sup>th</sup> June celebrations a fundraising success.**

Simon Pascoe - Phone 878451

Ps- if any villagers walk round the block on a regular basis I could be persuaded to add those distances in to swell the miles!!!!!!!

## Book Group

I had wondered recently how long book group had been running for. So I looked back through the old missives to News and Views. We have been reading together now for five years. Our first meeting was in March 2011 when we discussed 'Down Under' by Bill Bryson. We have since read and discussed 45 books.



We met on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to discuss 'Wuthering Heights' by Emily Bronte. It seemed apposite to be discussing this book on this night. It was our friend and one time book club member Hazel's last night in the village. The following day she was heading to her new life in North Yorkshire.

Our opinions varied greatly from 'loved it' to 'What was she on?'. The violence in the book was somewhat alarming. We grappled with the nature of Cathy and Heathcliff's relationship. We were all glad we had read it as it filled a cultural gap.

Our next read is 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll. We will meet in 'The Drum' on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at about 8.00pm.

There have been several newcomers to the village over the last year or so. You are very welcome to join us. Book Group.

## Kenn Supper Club

Every month more people come to Supper Club. Our table seems to get bigger and bigger. **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 18<sup>th</sup> May 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.





## KENN W.I.

Since our March meeting Kenn W.I. has held two coffee mornings in aid of our charity Springboard.

Despite the poor weather on both occasions, thanks to the generosity of those who came we

have collected £202.

A big thank you to Ann Holtham, Margaret Bessant and Margaret Burdge for all their gallant work.

Springboard is open to children under the age of 5 who have difficulties. Anyone who was at the April village market late on may have met Henry who goes to Springboard. Henry is able to understand and make sounds but is unable to speak. It was through knowing of Henry that Springboard was chosen as our charity.

At the end of March one of our members Iris Callow and her husband Mike celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary. Iris was presented with a Cape Lily from the members. Big congratulations to them both.

Our speaker for April saw a welcome return of Commander Philip Unwin. This time he was talking to us about the homeward journey of the SS Great Britain - from Sparrow Cove in the Falklands, where she was scuttled - to Bristol, which took 2 months. It is amazing to think that the dilapidated remains were renovated into the beautiful ship that can be seen at the Great Western Dockyard today.

Our speaker for May is Jenny Lester "the quilt lady".

This is an afternoon meeting starting at 14.30 which will be followed by a cream tea.

Last year we told you about Thelma Blake who appeared on Countryfile with her prize winning bull Thundercloud. On the programme one of Thelma's cows April Fairy was artificially inseminated with 40 year old frozen semen. We are pleased to say that a healthy bull calf named Premier, has been born.

The end of April sees us playing Banwell W.I. in the quarter finals of the Avon Federation skittles competition. Result to follow.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May starting at 14.30 at Kenn Village Hall.

Marion Hulance

**Iris & Mike Callow** would like to thank their friends at Kenn for the cards and greetings on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

(am attaching the notice which appeared in the magazine at St Mary Mag's, Coventry, and a better one taken on the day)



Tim and Sarah Rossiter send grateful thanks to all those who supported, or made a donation to, the Barn Dance on 16th April in aid of Myeloma UK which was held at Christ Church Clevedon.

The Barn Dance raised almost £400.

KENN CHURCH COFFEE  
MORNING 23RD APRIL

A big thank you to everybody  
who supported my  
Coffee Morning

I raised £75 for The League of  
Friends of Clevedon Hospital.

Margaret Bessant



When Iris and I were about to go to St. Mary Magdalen's, she said she would like to go to the Memorial Park to look for a tree, planted in memory of her cousin, Beryl, who was killed in the April, 1941, blitz on Coventry.

She was in hospital for a minor leg operation, when it was hit by a bomb.

By coincidence, Beryl was remembered in the intercessions at the Mass.

With the help of a warden, we were able to find the tree and I am attaching two photographs.

Today, (24th April), Mark offered to take us back to Meriden, for a service, remembering my Uncle Louis, who was killed, on the Somme, in 1916.

Attached a photograph of three generations of his nephews, none of whom he knew.



Five of his brothers served in WW1, and all returned.

They are all remembered on the War Memorial, at Meriden.

Mike.

## KENN CHURCH ROOM COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 28th May

10.00am — 12noon

Proceeds to Christian Aid





## Down on the Farm - May

I am writing on the 20th April. I want to start by saying what a light spring we have had. I saw a first swallow on 30th March. It's taken until now for any number to turn up and even now they're not chattering much, which is unusual. I recently saw seven Yellow Wagtails at Home Farm, Failand. The first I have seen for a few years.

The hill ewes start to lamb mid April to mid May. Hope the weather is good for them, as they all lamb outside, on the lower ground, on the side of the hills, or as they call it, "in by land".

The sheep trade is fairly good at the moment. The old ewes are fetching about £20 less than last year, but still quite good.

The early spring lambs are being sold at about £5 per kilo. Which is good, but it only lasts for about a month. Then it falls to about £3.20 a kilo, a big difference.

We're just trying to get as many gone as possible, because the trade falls every day now.



The cattle trade is a bit slow, as the grass is so late. Some farmers have had to take the lambs off the ewes to put them on concentrate, to try and get them fat. This costs about £20 per head, which is quite an expense if you have a thousand ewes! The dairy trade is still falling. This is due to the never ending milk price fall. The pig trade is also in turmoil, as the sanctions on Russia has meant that excess pigs have had nowhere to go. There is also a surplus in Europe. Last week in Sedgemoor Market, I saw two black sows sell for a pound each, not much for a full grown pig.

The spring corn has been planted and we have had great weather for tractor work. The dull, still weather has also allowed the corn farmers to spray much of their crops. Which is often not done by this time of year, as this can only be done when there is no wind at all. To help the grass, we now need some warm days and wet warm nights badly.

Notes from Jeff Naish, typed by Leon Naish

## **Kenn Christian Aid Week 2016**

**Please Help?**



This year Christian Aid Week is from **Sunday 15th May to Saturday 21st.**

Past experience has shown that our Door to Door collection is by far the most effective way of fundraising.

I especially need some help this year as some of my stalwart collectors are away. The more folk who join in the fewer doors we each need to visit. An incidental bonus is that collectors get to chat with villagers they might normally only see fleetingly.

If you think you can help please get in touch with me, if you can't, please give generously.

Christian Aid is a well established charity with a marvelous track record. Collectors will have some info, or check on line.

Thank you,                      Julia Bush 01275 873554

## **QUIZ EVENING at The Chapter House, Yatton**



**Proceeds to Christian Aid**

**Monday 16th May - 7.15pm for a 7.30 start**

**Teams of four are invited to enter, or just come along and join a team.**

**Bring your own drinks—refreshments and glasses provided**

## **Friends of Kenn Church — Annual General Meeting— NEXT MONTH**

7.30 pm Thursday 16th June in the new room of  
St. John the Evangelist, Kenn

**All Parishioners and Friends are invited to attend this meeting**

Useful Numbers:

**Village Hall Booking Secretary:**

Lyn & Nigel Burnett 01275 870189  
kvhallbooking@gmail.com

**St John the Evangelist Priest in charge:**

Rev. Warren Williams 01934 833608

**Churchwardens:**

Julia Bush 873554  
John Ball 874077  
Mobile 078 1667 1304

**Church Floodlighting:**

David Pugh 874278

**Village Flag Flying:**

Marianna or Robin 340323

**Altar Guild Secretary:**

Marianna Mackay 340323

**North Somerset Council:**

01934 888 888

out of hours:

01934 622 669

**News & Views:**

Margaret Ball 01275 874077

Email - Margaret.john@btinternet.com



with  
**COFFEE  
MORNING**

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

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

**Dustbin - 3rd/19th/31st May**

**Green Waste - 10th/24th May**



**Village Agent — Emma Edwards** is available  
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over 50's in rural communities.

Contact her on 07967 344661/01275 888803

Email emma.edwards@curogroup.co.uk

**Kenn Women's Institute**

Meet at Kenn Village Hall, 2.30 pm  
Wednesday - 11th May - Our speaker is  
Jenny Lester "the quilt lady"

Followed by Cream Tea at the Hall

Tel: 01934 830111

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Thursday 12th May

**Viewing at Saleroom**

Wednesday 11th May 10am - 7:30pm

Morning of sale from 9am

**Quarterly Specialist Sale**

Thursday 2nd June 10.30am

**Viewing at Saleroom**

Tuesday 31st May 2pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 1st June 10am - 7:30pm

Morning of sale from 9am

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## SERVICES FOR MAY 2016

<b>1st Sunday</b>	<b>1st May THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>WHITE</b>
<b>8:30am</b>	<b><i>Holy Communion at Kenn*</i></b>	
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 with Baptism Edward Willoughby Thomas (Teddy)	
6:00pm	Choral Evensong at Yatton*	
<b>First Thursday</b>	<b>5th May ASCENSION DAY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>
11:00am	Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour	
7:30pm	Holy Communion at Yatton	
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	<b>8th May THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>WHITE</b>
8:00am	Holy Communion at Yatton*	
9:30am	Holy Communion at Claverham	
9:30am	Parish Communion at Yatton	
<b>11:00am</b>	<b><i>Holy Communion at Kenn</i></b>	
11:00am	Holy Communion at Cleeve	
6:00pm	Evensong at Kingston Seymour*	
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	<b>15th May PENTECOST</b>	<b>RED</b>
	<b>(Christian Aid Week begins)</b>	
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	
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b><i>Evensong at Kenn*</i></b>	
<b>3rd Wednesday</b>	<b>18th May</b>	
<b>11:00am</b>	<b><i>Holy Communion at Kenn</i></b>	
<b>4th Sunday</b>	<b>22nd May TRINITY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>
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	
<b>11:00am</b>	<b><i>Family Service at Kenn</i></b>	
12:00 pm	Holy Baptism at Yatton	
6:00pm	Holy Communion at Cleeve*	
6:30pm	Ecumenical Evening Service at Yatton Methodist Church	
<b>5th Sunday</b>	<b>29th THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>
10:00am	Team Communion at Cleeve and Holy Trinity Patronal	

\* Book of Common Prayer (1662)



The April market again went well with many familiar faces calling in for purchases, chat and lovely refreshments.

We would like to thank Anne, Marion and Margaret from the W.I. for doing this.

They made amazing cakes, and raised £136.00 for Springboard, a charity supporting North Somerset children with additional needs.

Thanks to all for your support.

Best wishes

Lyn and Maggie.

## **May Market Saturday 14th — 10.am - 12 noon**

At the May Village Market 14th May, I will be baking in aid of The National Deaf Children's Association, just after their national 'BIG BAKE'.

I will be baking a few extra sponges bearing the NDCS logo, and will be happy to take orders of my usual favourites.

Julia Bush 01275 873554

### **Welcome**

We are delighted to welcome Carol and Paul Harrison who have recently moved into Bram Rigg on the Village Green — we really hope they will enjoy living in Kenn and look forward to welcoming them to Village events.

Also - Mary Ashton tell us that her friend and colleague Dr. Liz Doyle has just moved into The Old Forge. Again Welcome.....

Please do not hesitate to let me know of comings and goings—better to hear twice than to miss someone! Margaret [margaret.john@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.john@btinternet.com)

## Meals for Mums (and Dads)

Towards the end of May we have been able to support our first new family in Kenn.

Sean and Leonie from Beechcroft, Kenn Road were completely shocked but delighted when I offered them the chance to have an evening meal every night for a week following the safe arrival of little Molly.

The band of volunteers swung into action and meals were delivered at the pre-arranged time each night. Some of us were even lucky enough to sneak a peek at little Molly too. It has been a truly satisfying experience being able to make a difference and shows what a welcoming and inclusive village Kenn can be.

I did have to disappoint the first person who requested meals for a week. After a great deal of thought I felt that the cat producing a litter of kittens didn't quite qualify (Mind you I was tempted to arrive with a sachet of Whiskas and some cat biscuits each night!)

This project could not have been undertaken without the support of lots of villagers and I would like to say how grateful I was for all the offers of help. If any one else feels inspired following the success of our first venture please let me know if you want to be included on the list of cooks for next time.

Who knows when the next baby will arrive in Kenn but we will be there with the offer of meals for a week to welcome the new edition and try and make the first week a little easier.

Jenny Pascoe

Au Revoir Hazel and Andrew - I have mixed feeling about Hazel and Andrew Limage leaving the Village — they made such a difference to this small place. They have moved to Yorkshire to be closer to Andrew's mother and their children and grandchildren. Personally, I must thank Hazel for taking on this magazine for a couple of years in 2009 and introducing colour and pictures and regular features - for all the posters, tickets, jam jar labels, passports, etc that came from her computer. For the Village website—putting all the old magazine onto the internet..... Lighting the church path for winter services, doing the bat survey but these are only tangible things. We shall really miss them both, but send our best wishes for the future and assure them that they are always welcome to come and stay!! Margaret



## TRIBUTE NIGHTS AT THE DRUM AND MONKEY

Tuesday 31st May

### JASUN WATKINS IS BOY GEORGE AND PINK ELVIS



ALL SHOWS ARE £20.00 per person  
includes a 2 course meal,  
7pm for 7.30pm sit down meal.  
Book early to avoid disappointment  
All tickets to be paid for one week before the show

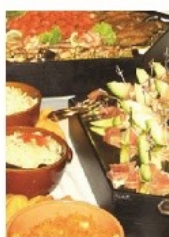
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Monday 30th May

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## JAZZ ON SUNDAY AT THE DRUM AND MONKEY

Sunday 29th May

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Barbara's 80th Birthday Buffet at the Drum

**MAY DIARY - What's on and When and Where!!!**

*Christian Aid Week—Sunday 15th—Saturday 21st May*

**North Somerset Show Wraxall Monday 2nd May**

**Monday 9th May at Kenn Village Hall 7.30pm  
Statutory Annual Meeting of  
Kenn Parish Council**

**Monday 9th May — 8.00pm Book Club meet at The Drum**

**Tuesday 10th May — at The Drum and Monkey  
Village Lunch — meet from 12 noon**

**Wednesday 11th May  
Kenn WI 2.30 Meeting followed by a cream tea at KVH**

**Thursday 12th May 11.00am  
Meeting Place at The Church Room**

**Saturday 14th May  
Village Market/Coffee Morning 10-12noon  
Kenn Village Hall**

**Wednesday 18th May Supper club meet at The Drum  
7.00 for 7.30pm**

**Saturday 28th May  
Coffee Morning - 10.00 —12noon  
Church Room for Christian Aid**



## **Bird News**

Hartley Staples reported some very boisterous display by the Clevedon Peregrines early in month which included strident calling and talon grappling. Clive Finlay saw the gulls mobbing a raptor which was probably a Peregrine.

He didn't manage a picture but he did photograph this Buzzard. Noisy gulls can indicate that a bird of prey is around although they can get just as annoyed if an intruding gull appears on the scene. They alerted me to a passing Peregrine over Yatton by their very loud, agitated and persistent calling last week.



I have received details of a couple more Barn Owl sightings near to Yatton and Jill and I saw a Barn Owl at the conservation area at Dowlais Farm. A local observer said that this was the first he had ever seen here. We also saw a Short Eared Owl at a private conservation area near Kingston Seymour. This bird is likely to head off to Northern Europe to nest and it may be with us for a few weeks yet. Sadly, there seems to be few Tawny Owls around again this year.

The arrival of our summer birds seems slow; there aren't many Swallows as I write (21st), House Martins have made brief visits to their nest sites and gone away, probably to reservoirs where there are more insects. However, a sunny morning along the Strawberry Line produced 17 singing Blackcaps and almost as many Chiffchaffs. There was also a Weasel, apparently the UK's most numerous mammal predator, although they are little seen.

Finally, a Snowy Owl turned up in West Cornwall, probably from Arctic Canada. There was a nice story that it was first seen by the seven year old son of a Guest House owner but the visiting birdwatchers didn't believe him until someone later posted a picture on the Internet. The bird went on to Scilly but hasn't been seen for a few days now; I wonder what has happened to it?

Trevor Riddle. 01934 835208.



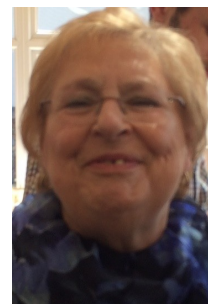
## Our Flag

Was flown on Sunday 3rd April to celebrate the baptism at St. John's of Olive Daphne Yuan Yuan Tran - first granddaughter for Tim and Julia Bush.

On the 19th April to welcome Molly Leonie Allen, a daughter for Sean and Leonie Allen of Beechcroft.

On Thursday 21st April to celebrate not only HM Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday,

but also to mark that of our former Post Mistress Barbara Middleton's who celebrated her 80th.



On Saturday 23rd our flag of St. George was raised aloft to mark St. George's Day.

## Dog Bin and Offerings

The dog bin at the end of Kenn Street is no longer maintained by North Somerset. Instead, Rob Willcox empties it regularly on behalf of the Parish Council and we are most grateful to him.

From time to time we have noticed extra sacks of dog poo reverently laid at the foot of the dog bin pole. I assume someone thinks that the contents of the bin are processed in some special way and they are helping by collecting their own dog poo and leaving it there to be taken away with the rest.

Can I say to that person: **PLEASE DON'T DO IT!** Rob has no special facilities for disposal of the contents of the dog bin.

Rob does not need extra work to do and the dog bin does not need an oblation.

And in answer to the question, "What do I do with dog poo?" It goes in the wheelie bin with your other rubbish.

(Apologies to the editor if I have lowered the tone of this month's, normally cultured, KN&V).

Thanks! Stephen Brain

## Neighbourhood Watch

Received 8<sup>th</sup> April

### Rogue Traders



Inspector Bennett and Ben Hayes from Trading Standards need your help;

The Police and Trading Standards work together to protect residents of North Somerset from being targeted by Rogue Traders. There are several ways you can help them to do this;

- Please report any leaflets/flyers you get through the door advertising for local services
- Let us know if there are any cold callers to your area by persons touting for work like gardening/ House repair/drive way work
- If you have neighbours who are having work done, and you are worried about them let us know – we can make discreet enquiries to make sure they are okay
- If you co-ordinate a scheme that would like some window stickers or door stickers which promote our campaign contact the Trading Standards department at the council offices
- Any fly tipping or other suspicious sighting or information please also tell us

This information needs to be emailed to Insp Bennett or Ben Hayes who for one week from Monday 11 April will be personally monitoring this information:

([Ben.Hayes@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Ben.Hayes@n-somerset.gov.uk))

[Sharon.Bennett@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Sharon.Bennett@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk)

OR To contact by telephone:

Inspector Sharon Bennett - via general police 101 number

Ben Hayes, Trading Standards office 01934 888 888 during office hours

*GENERAL - Rogue traders are criminals who take advantage of people by using high-pressure sales techniques. Their work is often overpriced, poor quality or not required at all. A distraction burglar is someone who tricks their way into your home and then distracts you while they steal your valuables or cash. If you do not know who is calling at your home and you didn't invite them there, remember - it's your doorstep and your decision, so be confident, and turn them away.*

## **KENN PARISH COUNCIL**

### Chairman's chat

We have taken possession of the on loan speed sign and at the moment it is at the base of the Motorway bridge coming into Kenn. It flashes a 40 mph at you and it has been very very successful so far. It will be moved to another part of the village and maybe a third place if we have time, it will be with us for about 6 weeks.

We are about to purchase one of these signs for ourselves, and we shall let you know when we have it, we also have been allotted signage to go on the road at the top of Kenn Street, we are awaiting our slot for the work to be done.

I have had some queries about the Council Tax going up this year, the precept was set last year and has been implemented for this tax year.

The minutes of this meeting can be found on our website.

This is an extract from it, voted on and agreed by all Councillors.

### *Precept Requirement for 2016/2017*

*The Clerk had provided a summary of the anticipated general expenditure for the forthcoming financial year and members debated the various additional projects and proposals they would like to progress during the year.*

*Resolved: Expenditure from anticipated reserves: £3,000 (half the cost of speed signs)*

*Resolved: To approve a precept of £11,000 for the Parish Council for the Financial Year 2016/17 made up as follows; administration requirements (£5,000), half of speed signs (£3,000), S106 Consultant (£2,000), Neighbourhood Plan (£1,000).*

*Effect on a Band D property = £59.91 (77.34%) £1.15 per wk, £4.99 per mth  
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We have always been in the lower end of the precepts and have always prided ourselves that we have a very low one, which of course is why there is such a huge jump.....but things cost money, and we have to have contingency plans, if we don't use the money it will be there and we will not have to put the precept up for a long while, but if Modwen go ahead we shall need consultancy advice on how to get the best deal out of the development, and some villagers are keen to have a Parish Plan, we have budgeted for this, and we have agreed on one speed sign for the Village at a cost, and may even purchase a second if it proves successful, which the on loan one does!

Our grass cutting bill has grown, but luckily not by as much as the prices we were quoted, should we lose our lovely lady the cost is much larger. We have also had to have funds for hedge cutting etc should North Somerset alter their budget on this, which we were warned about and previous councillors agreed on, as well as this current council.

So although Kenn has been low maintenance for a long while, times change, costs rocket, and the precept rises. The issue was dealt with at the last meeting, and the villagers concerned at the time seemed satisfied.

We are always open to ideas and comments on village issues, the speed issue being one that has now been addressed and hopefully successful.

Look forward to seeing some of you at the next meeting in May.

Cheers, Sheila



# KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2016

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** 7 March 2016 – 5 Parish Councillors, 6 Kenn residents, the 2 North Somerset (NS) Councillors and the NS Liaison Officer attended.

After the general business of receiving the last meeting's minutes, report of the year since the last meeting and the financial information for last year and next year, the following items were then raised by residents:

- What was the reason for the increase in the 2016/17 precept? The information was provided that 3 items were the main reasons for this, all items have been highlighted as concerns or projects by local residents;
  - **Speeding** – £3,000 for ½ the cost of a movable vehicle speed activated sign (other ½ from reserves.)
  - **St Modwen proposals** – £2,000 to fund expert advice when negotiating a planning gain (village meeting's preference was for a community building) if the proposal for housing is progressed.
  - **Neighbourhood Plan** – £1,000 to define the parish's aspirations when planning and/or infrastructure developments are being proposed. Grants can be applied for shortfalls with these costs.
- Whether highways access suggestions provided by a resident had been considered for the St Modwen site?
  - The Chairman said it had been looked at but a planning application had yet to be submitted, it would be borne in mind if this should happen.

**Tidal Lagoon Power** [www.tidallagooncardiff.com](http://www.tidallagooncardiff.com) – when the meeting had finished an interesting presentation was provided by the developers about the early stages of their project.

**COUNCIL MEETING** – this was held following the above meeting.

- The NS Councillors provided an update on various aspects concerning the parish;
  - St Modwens** – in the Sites Allocation Plans this remained as an employment site. The first areas to be developed would be service villages (eg Yatton), in-fill villages (ie Kenn) would only be considered afterward these had been developed.
  - Warrens** – continue to monitor the Council Tax situation and various enforcement aspects.
  - West of England Spatial Strategy** – information provided on housing allocations and threats to the Green Belt.
- The NS Liaison Officer advised he had follow up the dates for **Kenn's verge cutting** but hadn't a reply yet.
- Concern was expressed **cars for sale were being parked** on the green where the stocks are situated.
- Various items of formal business were considered:
  - **Verge by the Fisherman's Car Park** – this had been cleared after more than a year of KPC's requests.
  - **Traffic Speed** – (1) information on the cost of speed recording guns (£170) and the requirements for a Speed Watch Team, (2) NS Council were lending these to Parish Councils and KPC had requested to be included in this scheme.
  - **Free Flowers** – Please contact Cheryl if you have any planters in your front gardens (see phone number below) where you could display some of the 2000 plants which will be arriving around June time.
  - Various **planning items** were dealt with – Neighbourhood Plan, Community Infrastructure Levy, Planning Decisions, Enforcement and Delegated Reports updates, NS Site Allocation Plan briefing.

- Anti-Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014
- Various legal documents provided by Avon Local Councils' Association.



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## 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.