

KENN

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NEWS & VIEWS

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS and
ANNIVERSARIES**

1st Sotoris Papasolomonto
Verity Rogers
3rd Mike & Liz Bell W.A.
5th Jerry Naish
8th Alice Roberts
10th Louise Hayzen (Pugh)
Tom Clark
Penny Leiper (Griffin)
15th Emma Palmer (Smith)
19th Jade Beardshaw
20th Angel Middleton
Vincent Stowell
21st John Griffin (80)
23rd Richard & Avril Gaunt W.A.
24th John Streat
25th **HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE**
28th Ethan Mackay
Hector Humberstone
Olive Tran
31st **HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE**

Our flag has been flown recently:

2nd November half mast for the funeral at
St. Mary's Clevedon of Colin Webb

7th November half mast on the passing of
Daphne Holding

Sunday 8th November to mark
Remembrance Day.

10th and 21st November at half mast for
the passing and funeral of Robert Harvey.

St John the Evangelist, Kenn



**December - ALTAR GUILD
EVERYONE TO HELP PLEASE**

Altar Guild Flowers

Our Carol Service is on 18th December.
Please may flower arrangers have their
arrangements in place by then.

Marianna

January — Altar Guild

Rosemary Willcox, Mary Willcox and
Jane Staples

**There will be no Coffee Morning in
the Church Room in December**

**Thanks go to everyone who has
organised or supported these
Charity Fundraisers throughout
the year.**

Church Floodlighting

Our church tower was flood-lit for our Gospel
Singing event Autumn by Candlelight on 4th
November and again for Evensong on 20th
November

The Kenn Nativity 24th December at 3.00pm.



As is the tradition, The Kenn Nativity will be on Christmas Eve at 3.00pm. Kenn children, either resident, visitors or grandchildren gather at St John's to enact the Christmas story. It is a magical time during a winter twilight. Cold and chilly outside the church. A story of warmth and love portrayed inside. Jo and I are crafting a Nativity as the three kings might have seen it.

The Three Kings, Mary and Joseph will be cast. All other children either come as angels or shepherds. We are all really busy at this time of year so let's keep this simple. **I propose no costumes. Wear black white or muted coloured clothing. However do go to town on head dresses to denote who you are. Liberally use tinsel, lights, sparkle, colour and bring your fabulous creation with you.**

We are very informal in Kenn. Initially children like to sit with their parents. As the nativity progresses they usually wander up to 'the stage' to join other children. The emphasis is on being together on Christmas Eve rather than a pristine performance. (We will have short rehearsal on the 23rd)

The Christmas story will be told through narration and Carols. Older children and adults will do the readings. The younger children will, hold nativity figures, parade, carry stars, play instruments and be generally gorgeous.

Caroline. (Tel 343133)

Moor News Subs — If you enjoy the extremely good value of Moor News month by month, and have not yet paid your subs for 2016, please hand them into your magazine distributor.

Readers in Kenn can also hand subs, in a marked envelope, to me or put them through the letterbox of Chaseside. Thank You,

Margaret Ball



KENN W.I.

There was a good turnout of members for the November meeting which does not follow the normal format as it is that time of year when we have our Annual General Meeting. A review of the past year and hints of what's to come in 2017 took place followed by the election of the committee and officers. There were no surprises, the committee and officers remained the same as the previous year.

Marion Hulance – President, Ann Holtham – Secretary and Diane Judd – Treasurer.

Afterwards there was Beetle and the room was filled with laughter. Everyone had a good time.

On 23rd November we held our annual flower show demonstration evening. We were very lucky with the weather which may have contributed to over 50 people supporting the event. Our demonstrator was Jo Cheek, who was well known to many people in the audience. Jo amazed us as she worked her magic to produce 6 stunning displays which included: - a snowman, table decoration and alternative to a wreath to hang on your door. 6 lucky people won the displays that were included in the raffle. A lovely evening which was enjoyed by all.

A big thank to all the W.I. ladies who helped.

The December meeting will be on 7th December, a week early, and will be our Christmas Party. We will exchange Christmas cards, take our Secret Santa present, enjoy nibbles, put our thinking caps on for the competition and reflect on what we did and look forward to next years programme.

Marion Hulance.

Jo Cheek's Snowman is displayed on the front cover.

Daphne Vera Holding died on Monday 7th November. She was a member of the St John's Kenn congregation, but also attended St Mary's Yatton, St John's Clevedon and the South Clevedon Methodist Church. There will be a service of Thanksgiving for her life at 1.00pm, on the 1st December at Kenn Church.

Just a few words to say 'Thank you' for all the prayers, cards, good wishes and offers of help we have received since my Mother's death. At the moment we seem to be keeping up with it all, but I'm sure there will be times in the near future when we will be glad of some support, and won't be afraid to ask. Julia Bush

The Kenn Crib



Every year the Kenn Crib makes its way from house to house where children live. (plus some grown up children who want to be part of the festivities!).

This Kenn tradition is timed so the crib arrives at St John's on Christmas Eve for The Nativity.

The Crib Angels have put together a list of all the houses in the village with pre school or school children. Mary and Joseph will set out in early December.

They will make their way up the Clevedon side of Kenn Street, around Duck Lane and back down the other side of Kenn Street.

Please put the crib in your window and light the lantern on the evening that Mary and Joseph visit your home.

In the Crib box will be a list of the host houses for each evening of the journey. So you will know where to take the crib the following day.

The Crib Angels

Christmas Lights and Carol Singing

Friday 9th December 7.00pm



Please join us on Kenn's Village Green for this annual event.

At 7pm exactly we will switch on Kenn's Christmas Tree lights marking the start of our Christmas celebrations.

We will then retire to Church Path Cottage to sing our favourite carols whilst supping on mulled wine and mince pies.

This free event is always great fun and a lovely way to get into the Christmas spirit. So do join us on FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER by the Christmas Tree on the village green.

Robin & Marianna

Tel 340323 for information

**Jean and Fred
send**

**Christmas Wishes
to all their friends
and neighbours.**



**John and Grace
Wish all friends and
neighbours a Merry
Christmas and
Good Health
for 2017**



Useful Numbers:

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St John the Evangelist Priest in charge:
 Rev. Warren Williams 01934 833608

Churchwarden:

John Ball 874077/078 1667 1304

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 Marianna or Robin 340323
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**Will be held in Kenn Village Hall
 on Saturday 10th December
 10:00am till midday.**

Recycling - 6th/13th/20th/27th

Dustbin - 13th/27th December

Green Waste - 20th December



North Somerset Times
 Don't forget that copies of
 this local newspaper are
 freely available in the bar at
 the Drum and Monkey from
 Wednesday afternoons

Kenn Women's Institute

Kenn Village Hall, 7:30pm

Wednesday 7th December -
 all welcome



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Viewing at Saleroom
 Wednesday prior 10am - 6:30pm
 Morning of sale from 9.00am

Quarterly Specialist Sale
 Thursday 9th March 10.30am

Viewing at Saleroom
 Tuesday 7th March 2pm - 5:30pm
 Wednesday 8th March 10am - 6:30pm
 Morning of sale from 9am

Catalogues can be viewed at
www.clevedon-salerooms.com



November Market We enjoyed another busy market, thank you to all our loyal supporters.

The profits from the refreshments were given to the Bristol Soup Run, a very appropriate charity especially for these colder days. The Bristol Soup Run Trust, is a unique organisation in Britain that operates a soup run every night of the year for the homeless and others in need, in Bristol. They were very grateful for the £60 donation.

**Our Christmas market will take place
on Saturday 10th December from 10am to 12pm.
There will be a Tombola and festive refreshments,
so we hope to see you there.**

Please remember if you would like a table for the December market please contact either Lyn (870189) or Maggie (876277)

Calling all bakers.

I plan not to bake for the December Market, please get in touch with me if you would like to make a few cakes, and probably a few friends as well.

Julia Bush 01275 873554

Juliet Stowell, writes

As I am losing my eyesight, I won't be writing Christmas Cards this year.

So I would like to wish all my friends and neighbours

**A Healthy and Happy
Christmas and New Year**



KENN DECEMBER DIARY

**Wednesday 7th 7.30pm at K.V.H.
KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Friday 9th 7.00pm Kenn Village Green
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS & CAROLS**

**Saturday 10th 10.00-12 noon at K.V.H.
VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MARKET & COFFEE MORNING
with TOMBOLA**

**Tuesday 13th 12.30 for 1.00pm
VILLAGE LUNCH at the Drum and Monkey**

Friday 16th December Caring at Christmas Gifts will be delivered.

**Wednesday 21st December
4.30-6.00pm K.V.H. CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
With Santa Claus**

**Wednesday 21st December at the Drum and Monkey
7.00 for 7.30 pm Kenn Supper Club
Everyone Welcome**

**Wednesday 24th - 3.00pm St. John's, Kenn
CRIB/NATIVITY SERVICE**

CARING AT CHRISTMAS 2016

PLEASE BE GENEROUS

Now in its 29th year of providing support and accommodation for homeless people in Bristol during the Christmas period CARING AT CHRISTMAS is facing unprecedented demand.



The number of people sleeping rough in Bristol has almost doubled since 2014. They are aiming to provide 50 beds a night, hot showers, companionship, fun activities and lots of hot meals.

The target is to reach 500 homeless and vulnerable people over the festive period.

We in Kenn have a proud tradition of generously helping this deserving Charity.

We need donations please of suitable clothing such as new underwear and socks, waterproof and warm outer clothing in good condition, food including dried fruit(they need 200Kg), toiletries (shampoo/shower gel), toothpaste and toothbrushes .

On top of this donations of money are gratefully accepted (Cheques made payable to "Caring at Christmas").

Please put any donations of clothing, toiletries, food etc (except money) in the Church Porch or Church Room before 16th December.

As we will be away SIMON PASCOE has kindly volunteered to take the donations to the shelter probably in the week commencing 19/12/16.

So the latest date for donations will be Friday 16/12/16.

Any cheques should be given to Simon or Julia Bush or given to us on 9/12/16 at the switching-on of the Christmas Tree Lights.

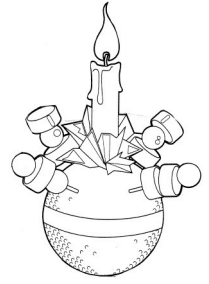
Last year the shelter cost £71,000 to run and it will be more this year due to the increased demand, so please be generous and give what you can to help people who are struggling to cope with life to enjoy Christmas.

Many thanks to everyone who makes a donation.

Robin & Marianna 07860235495/07860497203.

Christingle making in Kenn.

Thank you to Ruby, Jeannie and Olivia from Yatton, Zac and Bella from Kenn, Zac and Indie from Clevedon and Ashley from Melbourne and all their parents and carers, who helped us make the Christingles on Saturday.



Everyone got on with each other and shared nicely, and the Christingles were done in super quick time.

Well Done. Julia, Caroline and Margaret



Christingle Family Service 2016.

Warren wrote us a lovely liturgy for our Christingle Family Service.

As it was Advent Sunday, he lit the first candle on the new Advent Ring, left to us by Hazel Limage when she moved up north.

Then we sang the Christingle Carol, learned again about its symbolism and dedicated them, and ourselves to helping children who have a hard time and need a friend.

The Christingles were lit, some of the sweets were eaten and the church was full of the lovely smell of oranges. Then we finished with coffee and super chocolatey biscuits. YUM YUM.

There will be Children's Society envelopes in church until the end of December. They do great work for children who are in difficult situations, in danger or not reached by other charities. Christingle is their main fundraiser.

It's never too late to donate.

JULIA BUSH

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2016 and 1st JANUARY 2017

1st Sunday 4th December THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PURPLE

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 Christingle Family Service at Kingston Seymour

4.00pm Christingle Service at Claverham

6.00pm Evening Service/Evensong at Yatton

2nd Sunday 11th December THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PURPLE

8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton*

9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion at Claverham

11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn

11.00am Holy Communion at Cleeve

Messy Christingle at Yatton to include:

3.00pm Christingle activities at the Methodist Church followed by

4.30pm Christingle Service at St Mary's

4.00pm Christingle Service at Cleeve

6.00pm Evensong at Kingston Seymour*

3rd Sunday 18th December THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 Carol Service at Kenn

6.00pm Carol Service at Yatton

7.00pm Carol Service at Cleeve

Saturday 24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE

PURPLE / WHITE

3.00pm Crib Service at Kenn

4.00pm Crib Service at Yatton

4.00pm Crib Service at Cleeve

5.00pm Crib Service at Kingston Seymour

10.00pm Christmas Eve Eucharist at Claverham

10.00pm Christmas Eve Communion at Kenn

11.30pm Midnight Communion at Yatton

11.30pm Midnight Communion at Kingston Seymour

11.30pm Midnight Mass at Cleeve

4th Sunday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

WHITE

10.00am Christmas Communion for all ages at Yatton

10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion at Cleeve (bring a present)

10.00am Christmas Family Communion at Kenn

1st Sunday 1st January 2017 – THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

WHITE

9.30am Holy Communion at Claverham

10.00am Prayers for New Year at Yatton until 10.30am

11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn

*Book of Common Prayer (1662)

KENN KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER 4-6PM

KENN VILLAGE HALL

Please join us for a fun, festive time! Aimed at children aged 11 and under, there will be an Entertainer, games & dancing.

A simple Party Tea will be provided for the children and seasonal refreshments for the adults.

Any contributions of cakes, biscuits or fruit welcome!

Santa will be paying us a visit after tea! Please help him at this busy time by bringing with you a small gift, wrapped and clearly labelled for your child(ren) - we suggest maximum value £10 so as to be fair.

Please let us know asap if your children or grandchildren can come – this will help us with planning. Thanks.

Hosts: Jane Roberts 07812175347

& Julia Panteli 07989414017



BIRD NEWS

After a very dry Autumn it was all change in mid November with six inches of rain in as many days.

Generally it has been a quiet month bird wise - my only really unusual sighting being a Black Redstart at the farm in Wemberham Lane, Yatton. This coincided with an arrival of these birds - there were 14 on Scilly.

Unfortunately the resident Sparrows were giving the Black Redstart a hard time and I wasn't surprised that I didn't see it again.

The nearby electricity pylons hosted a Peregrine on a couple of occasions when there were good numbers of Starlings around.

There were two Peregrines at the Sea Wall including the small bird which was present a couple of years ago. Other than that the Sea Wall hasn't turned up much, but the Dunlin flock had reached 700 by mid month.

Kingfishers are still in evidence but the heavy rain and swollen watercourses won't have done them any favours.

A drake Tufted Duck on the Blackditch near Claverham Drove was unusual.

A flock of 70 Goldfinches was in the same area but I think that most of them are in our gardens now. Fieldfares and Redwings have arrived in reasonable numbers to feed on the plentiful berries. I have seen a couple of Mistle Thrushes but no Song Thrush for weeks now.

Finally, Snipe have been scarce on the YACWAG fields. It was probably too dry and now it's too wet for them. When splash flooding occurs they spread out to find areas with the best conditions for them.

Trevor Riddle (01934 835208)



Filming at Chapel Cottage.

During the first two weeks of November there was no end of activity at Chapel Cottage. The house was used as a film set.

A film company, with a very small budget, had based themselves in Clevedon for the duration of casting, finding locations and filming. The director, Tom had been talking to Jon Earl ('Songs from the shed' fame) about what they were looking for. He put Tom in our direction.

The film is an adaptation of a children's book, 'Dead Man's Cove' by Lauren St John. The book belongs to a series 'The Laura Marlin Mysteries'. The basic plot is Laura lives in a children's home. (The Clevedon Community Centre). She discovers she has an Uncle Calvin and goes to live with him. After observing her uncle's strange behaviour Laura then learns that he is an undercover detective. She helps him solve his mysteries.

Our house was Calvin's home. The film company used both inside and outside the house. Our front room and kitchen his interior and Rebecca's bedroom was Laura's bedroom. Most of our furniture was moved into other rooms. Our three rooms were transformed into film sets. We did not have to move out. Although I think if there was a bigger budget we would have been put up in a hotel.

We were also largely free to come and go as we pleased. We met some really interesting people who we welcomed into our home.

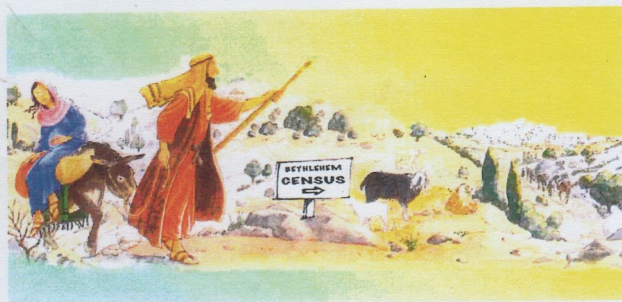
The film was a pilot. If it is bought by a distributor the rest of the series will then be shot. The company will then return to Kenn!

I am going to give a talk for the W.I. on the 8th February 2017. The subject is; 'the experience of having the house used by a film company.' I will then go into more detail. Combining my insights into the fascinating world of the film industry while at the same time maintaining domestic life. Caroline.

They left a lawn outside our house — this turf is now offered free to anyone who would like to collect it

— contact John Hayden 343133

Tim Lewis & Sheila Furneaux
present



THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

an illustrated, Christmas musical entertainment
based on the Nativity Story.

THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER 2016
at 7.30pm
at St Mary's Church, Yatton

Tickets Price £5.00 to include a drink and mince pies
Available from Sylvia North
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Friday 2nd December Yatton Methodist Church

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+

Alzheimer's Society
Leading the fight against dementia

Ms Caroline Holden
Chaple Cottage
Kenn Street
Kenn
CLEVEDON
Avon
BS21 6TN

14 November 2016

Customer care line: 0330 333 0804
Email: enquiries@alzheimers.org.uk

Dear Ms Holden

Thank you so much for your recent donation of £321.00 from your coffee morning. Your gift will be put to work right away to help people living with dementia and their carers.

There are currently over 850,000 people in the UK living with dementia and estimates indicate that there will be one million by 2021. We want to be there for everyone who needs us – whoever and wherever they are.

Gifts like yours have helped over 85,000 people in the last year through our network of services and support groups and have helped us to develop a national helpline which takes over 1500 enquiries a month, and enables us to campaign vigorously for a better future for people affected by dementia as well as funding research.

Do you dream of a world without dementia? So do we.

Once again thank you for your gift. With your help we hope to one day win the battle against dementia. If you would like further information about our work, please do call us on 0330 333 0804.

Yours sincerely

Emily Russell
Customer Care Assistant

2016 Drum & Monkey at Christmas

PARTY NIGHTS WITH THE STARS

Following the great success of Drum and Monkey Christmas 2015, we have decided to do it all again!! We are showing the most amazing acts at The Drum and Monkey in Kenn and would like to invite you to arrange your office party with us.

**£30
PER PERSON**

Bring your company to a
Christmas dinner and be entertained
by our amazing tribute acts.

Price includes 3 course Christmas menu.

<p>Tues - 1st Dec - Alan Becks Rat Pack & 50's/60's Rock & Roll Tribute</p>	<p>Wed - 14th Dec - Craig Jefferson Xmas with Elvis Tribute</p>
<p>Tues - 6th Dec - Jay & the Boys Jersey/Beach Boys Xmas Special</p>	<p>Mon - 19th Dec - Julia Martin Xmas with Dolly Parton & Friends</p>
<p>Wed - 7th Dec - Lee Pashley tribute Xmas with Robbie Williams</p>	<p>Tues - 20th Dec - Julia Martin Sings 60's/70's Disco Hits</p>
<p>Mon - 12th Dec - Jay & the Boys Take That & Boy Bands Tribute</p>	

Christmas Menu is Available from
the 1st to 24th December (except Sunday)
2 course and 3 course meals
Booking forms available.

Please check availability for your chosen date. Contact us and we will arrange booking with you.
£5 pp non-refundable deposit. £10 deposit for Christmas Day. Then simply leave the rest to us.
You can book 2 to 70 persons.

Tel 01275 873433

Email info@drumandmonkeykenn.co.uk
Website www.drumandmonkeykenn.co.uk

Autumn by Candlelight — Thank You

Dear Robin and Marianna and everyone who helped yesterday evening to make 'Autumn by Candlelight' featuring the fabulous Renewal Gospel Choir from Bristol in aid of WaterAid such a resounding success.



Once again, everyone made an amazing effort to make it a most successful evening and the Bubbly and Canapes so generously offered and prepared were a delight to all.

The Gospel Choir, conducted by Kim, was as usual uplifting, sincere and with such purity of purpose enlightened everyone to the message of the gospel.

The church was warm, cosy and very welcoming, just as it should be and on this weekend in which we celebrate 'All Saints' it reminded us exactly where we are meant to be, body and soul, central in Christ.

Our friends in the choir were a great encouragement to us. What they shared and sang moved us not only in mind but also in body. It was good to see some moving and dancing in the pews on this occasion.

It reminded me of King David in the psalm rejoicing and dancing before the Lord and not afraid to do so.

May that pleasant and memorable evening be a source of encouragement to us to grow in Faith and to be active in Christian service. God bless you all. Warren

The magnificent sum of £863.00 has been passed to Team Funds for onward transmission to WaterAid. Brilliant a super evening and a great result.

The Renewal Choir is singing Handel's Messiah *Soulful Celebration* in Bristol on Friday 2nd December and on Saturday 3rd December in Cardiff
Advertising cards are in Kenn Church Porch or visit their web page

Renewalchoir.org/tickets

Tel 0798 868 1925

Robert Harvey — ‘Bobby’
13th June 1926 — 10th November 2016

Monday 21st November at 11.00am at St. John the Evangelist, Kenn, the Revd Warren Williams officiated at the funeral service for Bobby.

Bobby was born in Wells, then lived in Dinder and went to Bristol Grammar School.

During World War II he spent time as a Bevan Boy, down the mines in Wales, later becoming a dispatch rider. Most of his civilian life was spent driving around bakeries as a sales representative and he developed a taste for pasties and sausage rolls.

When he retired he became a driver for St. Peters Hospice— driving patients to and from daily visits, the patients enjoyed his gentle conversations.

We send our condolences to Bobby’s twin daughters Ann and Clare. and to his beloved grandchildren Callam, Beth, Freya, Jeannie, Ruby and Harry. He will be sadly missed, but leaves behind wonderful memories of his deep love for his family.

Our flag was flown at half-mast on the 10th November and again on the 21st.



Book Group.

We met on 21st November 2016 to discuss ‘Holding’ by Graham Norton. The setting is rural Southern Ireland and the intricate plot hinges on human remains found on a building site.



We all agreed it was not a brilliant novel but we all enjoyed the book, cared about the characters and fully engaged in the plot. We also wondered at Norton’s accurate and sensitive insights into women and marriage.

We have decided not to meet in December. Our calendars for the festive month are full already.

Next up we are going to read ‘The Wide Sargasso Sea’ by Jean Rhys.

We will meet in The Drum on Monday 23rd January 2016.

All Welcome.

SOMME THOUGHTS

On the 14th November we visited College Green, Bristol, to view the shroud display. The impact of the 19,240 six inch shrouded figures (representing the fallen on the first day of the battle of The Somme laid out in ordered rows, was profound.



More than 120,000 of the British Army went 'over the top' that 1st of July morning, now a hundred years ago. (Their attack was preceded by a week-long artillery bombardment in which one and a half million shells were fired). On a front some 15 miles long.

The Battle of The Somme was to last 141 days from 1st July to the 18th November 1916, by then the allies had lost 600,00 men and the Germans almost as many and the British losses of that 600,00 were at least 124,000.

A shocking fact we learnt regarding this figure, was that of the 124,000 fallen more than 70,000 were never recovered for burial, they remain to this day on the battlefield.

Two History Notes;

1. The bombardment had been largely ineffective for two reasons, firstly the quality of the shells was very inferior and many proved to be duds, not exploding. The other point was that the Somme was a chalk shelf into which it was very easy for the Germans to burrow down, as much as thirty feet. This provided good protection for their forces who, once the bombardment had ceased, came to the surface with machine guns and were in a strong position to commit what was in fact carnage on the advancing British.
2. The Battle of The Somme is generally considered to be the epitome of incompetent Generalship and pointless sacrifice.

John Griffin

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU
FROM JOHN AND MARGARET



Colin Albert Webb

26th May 1932 — 7th October 2016

Colin lived, with his wife Lois at The Old Chapel in Kenn Street for several years. Until quite recently he played an active part in village affairs - always providing a home-baked yoghurt cake for the Village Market and the Christmas Tea Party.

Colin was born in Bristol and in his youth was presented with an award from the King himself at Buckingham Palace as a King's Scout. His interest in scouting continued for many years.

Educated at St. George Grammar School in Bristol, he worked at the National Smelting Company, followed by B.A.C. at Filton, later he achieved a B.Sc.

In July 1956 having done National Service he married Lois, and this year they celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

He became Chief Metalurgist at Engineering Productions in Clevedon, (later Cam Gears and TRW), Having risen to Production Manager, when the Clevedon works closed he oversaw the installation of equipment in France.

Colin's hobbies included ballroom dancing, sailing, golf and he was a member of both Probus and the Masons.

A Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held at St. Mary 's Church, Walton, Clevedon on 2nd November, which was attended by friends and neighbours from Kenn.

We send our deepest sympathy to Lois, and to his daughters Tracy and Karen, his son-in-law David and his two grandchildren Amy and Alex.

Our flag was flown at half-mast on the occasion of his funeral.

Lois would like to thank the people of Kenn for all the cards and messages received following Colin's death.



Chalice Handbell Team bookings prior to Christmas

Monday 5th December at Flowerdown House, Weston Super Mare 2.30pm

(A new appointment this year for the RAF Association);

Thursday 8th December at Diamond Court, Worle, 2.30pm. (This is a regular appointment);

Saturday 10th December at Yatton Village Hall Market at 10am till 12noon.

(Another new appointment this year.)

Thursday 15th December at St. Joseph's Cotham - Little Sisters of the Poor;

(This is a regular appointment except missed last year.)

We have also had a tentative booking, date & venue to be arranged, for senior citizens at Congresbury, and may well have a 22nd December booking from whichever home asks first from previously regular appointments.

Geoff Marchant

Meeting Place.

'Meeting Place' is a regular slot on the second Thursday of the month.



We meet in 'The New Room' at the top of Kenn Street, starting at 11.00am and lasts for up to an hour.



This month Meeting Place has a birthday and will be one year old. It is a year since we first started. This modest group is never more than 4 or 5 women with accompanying children.

All mothers and carers are welcome to enjoy cake and coffee to mark our first anniversary.

The next group will be on Thursday 8th December 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

Kenn News & Views—A huge thank you to all contributors throughout the year — I shall be doing a January Magazine but it might be a bit late.....

Copy to me as soon as you have it please, no chasing this time—hope to print on Sunday 1st January 2017 if the hangover is not too severe!!!!!!

Happy Birthday Kenn Supper Club.



At the last Supper Club we were one year old. Sarah Rossiter baked the most delicious cake.

We ate this for our pudding and sang 'happy birthday'.



The club is now officially also known as 'The SOFA' club. Which affectionately stands for 'Same Old Faces Again.'



In December this year the third Wednesday falls on the 21st. This is very close to Christmas but it will be one less meal to think about that week. We can celebrate the Winter Solstice.

Thank you John and Grace for organising this for us.

*The next Supper club will be on Wednesday 21st December 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.

Neighbourhood Watch



Received 8th November

Following requests made earlier this year for information on a rogue trader we are pleased to be able to let you know that this person has now given an undertaking to the Trading Standards Department that they will not cold call at properties displaying no cold calling type stickers or who are residing in No cold Calling Zones. This would not have been achieved without the assistance of the Neighbourhood Watch and both the police and trading standards would like to thank everyone who forwarded information.

They would like to reiterate that if you receive further literature or calls from 'Dave Tee Antique Specialist' that should be reported to the North Somerset Trading Standards immediately (FAO Ben Hayes, 01275-888621) or alternatively to the police on 101 for the information of Inspector Bennett at Weston Super Mare.

Received 15th November

Police have received information that there are counterfeit £10 notes in circulation. Bank of England produce information leaflets called 'Take a Closer Look' - link to their website is: <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/Pages/educational.aspx>

For those who do not have access to the website and wish to have an advisory leaflet please contact the NHW office.

Additionally the police across the South West are having a crack down on people using mobile phones while driving and will be pro-active across the Southwest during this operation. See the press release at <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/newsroom/features/thinking-of-using-your-phone-while-driving-dontriskit/>

Local contacts - Jan and Colin Bedford

The Coffee Morning held on November 26th

for Christian Aid Present Aid raised a magnificent £120 from the morning itself, very generous donations and sale of cakes.



It is hoped to spend the money on a goat, a safe house in Brazil for women and children, child counselling in Lebanon, a can of worms to make a wormery in Bangladesh in order to improve the soil there and family hygiene kits for families in refugee camps.

It is amazing how much good our money can do. Thank you.

Ann Holtham & Celia Andrews

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You can speak to both at Yatton Library from
10am-12noon, fourth Saturday of each month

2017 MEETINGS

7:30pm at the Village Hall,
Kenn St, Kenn

9 January – Council Meeting
6 March – Annual Parish Meeting
and Council Meeting
8 May – Annual Council Meeting
3 July – Council Meeting
4 September – Council Meeting
6 November – Council Meeting

Agendas will be on noticeboards
3 days before the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 1 November 2016

Public Participation:

- Police Support Officer gave an update on new arrangements for attending 2017 meetings.
- North Somerset District Councillors provided information on; the progress of St Modwens plans, former Mill Farmhouse plans. Also that the 14 dwellings identified in the North Somerset Plan for Kenn Street had been deleted from the Plan.
- Resident advised on an article in the North Somerset Life about action on derelict properties

Agenda Items:

- **Broadband** – update on the letter sent to Connecting Devon & Somerset. Extract of reply received; *the exchange and some cabinets being connected to fibre by the private market it has emerged that many properties in Kenn could not take advantage of the new infrastructure when original intentions was for them to benefit. Now these properties will no longer be served by the private sector they become eligible for consideration in our phase two programme.*
- **Verges** – had been cut but there were still some issues. These would be investigated.
- **Signs** – various signs needed to avoid visitors mistakenly going to the wrong locations.
- **Parish Recycling Events** – both had been successful. The first one had handed out information and lots of free items and the Active Gym's health checks had been popular. The second one had resulted in a reasonable sized collection of items – more than the Clevedon event!
- **Oakland Automotive** – concern had been expressed during the recent site development that highway land had been removed and the pavement is too narrow. Information received; no highway land was taken and the site has been finished as per the plans. Also there is no links to the pavement (only grass verges either side) so there is no need for this to be wider.
- **Airport Parking** – North Somerset Article 4 Direction information received.
- **Audit of the Council's Accounts for 2015/16** – The Auditor had approved these subject to two items of procedure. It was requested these are carried out for future years.
- **Grant Request** – from the Home-Start organisation, however members could not recall them providing any assistance in the village so did not provide a grant.
- **Calendar of Meetings for 2017** – was considered and agreed (see above).
- **Kenn Parish Council Policy Documents** – a review was carried out on procedure for; agenda item requests, Planning Committee remit, and policy on reporting Planning Enforcement (will only report High or Medium issues as defined by North Somerset Council.)

