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NEWS & VIEWS

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st Clare Hibbs
3rd Antonis Papasolomontos
Avril Brown
4th Rosie Treble
7th Jo Batten
Archie James Alexander
8th Emma Brooks (Fenwick)
10th Anna Powers
13th Troy Gale
16th Brian Cook
18th George Matthew Butland (1)
19th John Ball
21st Barbara Middleton
22nd Liz Jaehme
23rd Talitha Stowell
24th Margaret Ball
25th Jeannie Bessant
Ruby Bessant
Harry Bessant
29th Miles Naish
30th Isobel Pascoe

KENN ALTAR GUILD - APRIL



Robin and Marianna Mackay

Our Flag and Floodlighting

Our church was floodlit for Evensong on Sunday 15th March

Our Flag was flown on

24th March to celebrate the birth of Poppy Ray Melanie Ball, daughter for Pip Jenkins

25th March at half-mast to mark the passing of Ruth Gale

26th March to celebrate the birth of Henry McLintock

Parish of Yatton Moor

New Priest for Kenn and Kingston Seymour

We are pleased to announce that Rev Fran Binding currently serving at Wraxall and Failand has been appointed to the 'House For Duty' post for Kenn and Kingston Seymour.

The date when Fran will join us has not been decided but Kingfisher Cottage at Kingston Seymour is being prepared.

The parish has managed to keep all the regular and festival services during the interregnum thanks to help from the Clergy in the Team

We thank God for new leadership.

John and Julia



Mike Bell see page 11

Coronavirus - Covid-19 - St John the Evangelist, Kenn

Please note that all Churches are closed for the time being.

St John's will not be open on Saturdays

The Annual Vestry Meeting of St John The Evangelist, Kenn advertised for Mothering Day Family Service on Sunday 22nd March was postponed as all the Churches have been closed.

The APCM at Kingston Seymour has also been postponed

If you have an email address and would like to receive resources from the church office please let Clare know on:

office@yattonchurches.org.

Also, if you are able, please check the website for updated information.

<https://www.yattonchurches.org>

If you need information about St John's, contact the Church Wardens.

John Ball 01275 874077 or 078 1667 1304 Julia Bush 01275 873554.

We may not have the answer, but we can generally find someone who has.

Julia and John

SIMNEL CAKES 2020

I plan to make Simnel Cakes in Holy Week as usual.

Small £5.50 Large £7.50 - Please order by phone

Profits will go to support the Blay Family in Ghana - the March Coffee Morning was cancelled, but thanks go to the folk who made a donation.

I will call customers when their cakes are ready and make individual arrangements for their delivery/collection.

Heaven Preserve Us Jams, Marmalades and Chutneys.

While the church is closed, I can deliver to your doorstep if you ring me

Kenn Brunch 2020 advertised in the March KN&V, scheduled date 25th April, has now been postponed until the autumn.

Please contact me by phone 01275 873554 (messages acknowledged).

Thank you, Julia Bush

MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES

Please can you put in a big thank you to Julia and helpers Margaret Bessant and Felicity Tran who prepared and distributed the Mothering Sunday posies.

What a lovely gesture that should bring a smile to many faces when we can't see our children or grandchildren.

Jenny Pascoe

We have received messages of thanks for these Mothering Sunday Posies which were greatly appreciated by Mike and Iris Callow, John and Grace Griffin, Margaret Ball and I am sure many others were delighted to receive them.



The World Day Of Prayer Service at Kenn Church proved a wonderful experience for us all. The Service was written by the women of Zimbabwe with heart rending stories of the situation there, voiced by congregation members.



Afterwards, Grace, a young woman from Zimbabwe now living in Kenn and visiting her family in Zimbabwe often, stayed chatting to us about her own experiences - mentioning how those stories had really touched her heart.

These annual services from around the world are always most interesting but this year's such a personal touch added to it immensely.

Thank you Grace and all taking part including Jo Manning on the organ. A collection was taken for worldwide causes supported by the international organisers - thanks to all who contributed.

The Lent Lunches at Celia and John's house have been cancelled for this year. Three were held and raised an impressive amount for Christian Aid.



Should anyone wish to add to the total, the donations will not be sent off until after Easter.

Celia Andrews



To everyone at home with children at this strange time. There is a cabinet in The New Room, it is full of craft stuff for children.

We will not be using it anytime soon.

The New Room will be open all day on Monday 6th April and Tuesday 7th April. — Please help yourself.

I will put it all on the table in the room and I will do this the day before while wearing protective gloves.

An honest box will be left out. We ask no more than £1.

The money will just buy washing up liquid and bin liners for the room.

The New Room is at the top of Kenn Street.

By the little car park which is beside the Old School.

Caroline. Stay safe and well xx.

Yellow Teapot Time Wednesday 11th March.

We had a bumper turn out at our last 'tea and chat' session.



As ever Tony supplied the tea and we had plenty to talk about.

How much has changed since that afternoon!

The Big Yellow Teapot is 'resting' but ready to spring back into action when the time is right.

Sarah Friend (Village Agent)
and Julia Bush

Sarah @wern.org.uk

Spotted in Kenn Street on Thursday 19th March





Sunday 8th March St John's Kenn — Holy Baptism Charlotte Mon Ashton
Last April, we celebrated the birth of Charlotte Mon, this March we met her and her family for her baptism at Kenn. A joyous occasion followed by a party at Kenn Village Hall. We were able to chat to her family, proud father Carl, mum Stephanie and her other grandmother from Germany. Paul, was unwell so could not be there. Paul has spent time with Mary's parents in Shropshire. We are pleased to hear that he is now home and taking care of things while Mary is at work as a Nurse Practitioner for the NHS.

VILLAGE MARKET & COFFEE MORNING



We would like to thank everyone who ventured out and came along to the March market. It was lovely to see so many people.

The W.I. were well supported when serving the refreshments and through their effort raised £101.38 for The Port of Bristol Centre for Seafarers.

As you will be aware due to Covid-19 we are unable to hold a market in April and for the foreseeable future.

But we will be up and running once we get the all clear.
Thanks to All for your support and stay safe.

Lyn and Maggie.

Book group.

We will not be meeting in the pub for book group nor getting together anywhere else. During these strange times of the Coronavirus we have to keep ourselves and everyone else safe.



Despite this book group will continue.

We can communicate initially though Email telling each other what we are reading, brief synopsis and our personal responses to the book we are reading.

We will let you know how we get on.

April. 2020. Share and swop what we are currently reading.

May. 2020. Donna Leon's new book to be released in March.

June. 2020. Share and swop what we are currently reading.

Stay safe and well.

Book group.

LUNCH AT ST JOHN'S KENN.

Usually on the first Monday of the month, 12.00 noon to 2.00pm.

There will be no lunch at St John's in April and for the foreseeable future.

This is so we are all safe and do not spread the Coronavirus.

We have raised £390 for The Clevedon Food Bank over the last six months.

They need money for rent as well as food donations. (There are a group of people who audit the accounts with me.) Caroline. Stay safe and well. xx



During this time of self-isolation and social distancing John and I are willing to help with collecting prescriptions and light shopping. We are going to cover from Chapel House, (Lois's house next to us) to The School House on our side and out to the village green. We have given our contact details to people in this stretch of the village.

Hopefully we will stay well ourselves.

Love to everyone at this very strange time. Stay safe and well.

Caroline, John, Matthew and thankfully we now have Rebecca back from University. xx

Kenn News and Views - special thanks to our distributors who (wearing gloves) will use their 'exercise period' to bring this magazine to you.

We may be at 'war' but at least we are not killing other human beings or being killed by them - just trying to beat the bug! The whole world is united in this battle!

Contributions by email please to margaret.john@btinternet.com

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St John the Evangelist: Contact Parish Office 01934 832184 or Churchwardens

Churchwardens:
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Coffee Morning

Will be held in Kenn Village Hall after the Covid-19 crisis is over.

North Somerset Times

Don't forget that copies of this local newspaper are available in the Church Porch from Wednesday afternoons



APRIL WASTE COLLECTIONS - MONDAYS

Recycling and Food Waste - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th April
Rubbish 6th and 20th April
Garden Waste 6th and 20th April



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April Sales cancelled

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Morning of sale from 9am

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Thursday 4th June 10.30am

Viewing at Saleroom
Tuesday 2nd June 2pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday 3rd June 10am - 7:30pm
Morning of sale from 9am

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www.clevedon-salerooms.com

Supper Club and News from the Drum



What a difference a month makes!

In February there was such positive news to report of Jamie and Josie's ideas and hopes for the future of the Drum.

Could Jamie have been any more unlucky in his timing to invest in the pub?

On Saturday 14th March many of us really enjoyed the Welcome Party put on by Jamie and Josie. They had set up a television only to find that all the rugby matches had to be called off! They had also prepared a really lovely and generous spread of buffet food.

So what of Supper Club, just four days later, on Wednesday 18th?

By then we had all been advised not to go to public places unnecessarily and so, with heavy hearts, we cancelled our bookings to eat together at the pub.

However, when we asked Jamie if it was possible for him to provide us with take-away fish and chips, he immediately kicked into action.

The result was that we had a "virtual" village supper, much enjoyed.

As advertised on the board outside the Drum, Jamie and Josie are continuing to provide take-out food.

They have stock in their freezers which ideally needs using first.

If you do fancy a take-away do email them and see what meals can be offered at the time.

You can email on jfthomas314@gmail.com

Otherwise phone numbers to use are: Jamie 07393 743471 or Josie 07821 197102.

Jamie is currently doing take-away super Sunday Roasts, John and I and John's mum enjoyed them on Mothering Sunday and many of us will continue to support our local pub by using his takeaway service..

Phone Jamie or Josie to check availability and to book.

Prayer

Loving God,

We pray for all those who are suffering because of the coronavirus, may they know your healing power.

When we are afraid for ourselves and our loved ones, give us your strength and courage.

When we feel alone and isolated, reassure us with a sense of your presence.

Give wisdom to those in authority and may our community work together for the good of all.

We give thanks for those who care for others and ask you to bless them in all they do.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, healer and physician.

Amen

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Are you feeling isolated and anxious because of the coronavirus?

We want to assure you that the church community remembers and prays for those who are in any kind of need.

Please call

Julia Bush

on this number

873554

if you would like prayer or conversation. Do be in touch if you would like support.

Worship at Home

Some readers will appreciate the following pages

If so, please "Pull out and Pray"

If not, then "Pull out and Discard"

There is also the opportunity to worship on-line

Also - Daily Service on Radio 4 - Sunday Worship 8.10am Radio 4

Songs of Praise usually 1.10pm BBC One

John Ball and Julia Bush



Worship at Home

*You may wish to light a candle and
have some reflective music playing in the background*

Morning Prayer

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him.
Nahum 1.7

Opening Sentences

O Lord, open our lips **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us, let us pray with one heart and mind.

Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Reading -You may wish to say Psalm 23 or Psalm 16 or Psalm 139.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

You may wish to use the weekly pattern of short readings given below or choose a passage of your own.

Sunday Morning

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

Isaiah 43.1-3a

Monday Morning

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14.1-6

Tuesday Morning

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.8-9

Wednesday Morning

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3.16,17

Thursday Morning

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Ephesians 2.19-22

Friday Morning

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Romans 19.9-12

Saturday Morning

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 12.22-31

Prayer for others: offer your own prayers of concern

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger
order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Worship at Home

You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background



Night Prayer

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deuteronomy 33.27*

Opening Sentences

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord **who made heaven and earth.**

Pause and reflect on the day that is past.

Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.

Bible Reading *You may wish to say Psalm 92 or Psalm 27, or another chosen psalm.*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

You may wish to use one of the following short readings or choose a passage of your own.

Sunday Evening

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14.9*

Monday Evening

Thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. *Isaiah 30.15*

Tuesday Evening

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11.28-end*

Wednesday Evening

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. *1 Peter 5.6,7*

Thursday Evening

Jesus said, 'I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!' *John 16.33*

Friday Evening

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. *1 Thessalonians 5.9,10*

Saturday Evening

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.' *John 8.12*

Prayers

Merciful God, we entrust to your unfailing and tender care this night those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest upon your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from it the snares of the enemy; may your holy angels dwell with us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace.

Amen.

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KENN W.I.

The speaker at the March meeting of the Kenn W.I. was Jane Bell who is a resident of Kingston Seymour and has found a great deal of Roman pottery and other remains on land that her brother farms there.

We all thought we knew all about Kingston Seymour but Jane's talk was a revelation to us all. It would appear that there was a thriving community living there in Roman times and which extended into other local places.

We all left the meeting determining to look more carefully at all the bits of pot and stoneware that turns up all the time in our gardens. She was warmly thanked for a most interesting and well-illustrated talk.

Two visitors were welcomed to the meeting. Indeed, we are always pleased to welcome visitors so please come along on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. We will all be so pleased to see you

£70 was raised for the Port of Bristol Centre for Seafarers at the coffee morning in the New Room in February and £101 at the Village Market in the Village Hall in March.

The money will be put to excellent use providing the comforts of home to seafarers who visit the Port and away from their families for a year at a time. Sadly some of them are modern day slaves and a lot of work is done rescuing them and rehabilitating them.

A visit to see the work of the Centre has been arranged for May.

Kenn is scheduled to host the Group Meeting in April and all the plans are in place if it is able to go ahead.

At the April meeting the speaker will be Ali Ball who will give another of her talks on Egyptology. This time it is to be Hieroglyphics. Last time we all enjoyed an excellent talk on the early Pharaohs, so we are looking forward to it.

Ann Holtham

Due to Covid-19 no gatherings in April so plans will be reconsidered

Henry McIntock

A warm welcome to Henry who was born on Friday 20th March. His parents are Tom and Kate and he has a big brother Arthur.

The McIntocks live in Duck Lane, Kenn our flag was flown to celebrate Henry's safe arrival.

'Meals for Mums' is postponed until after the Covid-19 crisis



Poppy Ray Melanie Ball was born on the 23rd March, weighing 7lbs. 1 oz . Well done Pip and Billy (James) Ball.

Congratulations to Heather Jenkins, now a grannie, and to Jean Naish on the arrival of her second great granddaughter !

Our flag was flown in celebration.

We were hoping for a family photo, showing Jean, Heather, Pip and Poppy Ray, but we might have to wait a while till the Covid-19 emergency is over

Congratulations to Mike and Liz Bell of Greenacres on birth of their third greatgrandchild, Elodie, who is pictured with her mother granddaughter Natasha.

Elodie was born on the 3rd March

Mike and Liz send best wishes to the village - Mike is amusing himself making rocking horses - picture page 2.

He needs some old false eye lashes for the large horse, also needs a mane and a tail !



Clevedon Foodbank

In this difficult time of such uncertainty, there is surely no better time to appreciate living in our lovely village of Kenn? Here, we are surrounded by fresh air, beautiful countryside and wonderful friends and neighbours – our community!

Our hearts must go out to those living in towns and cities, many with large families, no gardens, and particularly those with homes that are unfit, or those with no home at all.

We all have individual problems to face in this crisis, and may be anxious for our friends and loved ones, but most here will think ourselves very fortunate to be living in Kenn.

Take care everyone. We wish you all well!

Jan and Colin Bedford / Great Thornworth.

ps. If anyone wants to donate non-perishable goods to the Clevedon Food bank and hasn't got a viable means of doing so, then we will be happy to deliver it periodically.

We don't think anyone else in the village is doing this at the moment?

It is worth saying, however, that at this point in time the Clevedon Food Bank would prefer donations of money - this being to more selectively meet needs.

The donation web-page is <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalcharityhomepage.action?charityid=1016380>

Thanks

PLEASE SUPPORT BRITISH FARMERS

Planes have stopped, cars have stopped, the world as a whole has pretty much stopped and the Co2 levels have dropped!

Yet the farmers haven't stopped. They're still getting up to milk the cows, the lambing sheds are in full swing, the cattle are still being fed, the crops are being drilled, yet the CO2 has dropped.

Maybe agriculture isn't quite as bad as the media have been making out maybe the world isn't going to end because of our livestock, maybe, just maybe, agriculture is actually going to be the thing to save everyone when this world needs feeding and we cannot import avocados, coconut milk and mangetout from South America!

....eat local. eat fresh...

From T im Wishers, who farms in Devon.

T im is a grandson of Jean and John Withers who formerly farmed in Kenn at Moorside Farm.

Bird News

Following a winter when Redwing and Fieldfare numbers were low there were slightly better numbers in March, presumably birds on passage from further South. Congresbury Moor held 150 Redwings mid month and Wemberham Lane scored 80 with 50 Fieldfares on another day. Also at Wemberham Lane it was good to hear Song Thrushes, Skylarks, **Greenfinches and one or two Cetti's Warblers all singing.** There were regular Buzzards, a Kestrel and a Barn Owl and a flock of 30 Meadow Pipits (more northbound migrants) flew over.

At the Dowlais Farm area of the coast a few Lapwings and a pair of Redshanks were displaying. Bryan Thompson was delighted to spot 6 Wheatears there on the 17th. Further towards Weston up to 17 Avocets were seen on various dates.

Several Red Kites have been recorded from Clevedon, Kingston Seymour and Yatton in particular and their passage is likely to continue in April so do look up!

The Littlewood Reserve along Claverham Drove has been generally quiet but now half a dozen Chiffchaffs are singing, the resident Great Spotted Woodpecker has been drumming (this is their equivalent of song) and I did get the briefest glimpse of a Tawny Owl. However the real surprise was on an adjoining field where there was a party of seven Swans. Nothing exceptional about that but a closer look revealed one wild Whooper Swan with six Mutes. I wonder if it has been on the Moor all winter?

The picture of the Heron with the largish Pike, which it did swallow, was taken at Catcott Lows Nature Reserve on the Somerset Levels - thank you Mark.



In view of the current travel restrictions, any garden records would be particularly welcomed, either via Margaret or by phone to myself on the number below. There are Chiffchaffs, Blackcaps and Goldcrests singing in Yatton and we can expect Swallows and House Martins to arrive soon. The natural world continues its cycle unaffected by Covid 19.

Trevor Riddle. 01934 835208.

TAWNY OWL March News & Views
Thanks to brilliant care and treatment at the NORTH SOMERSET BIRD OF PREY CENTRE



(adj. Heather's Cafe) the Tawny Owl rescued by Steve Edwards made a full recovery and was released into the wild on March 16th!

This amazing bird received five weeks of dedicated care by the staff at NSBOPC and their vets. A wonderful Charity!

I was sent a short video of the release which was very welcome in view of current circumstances!

Photo thanks to <https://pixabay.com/photos/tawny-owl-owl-falconry-gloves-564497/>

KENN PIER - As my outdoor exercise for the day I was just passing Kenn Pier and was lucky enough to spot a Kingfisher and a Grey Wagtail!
John Croxton

GREENACRES, KENN ROAD - Wednesday 25th March - A Hobby was spotted in their orchard by Liz and Mike Bell.

THE FIELD BEHIND THE VILLAGE HALL

Birds were present, but we took this photo of some very naughty lambs playing on the bonfire site.



John and Margaret Ball

Evelyn Ruth Gale

Ruth Gale (Mum) sadly passed away on 24th March at the age of 87.

Ruth was born in Congresbury and was the third of nine children of Frank and Violet Gosling, the local timber merchants.

She spent her childhood in Congresbury attending the local school and later a school in Weston. After leaving school she enjoyed social events attending local farmers and Young Conservative dances.



At one of these dances she met Bob, who she went on to marry in May 1958. Marianna Mackay (nee Dyer) was one of her bridesmaids.

Bob and Ruth built their first home, Treetops in Kenn, whilst Bob was working on the farm at Kenn Court. Their son, Julian, was born shortly after.

After being successful in their application, they then moved to a farm tenancy at Ebdon Farm at Wick St Lawrence, later they had two more children, Mark and then Susan. Bob and Ruth spent the rest of their lives together at Ebdon running their dairy farm which they had bought.

Mum was very involved with the farm, helping to look after the young stock and doing the books. She loved her garden and would spend much of her time outdoors. Indoors, she was a great cook and loved to cook traditional meals, including lots of cakes!

She had hobbies which including flower arranging, and became very skilled at re-upholstery and making lamp shades. Mum also supported the British Legion and was a poppy seller for 32 years in Wick St Lawrence.

Her driving force was her own family and her relatives. She liked nothing more than spending time with them and, as such, we have enjoyed many social events with the extended family over the years. She always had strong connections with Kenn having two sisters living here; Grace Griffin and Joyce Kent, with whom she was very close. After thinking she would never have any grandchildren, she eventually had 5 grandchildren and even three greatgrandchildren including grandchildren Eloise and Olivia here in Kenn.

As a family we would like to thank everyone who has supported us all and visited both Mum and Dad, especially over the last few months when she was in poor health.

Julian Gale

Ruth passed away on the 24th March and our flag was flown at half-mast as a mark of respect. Deepest sympathy goes to Bob and his family, children Julian, Mark and Susan, grandchildren Eloise, Olivia, Laura, Adele and Toby, greatgrandchildren Alisha, Iyla and Marley

VILLAGE AGENT

Hi, I'm Sarah Friend your Village Agent. Whilst we are all in Lockdown, I am 'here to chat' if you would like. you can call me on 01275 878180 or 07710580751. Stay safe and well.

On a separate note, I aim to contact people I am aware of over the next couple of days and then weekly to check in with them. Does anyone know if Kenn has a list of helpers and roles with names and phone numbers? If so could I be added to it and also have a copy so I can signpost people if necessary? Also is there a WhatsApp group I could join? Once this is all over, look forward to seeing you all and have a hug!

Hear from you soon, Stay safe and well x

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Lamb High jinks

How lucky we are at present to be living somewhere that has green fields around us and such good neighbours. We have had such pleasure watching 'lamb antics' from the bottom of the garden and it has made us smile during a worrying time.

We had one lamb who definitely felt that the daffodils on offer in our garden was definitely a better option than the fresh green grass on offer in the field. You would not believe how persistent he could be until he could find a way through the fence to graze in our garden - twice!

Yes lambs clearly do jump straight up in the air like cartoons and pictures show us. This clearly takes continuous practice as they seem to be doing it constantly from what we have observed.

We did have one lamb in the field who was not quite as dexterous as his mates, horizontal jumping was fine but the descent was a little faulty and he landed up in the mains water trough.

This is where the good neighbours of Kenn rallied. Fortunately one neighbour spotted the lamb in the cold water and managed to rescue him, dry him off as much as possible and hug him until the shaking stopped. Then another neighbour stepped up and with the aid of a wheelbarrow managed to get the lamb back to Mum who had taken her eye off the little one momentarily and had no idea about his 'incident'.

Trying times ahead for us but when we can look out of things like this and smile it should make us very grateful that we have fields and countryside around us and such good friends in the village.

Jenny Pascoe



Dear Customer,

Following the recent COVID-19 government announcement and the country going into lockdown for the safety of everyone, we're letting you know how we plan to support these changes.

We all need access to essential services like the internet at this time, now more than ever to stay in touch with family and friends. We also need to be able to work effectively from home and to be able to help our kids continue to learn and have contact with their school and their friends.

We're implementing even stricter adherence to the new guidelines, so we can continue installing customers so they can get connected to our ultrafast network, complete any necessary repairs and carry out essential maintenance to ensure you all stay connected during this difficult time.

We'll still be available to take calls, respond to emails and respond to any messages you send via social media, so if you need us, just get in touch.

The Truespeed Team 01225 300 370 ultrafast@truespeed.com

And a Message from Gigaclear -
sent by post to some, but not all, Villagers

Dear Resident or Business Owner

As you may be aware, following our contract termination with Connecting Devon and Somerset, Gigaclear has continued to invest in building within the Devon and Somerset region. Our contract with CDS allowed hard to reach properties to be connected using state aid funding, however as we are no longer in contract, we have taken the difficult decision to review and re-plan the areas which we are currently building in, as well as future areas for full fibre broadband network coverage. The revision of the rollout plan has affected your area and, after due deliberation, we regret to advise you that we will no longer be expanding our network to your community.

We encourage communities currently making do with sub-optimal broadband connection speeds to explore funding options such as the Government-led Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme, which awards grants to businesses and homeowners towards the cost of connecting to full fibre broadband. Information on eligibility criteria, grants available, broadband network operators who are part of the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme and more can be found at gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk.

We appreciate that this news will be disappointing to many residents and businesses in the area and we would like to thank you for the interest and support shown towards our work to roll out full fibre broadband to rural Devon and Somerset.

Yours sincerely,

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Neighbourhood Watch

At this time of solidarity in the face of danger it is very sad to be passing on more warnings about the latest scams.



Avon & Somerset Police Press Office have released information regarding recent online Fraud and Scam activity relating to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. Please do take the time to read through this information, you can either follow the link below or open the file attached.
Please Stay in and Stay safe.

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk///media/32650036/beware-fraud-and-scams-during-covid.pdf>

During this challenging period, it is heartening to hear lots of stories of kindness from friends and neighbours caring for one another.

This is where many Neighbourhood Watches have excelled in looking after the elderly and vulnerable members of their community – or simply offer to help everyone. This includes phone calls to ensure people are ok, assistance with appointments and the collection of groceries and medications. We must however remain vigilant and rely upon those we know and trust. I have learnt of a couple of incidents where callers have arrived on doorways offering to do shopping, claiming to be good Samaritans. They have taken money and a shopping list but never returned.

Unfortunately there are some people who will always take advantage of any crisis to steal from those in need. Please do not fall foul to this and only rely upon people you know or trust to help you.

12/03/20 9788 AN003 Burglary Residential Garage.

A garage has been broken into in **Kenn Street, Clevedon** in the early hours of the 11th around 3am. The offender has forced the door from the runners to gain access but would appear to have been disturbed part way as it is thought the family dog may have frightened them off. As a result nothing has been stolen from within.

The offender has also switched off the power to the fuse board. If you contact the Police about this incident, please call 101 & quote Reference number: 5220058674 or Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111, thank you.

06/03/20 9788 Somerset: Covid-19 Scam Email

There is a new scam email advising that you are entitled to a tax refund (rebate) of £128.34. The email states that this is a precautionary measure in cooperation with National Insurance and National Health Services, It is NOT. It goes on to suggest the funds can help protect yourself against COVID-19 and to access the funds now by clicking on the blue hyperlink. **DO NOT** do this.

Contact Action Fraud on: 0300 123 2040

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2020

TWO LOCAL CONSULTATIONS TO TAKE PART IN:

Kenn Parish Council considered these at their recent meeting and wondered if perhaps Kenn residents may like to make their comments on these important facilities.

(1) North Somerset Car Parking Review

DEADLINE – 31 MARCH 2020

North Somerset Council are reviewing parking in North Somerset and are looking to understand the fairest way to manage parking in communities and help encourage lower carbon choices in line with our climate emergency declaration.

They must:

- Make sure the finite number of spaces will allow people to park when needed
- Encourage turnover in town centres to give retail businesses more potential customers
- Consider the safety of everyone who travels in areas where on-street car parking is allowed
- Raise enough money to cover operational costs, including maintenance and enforcement
- Encourage people to consider making sustainable travel choices

They invite you to respond to their questionnaires to help develop the parking proposals.

<https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/carparkreview/consultationHome>

(2) North Somerset – Your Neighbourhood

DEADLINE – 7 MAY 2020

North Somerset Council want North Somerset to be a sustainable and fair place to live, work and visit. They want to work with you to create a place where all residents can access quality education, jobs and housing. Also, to get involved and work with them to shape the future of North Somerset and harness the great opportunity to achieve more for the people and places. As part of this, they are looking at how *'your neighbourhood'* services are run and how to ensure that they are fit for the future. Over the next few months they will be seeking views on how to deliver a number of these services and where to focus their future priorities. The services being consulting on are:

- Garden Waste
- Leisure and Sports Centres
- Libraries
- Parks and Open Space
- Street Cleaning

<https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/youreighbourhood/consultationHome>



FREE FLOWERS will be available again this Summer.

Rob Treble will be co-ordinating this again, so watch for the announcement when they will be available to collect.



2020 Meetings

7:30pm in the Village Hall

4 May – Statutory Annual Council

6 July – Council Meeting

7 September – Council Meeting

2 November – Council Meeting

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