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**PCSO Rachel Sellars
Visited Kenn 16th March**

NEWS & VIEWS

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Welcome to Isla Audrey Porch born 20th February, pictured with proud dad Dave,

Also Isla's big cousin Jasper who was born last year.

Best wishes to the Porch family, especially grandparents Phil and Jacky.

Not many families have three homes in Kenn

Olivia Rose Dowling

born 29.3.21
8lb 7oz to Dan and Kate.

First grandchild
For Debbie and Mike

of Willow House,
Kenn Road



Our Flag and Floodlighting Our church was floodlit on the anniversary of the start of the first Covid Lockdown

Our Flag was flown on 11th March to celebrate the birth of Freddie Butland, to Jack and Annabelle. A brother for George and second grandson for Jilly and Matt.

20th March to celebrate the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Jo and Colin Cooper.

27th March for the 80th Birthday of Christopher Taylor.

29th March for the birth of Olivia Rose Dowling.

30th March at half-mast for the interment of Ashes of Bob and Ruth Gale at St. John's

Dear Friends,

As we approach Easter there is hope in the air! Some will have had their first vaccination and a few may have had two. I hope we are all out walking in the sun. Molly, my four-month-old cockapoo, particularly enjoys going for a walk in St John's churchyard and exploring the gullies!

I've been enjoying watching the signs of Spring and working in my garden to get it ready to receive visitors – hurray! During Lent we've been reflecting on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and the events that led up to his death and resurrection on our Zoom Lent course and I've been thinking about how the stories of his last week have helped me reflect on where we are in the pandemic as in many ways they reflect the provision, isolation, tension, and anguish that we have experienced over the last year and how at Easter we can also share in a powerful message of hope.

Messy Easter Hope Full bags will have gone out to all families in the village at the beginning of Holy Week and I do hope the contents are enjoyed including an unusual hot cross bun mix.



Everyone is welcome to any of the services in Kenn and Kingston Seymour, we just ask that people book to avoid any disappointment as the maximum number we can fit in with social distancing is 30.

Please do contact me if you would like to attend. franbindingkks@gmail.com 01934 830120

It seems such a long time since Christmas so it will be so good to have the opportunity to be together again over Easter.

We are very excited about opening the church for worship again over Easter but we still have to be careful and safe.

Post Easter we will return to the pattern we had after the last lockdown of a service at 11am every week alternating between Kingston Seymour and Kenn. As at Christmas the church will be open after Easter Sunday so that everyone can wander in and enjoy the beautifully decorated church.

I would like to thank all those who have worked hard to keep everything ticking over in lockdown, opening the church, working in the churchyard, delivering letters, helping with worship online, continuing to fulfil the day to day running tasks that are needed in a quiet, effective but unassuming way.

Hope is our Easter theme. This time last year we were in a very different place and hope, although we knew it was there, was just over the horizon, silent and still, just out of sight. We could not join together physically in church to reassure each other, to remember together the lessons of Holy Week and to celebrate the joy of Easter but this year we can share the traditional Easter Proclamation. **'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!'** In community we can share these words and remember that the overwhelming message of Easter is that of hope, renewal and revival.

I wish you many Easter blessings and hope for the future.

Fran



Monday A short service on Zoom 7pm 'It was on Monday that religion got in the way.'

Tuesday A short service on Zoom 7pm 'They called him a waster.'

Wednesday final Lent Group on Zoom 7pm

Maundy Thursday at St John's

A short reflection on the Passover, a simple communion followed by stripping the altar and a reflection on Gethsemane 7pm (booking needed)

Good Friday at All Saints'

10am Family Time – a simple but life changing story 'We are forgiven' with activities (booking needed)

2pm An hour at the Foot of the Cross (booking needed)

Saturday

5pm All Saints' - Lighting of the Easter Candle (a gathering initially outside the church)

6pm St John's – Lighting of the Easter Candle as above

Easter Sunday

9.30am St John's Easter Communion (booking needed)

11am All Saints' Easter Communion (booking needed)

Contact for booking: franbindingkks@gmail.com 01934 830120



Services at St. John's Kenn and All Saints' Kingston Seymour in April and May 2021

April 11th St John's

April 18th All Saints'

April 25th St John's

May 2nd All Saints'

Holy Communion

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All Together in Church (an all age, more informal service of the Word)

May 9th St John's

May 16th All Saints'

May 23rd St John's

May 30th All Saints'

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

A joint Service of the Word

April Cakes.

I will be cooking all the usual cakey candidates, Lemon Drizzles, Fruit Cakes, Sponges (Choc, Coffee and Jam) Carrot Cake, Marmalade and Mincemeat Loaves, and if I have the ingredients and the recipe, any requests.

Profits to The Mercy Ships. I have chosen this charity, which sends its sea borne hospital to perform life changing surgery in the developing world, as a tribute to a friend (paediatric nurse) of my daughter who has done several 'tours' volunteering with them.

Orders by Thursday 8th April for delivery Saturday 10th.

Thankyou

Julia Bush 01275 873554

PS The cake stars aligned last month and bumper orders meant I could send £55 to Habitat for Humanity

Heaven Preserve Us.

Thanks to some welcome orders, I was able to clear all my stocks of jams, marmalade and chutney last month at bargain prices. I now have fresh stock of everything and am happy to deliver orders of £5 (Usually about 4 jars) and over.

Julia Bush 01275 873554

Masks

I still have a small stock of masks to sell in aid of Smile Train, and will be making more in spring and summer fabrics after Easter. There is nearly enough money in the kitty for a third surgery.

Contact me by phone and I will bring the Mask Box to you and stand back while you make your choice. Thank you,

Julia Bush 01275 873554

Clevedon Food Bank

Many thanks to everyone who has continued to leave items in the Foodbank Box in the porch at Kenn Church or donated to the bins in supermarkets and shops in Clevedon.

As of Monday 29th March the info is that the foodbank has enough pasta, baked beans and soup.

Items always needed are toilet rolls, toiletries, cleaning materials and tinned meat and fish.

Thanks again, Kenn Church Crew.

PS . Wearing my retired dairy farmer hat, if you donate Long Life Milk, many food parcels go to families, whole milk has the most energy for children and fat soluble vitamins A,D,E and K.

It's not usually more expensive than low fat.



Useful Numbers:

Village Hall Booking:
Lyn & Nigel Burnett 01275 870189
kvhallbooking@gmail.com

The Team of Yatton Moor
Parish Office 01934 832184
office@yattonchurches.org

St John the Evangelist :
Priest in charge
Revd Fran Binding 01934 830120

Churchwardens:
Julia Bush 01275 873554
John Ball 874077 - 078 1667 1304

Village Flag Flying:
Marianna or Robin 340323
Chris Taylor 872781

Altar Guild Secretary:
Marianna Mackay 340323

Church Floodlighting:
David Pugh 874278

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Margaret Ball 01275 874077
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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



Coffee Morning

Postponed
usually 2nd Saturday each month

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 - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th April
Rubbish 5th and 19th April
Garden Waste 5th and 19th April



Clevedon Salerooms

FINE ART AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

Tel: 01934 830111

Email: info@clevedon-salerooms.com

Antiques, Interiors, Collectables & Jewellery

Thursday 15th April 10.30am

Viewing at Saleroom by appointment

AUCTION ON-LINE

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

Quarterly Specialist Sale

Thursday 3rd June 2021 10.30am

Viewing at Saleroom by appointment

AUCTION ON-LINE

Catalogues can be viewed at

www.clevedon-salerooms.com

Bird News

The bird of the month was the Black Redstart which continued to visit **John Croxton's garden in Duck Lane until mid month.**

When that departed a Siskin turned up and there have been a number of gardens reporting Siskins with a party of five in Claverham. A few were seen occasionally in Littlewood by Claverham Drove but it seems likely that they are more often in gardens.

Jo Manning spotted a Kingfisher from Claverham Drove at the beginning of the month and that was the only sighting. Kingfishers will be preparing to nest and usually disappear from view at this time of year.

Garden reports of Goldfinches have been mixed, some saying 'lots', others 'none'. Most of our Goldfinches stay fairly local but a bird ringed at Chew Valley Lake has recently turned up in Southern Ireland.

Bird song increased as the month progressed with Song Thrushes and Skylarks being joined by Blackbirds and incoming Chiffchaffs mid month. Later Blackcaps and Goldcrests started singing. Robins, Dunnocks and Greenfinches have been singing throughout March.

At the same time the wintering Redwings and Fieldfares headed north. Goosanders were still on the Congresbury Yeo and the Blind Yeo but they too will soon be moving back to the upland rivers.

A few Snipe remained at their favoured sites but they will be off as well, mostly to Iceland, in the next week or two.

A couple of Red Kites have been seen but the Peregrines seem to have moved to their nesting territories. Not so Ravens, they are everywhere; nineteen were feeding on a sheep carcass, when I visited the site the next day there was nothing left.

Eight Swallows were over Congresbury on the 26th, an early date but during April our summer visitors should arrive throughout the month.

Trevor Riddle - 01934 835208.



KENN W.I

It is all looking so much more hopeful. Most of us have had at least one of our vaccinations and if all goes according to plan we may be able to meet out of doors soon.

In normal years there has been an Annual General Meeting in venues such as the Albert Hall in London where thousands of women gather to debate the resolutions and listen to speakers. It is always a very moving occasion.

This year, of course, it will be different. The business part of the meeting will be conducted by link and the experts will debate the resolution, but no vote will be taken. Instead each Institute is invited to send its vote to the NFWI and it will be decided whether the resolution is accepted or not.

This year the resolution is to make women aware of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer. This was the one that our members chose from a short-list of five possible resolutions. When the Committee next meet either by Zoom link or even out of doors somewhere it will be just a formality to agree and minute that our vote will be cast for the resolution.

The programme for the rest of the year is "pencilled in" so as soon as we get the word we will be ready to go. It is hoped that we will all be able to get our hair cut before then!

At the time of writing this report it is believed that all members are well. Although she has not been a member for a little while fellow members will be saddened to hear that Thelma Blake is in hospital. As it is not possible to visit her there is no further information.

Ann Holtham

LUNCH AT ST JOHN'S KENN. Usually on the first Monday of the month, 12.00 noon to 2.00pm.



Nothing has changed regarding the lunch. Let's just call it watchful waiting.

As Covid restrictions are lifted we should be able to meet again in June or July. I am being over cautious. A criticism I am willing to own. Let's see how the Summer pans out. The last year has been unpredictable. The coming months might bring unexpected virus complications. In September we could meet in the village hall. Everyone brings their own food and drink. We spend time together and chat.

As before, I have started spending the £50 from lunch funds. I buy sundry items for The New Room toilet. Julia is auditing this with me.

Stay safe and well. Caroline.

Kenn Parish Council - **Chairman's chat**

Parish Council continues to operate via Zoom, and had a quick meeting this week.. Well...dare we say it, 'Truespeed are rolling out, with a few exceptions which hopefully can be resolved? It's taken a long time but...its here !

There was a planning application to discuss, which was straight forward.

We are having the free flowers again this year, we are mindful that not everyone has facebook, so, if you would like some flowers let any member of the Parish Council know and we can organise to call you when they arrive, this makes it accessible to all then. We are expecting them about the end of May.

Reminder, you have until Friday 16th April to sign up at the discounted rate with North Somerset for the Green Waste collection. If you can't sign up online call 01934 888 802 for help...phone lines will be busy we have been informed. You can also apply for a discounted Compost Bin too.

The neighbourhood policing team are starting up their beat surgery's and bike register events Wednesday 31/3/21. Yatton train station 10-12 and Saturday 24/4/21 Yatton train station also 3-6 Saturday 22/5/21 Kingston Seymour Bullocks Farm TBC

The Pub has been sold. Punch sold it as a non-viable concern, falling sales over many years and then Covid. This is very sad for our village but a sign of the times. The new owners are planning to come to the next meeting and outline their proposals for the change of use, to a collaborative workspace .

RURAL LANES, ACTIVE TRAVEL ENHANCEMENTS access only RESTRICTION

North Somerset intends to promote TRO prohibiting motor vehicles from certain roads around the area with exemptions for access. This is advertised from Wednesday 31st March until Friday 30th April for the consultation period. The idea is to address rat-running and inappropriate use of our rural lanes. These would be supported by speed limits, entrance gateways, traffic calming and measures to close roads to motor vehicles. Consultations with Parish Councils, residents and business owners will take place. You can look this up on North Somerset's website, and comment directly or let any of the Parish Councillors know your feelings. The local farming community need to make their views known, as do the local businesses. This will form part of the routes around Kenn, Yatton and Nailsea.

We have highlighted once again the parking at the local garages, and the village green. It is a constant battle and the relevant parties have been approached, also the Police... we shall continue with these discussions.

Following on with Steve's information on being a Parish Councillor last month....give it some thought...new folk in the village in particular, get involved, see how it works, and come next year, have a go!

As always, if you wish to comment, or need advice the phone numbers are on the back of the mag, and my email is sheilanaish@btconnect.com .

Next meeting could be in the hall again all being well with Boris!

Cheers, Sheila

RURAL LANES, ACTIVE TRAVEL ENHANCEMENTS access only RESTRICTION

Comments from some residents in Yatton Moor already received:

Having had activities severely restricted during three lockdowns, residents are very unlikely to adhere to further restrictive measures.

The lanes and moor roads are seen as an important resource to be enjoyed by all.

Specifically, many farms have scattered landholdings and often have to move either their own or contractors very wide vehicles through the lanes.

Most of the many delivery vehicles are not electric but possibly could be if consumers refused to receive goods from non-electric ones.

Twenty mile per hour speed limits would add to the safety of all users (possibly 40mph on Kenn Moor Road).

Very few would argue against healthier life styles for themselves or others according to physical ability.

Many have learnt to ride a bike in the past and have considered riding to work but don't have the additional time needed, including showering, for it to be feasible besides working variable shifts and coping with wet and cold weather which also affects cycling to do local errands.

Many people give up cycling because of impaired joints and loss of balance with advancing age.

Dogs are walked and children are often taught to ride on the moor roads because of good visibility.

Local residents often drive to do this.

Others who can only walk short distances also use the moor roads.

In the same way that cyclists travelling at speeds around 20mph cannot be heard approaching particularly from behind by pedestrians, there are concerns about electric cars.

Enforcement is the key to any change. Notices will be ignored (consider the weight restriction through Yatton, ignored by many non-local carriers).

When the M5 is blocked and Yatton is a car park, the lanes do give the locals a way of getting around.

Enforcement during these times must be done very sensitively.

An **enforced** speed limit on the lanes would make them far more usable for 'active travel'.

Walking over the moors with 60 mph traffic is not for the faint-hearted.

Enforced Speed limits would cost far less than all the signs needed, which may not be adhered to.



United we stand!



April 1st marks the 40th anniversary of the setting up of a united parish incorporating St Mary's Yatton, St John's Kenn and All Saints Kingston Seymour. The following is an amalgamation of some articles from Yatton parish magazine in 1980/1981.

- In 1980 an unnamed PCC member wrote that after the parish priest for Kenn and Kingston Seymour, Neil McGregor, left it was clear he was not going to be replaced so a decision had to be made on how to continue 'pastoral care for these two parishes'. Their options were:
- for Kenn to join a Clevedon parish and Kingston with Yatton;
 - that the two parishes became a United Benefice with Yatton, continuing as separate entities but with one vicar;
 - that the three become one United Parish, *'one in all things, one priest, one PCC, one common aim to grow together in the love and worship of God and in His love for us'*.

The decision to be made within six months. In September members of the three PCCs, all six churchwardens and the vicar threw out the first two options and decided to become *'one United Parish with all its joys and problems, all its differences of opinion and all its common aims, utterly confident that walking in the steps of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, all things are possible and that with mutual love, understanding and trust, all problems will be overcome'*.

The anonymous author finished with these meaningful words: *'Please pray for the great act of faith and for the Yatton Group of Parishes, without which we at Kenn, Kingston and Yatton would not have grown so much together and would probably not now be able to take this big step forward'*.

After this had been passed by the Diocesan Pastoral Committee, it became a legal reality on 18th March 1981 when, at the Court at Buckingham Palace, the Queen on the advice of her Privy Council confirmed the new group ministry, to take effect from 1st April.

In May 1981 edition, Rev Dick Acworth writes -

Kenn, Kingston Seymour and Yatton's C o E Parishes are now ONE parish, with three churches. This means, for example, that you may be married (assuming you are not already!) in any one of these churches wherever you live in YATTON MOOR.

Our 'crawling' is now over, and not only are we standing, but we are now taking more solid food! There is much to do though before we can qualify in the race that is set before us as St Paul would desire. In the meantime, the preparation we have been making will certainly prove to have been valuable in going forward.'

The churches of Yatton Moor continue to have their individual characters, but have increasingly acted as a team in recent years.

Sharing clergy clearly promotes this unity, but we should not forget the 'glue' people who had habitually worshipped at more than one church. The retreat from evening service attendance at Yatton was not mirrored so strongly at All Saints and St Johns, leading Yatton dwellers to attend evensong in the villages.

So when there was a need to fill a budget deficit in 2019, Kenn and Kingston held an auction, while St Mary's held a summer fair – but each event was run and supported by people from across all three churches. Similarly the carol services of 2019 across four of the five team churches shared at least some choir.

Mike Cooke and Val Dickens

Copied from St Mary the Virgin Yatton's -Spring 2021 Magazine. (with permission)

Book group.

We had a book group event. All Covid safe.



On the 12th March 2021 the Bath book shop Toppings & Company held an online 'meet the author'. Donna Leon was in conversation with the Scottish crime writer Val McDermid. Leon writes crime novels set in Venice. The offences are solved by the fictional hero Commissario Guido Brunetti. A safe assumption would be that Leon is Italian, if not Venetian. She knows the colloquial habits of the Venetians so well. Turns out she is an American academic who had lived for 30 years in Venice. Donna Leon and Val McDermid conversed about how she has evolved the character of Brunetti over thirty novels. Leon is laconic in her speech and observations. You cannot help but think that there is something of herself in Brunetti.

In the novel 'Transient Desires' Brunetti's wit and tenacity is as sharp as ever. One of his informers requests a monthly salary. Brunetti refuses and wonders if he would also have wanted a Christmas bonus. Also, his thorough going interviewing of suspects shows Brunetti's integrity and attention to detail.

Leon merges the locational duality of the Italian city of Venice. A beautiful vibrant city of canals. Enchanting tourists with its Basilica, Gothic architecture and canal life style. With Brunetti as our guide, Leon also shows us the industrial, ugly and criminal side of Venice.

One of our group has read all the Brunetti novels. He has said Leon writes the same novel each time. She has a literary formula. 'Transient Desires' is an excellent novel. Leon seems to transcend her own formula to create original story telling.

Book group.

Robert Steve Gale (Bob)

Dad was born at The Orchards in Kenn in 1932 and passed away on 16th February aged 88.

He spent his early school years at the Kenn school and his secondary education at Clevedon and made lifelong friends, he even stayed in contact with one of his Kenn teachers throughout her life.

Dad had an older sister, Trix and younger brother John. His father worked all his life in the Wakedean furniture factory at Yatton, and his mother managed their smallholding.

When Dad came home from school there was always work for him to do. He grew in the shadow of WW2 and his family kept two cows for milk and usually a pig for meat, whilst his father grew vegetables.

As a young lad Dad and his brother collected the apples from the orchard, mashed, pressed and made cider for their father and his friends, his mother disapproved as she had taken a vow of abstinence at the age of 21.

Kenn church was a significant part of his family life and Dad, John and Trix regularly attended church with their mother, Dad sang in the choir and also helped to look after the graveyard.

When Dad was fourteen Dad's mother approached a neighbouring farmer, Mr Dyer. He then worked at Kenn Court for the next 17 years learning both farm husbandry and field skills which were to be invaluable in later life. In those days there were 35 milking cows, milked by hand and all the field work was done using the 6 horses or by hand. Meanwhile, he and his brother also cultivated their own farm crops on some of their parents land. Dad wrote some memoirs of his time at Kenn Court a few years ago and circulated them amongst his friends. Dad retained close friendships with many people in Kenn throughout his life.

Dad's social life developed as a young man, he took ballroom dancing lessons in Weston, and with his friends, he went to many local dances, mostly farmers balls and Conservative dances and had great fun.

Tragically at this time his brother John, aged just 22 was found to have a serious heart condition, he had only been married a month to Eileen when he died following surgery in 1956.

Dad had the great fortune to meet Mum at a dance, romance blossomed and they regularly went to see films each week, travelling by bus to Weston after Dad had cycled to collect Mum in Congresbury. Dad was gifted a small plot by his parents in Kenn where he built a home; Treetops. Mum and Dad married in 1958. I was born a couple of years later.



Mum and Dad were successful in obtaining a farm tenancy in 1961 and took on a small county council farm at Ebdon. Mark was then born and a few years later Susan. Running a dairy farm was demanding, but Dad was very strong both mentally and physically and determined and Mum and Dad made it a success. They made significant improvements to the farm, later renting the adjoining farm and eventually buying all of it in 1994.

Dad, with Mum, continued their close friendships with family and friends in Wick, Kenn, Congresbury and local villages throughout their life. Dad enjoyed local history, political biographies and was nostalgic about the old farming ways. Mum and Dad enthusiastically joined in local village events and supported their church. Dad had hearing problems from when he was a child, so he often struggled in group social environments but a remarkable lip reader, yet he made many good friends and was generous to them with both his time and possessions and helped those who were sick or struggling.



Dad cared greatly for his family and did his best to help us by providing support and advice. He held very high morals values and tried always to do what he thought was right. The many kind words we have recently received attest to the fact that he was considered a gentleman and held in high regard by both young and old.

Mum and Dad were lucky enough to spend over 60 years together, even though some of their last years were tough due to failing health. We are proud of not only what they achieved together but of the strong and enduring friendships, they made throughout their lives and the affection with which they will both be remembered.

As a family we thank all of Dad's friends and relatives who have contributed to both Mum and Dad's long lives, you made their lives richer and more colourful and they talked of everyone fondly often.

Julian Gale

We send our deepest sympathy to the Gale family.

Our flag was flown at half-mast to mark his passing and again on 30th March when both Bob and Ruth's ashes were interred in Kenn Churchyard with Bob's parents and his brother John.



Our Monthly Missive from The Limes

The other night I dreamt that Robin Hood was trying to get fibre broadband installed in Sherwood Forest and I was telling him he was 900 years too early.

No, Stephen has not entirely flipped and can (just about) explain. The broadband bit is probably understandable since we (well, me anyway) are now highly excited as we are seeing the fruits of our labour and patience as more and more folk get connected to fibre. I am now connected and I did get excited.

The other bit may be due to the fact I had been watching an old 1960's episode of Robin Hood. You know, the original ones with Richard Greene and the catchy Robin Hood Riding Through the Glen theme song. Somehow the mind put the two together.

This month I will try to be shortish. Margaret told me last month's article was another 3 pager. That's twice now and at this rate she will be having to buy more paper to expand KN&V and you will be wasting more of your time reading my stuff. Still, it keeps you off the streets.

I'm hoping this will be my last article on broadband but as broadband has really come to town (with over a 50% take up rate) there are a few things I must say.

Firstly the broadband that Truespeed are installing is really state of the art. Pricewise it is a very good deal as well.

Speaking to friends in Clevedon and Backwell it is clear their broadband is far inferior to what we now have and I would say for broadband, Kenn is really the jewel in the crown for this part of North Somerset.

We are definitely one-up on Clevedon and Yatton. (That also reminds me. For some reason I can't remember, a few weeks ago I saw one of the Clevedon Facebook pages where someone was commenting that Autocar magazine had done an article on the Clevedon Motor company. I'm not a member of that group and couldn't make a reply but if any reader is, perhaps they would like to point out that KN&V had already done a piece and has beaten them to it. We are really on the ball in this village).

Anyway, back to broadband. I was speaking with a broadband engineer just after they had started connecting people and he told me how surprised they were by the friendly welcome Kenn gave them.

Apparently people were offering them cups of tea and coffee and even opening up the church toilets for them.

Clearly this is not the usual reception they get. He did also say that villagers had (unsurprisingly and very politely I'm sure) used the opportunity to make them aware that we had been waiting a long time for this.



In fact we have been waiting a Very Long Time. I looked up my emails on this and the first email I kept was from Connecting Devon and Somerset (the government outfit I vilified a few months ago). It was a bland, content-free reply to an enquiry I'd made 7th October 2013 and set the tone for most of the responses I collected over the years.

We have been chasing this for SEVEN and a HALF (expletive deleted) YEARS!

I'm not going to go into the history, it's too depressing but if we had known it would have been this long we would have probably formed a non-profit company and done our own thing. At one stage we even had discussions with Christchurch Clevedon with a view to using their church tower for a radio based system.

Along the way a number of villagers gave help and encouragement as we tried to get something done and although I usually don't name names in order to protect the innocent I do want to thank Andrew Down, Chris Blake, Julian Gale, Martin Jaehme and the late Robert Down for their help at various times. The Parish Council have also been supportive. Most of all however I want to thank John Ball for his tireless input and Margaret Ball for publishing information to the village as we went along. I want to make a point of NOT thanking the Little Harp, who, after an evening meeting there with John, myself and Truespeed, sent me a hefty parking fine, despite the barman saying I was OK to park there for longer. I assume he was on commission.

I also see that our first real involvement with Truespeed was late 2017 so although I described them on one occasion as a knight in shining armour, that particular knight was on a pretty slow horse.

Along the way we also had flirtations with BT, Gigaclear, Virgin, Vodaphone, Connecting Devon and Somerset and North Somerset Council and I can't say any of them were any help and in one or two cases a downright hindrance, if not totally incompetent.

By contrast, of all the people we engaged with, Andy Moore of Truespeed was the easiest to work with.

So now you have wonderful broadband what are you going to do with it? Your children can now download their computer games in minutes rather than hours or days although I'm not sure that is a benefit.

At least one person has bought an internet TV, but just be careful. I remember being at one of the kids when they were selecting something to watch and they took nearly as long to decide what to watch as watching it.

Stephen

Thank You Page

Last week we had our Truespeed installation. Some properties in the village appear to have individual issues to resolve before fitting. We were one of those and we know some of you are, unfortunately, still waiting. We have to say that our fitters were pleasant to deal with and took care to install the cable in a way that we were happy with. It was great to hear from them that Truespeed is a good company to work for, where they felt valued. Having the new fibre has made a **fantastic** difference to our internet service in speed, and hopefully in reliability. We feel **very** fortunate to have that, particularly at this time.

We are aware that this installation did not arrive in Kenn by magic. For **years**, several people have devoted **hours and hours** of their time and effort to negotiate the best broadband deal for our village.

Jan and Colin – Great Thornworth

Joyce Down has asked that we thank St John's for the Mothers Day flowers.

Tim and Sarah from Mead Cottage write - We would be grateful if you could include two "thank yous" in the next Kenn News and Views. Thank you for the beautiful Mother's Day daffodils, a lovely thoughtful surprise. Thank you to everyone who helped bring Truespeed to the village, it was quite a task and at times seemed never ending. However we're now the proud users of a fast fibre broadband, and it's already made quite a difference! Thank you!
Hopefully there might be some Kenn Light Railway (KLR) news very soon.....trains running in the summer.....Tim's ever hopeful!

Iris Callow would like to thank St. John's, Kenn, and Julia in particular, for the delivery of flowers and a card on Mothering Sunday.

John's mum (also Margaret) was delighted to receive flowers and a Mothering Sunday card from St. John's. I was also very pleased to receive the daffodils, pussy willows and Mothering Sunday card.

Thank you everyone for your kind messages, flowers, cards and letters following the loss of my husband, Hans. It has been hugely comforting to have so much sympathy and support.

Andre Olsen

A apologies, this should have appeared in March News and Views M.

Neighbourhood Watch

A hall in High Street, Yatton has been broken into around 9pm on the 1st March. Following notification from a local resident that the alarm was sounding, it transpired that the offenders had smashed two windows in order to gain entry / exit via the kitchen area and once inside did not steal anything.



Any information please contact the Police on 101 quoting Ref number: 5221044452 stating NHW Release or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. Thank you for your support.

Somerset: Scams / Local Numbers!

Dear Members,

We are hearing several reports of members receiving scam calls from local numbers, these are where scammers are trying to trick you into believing they MUST be real as they are near by. One such example has been received from a member in Martock who had a call claiming to be from E-bay security on a local number, very handy if there was indeed a problem with E-bay as we may be able to visit them to fix the problem (After Lockdown)! but quite clearly a scam. Several others have been reported since from various companies and again the ploy is to instil a sense of trust in the recipient.

Do please remain alert to any calls you receive advising for example you have a slow broadband connection, your loft insulation does not meet current regulations, you have post from Royal Mail that has not been fully paid, your Amazon Prime has expired or has been hacked, these will almost certainly be scams and if in doubt hang up, let the phone line clear for at least 5 minutes and then call the company back on a number you know, preferably on a different phone. And please never press 1 on your keypad when asked.

News from The Drum

Sadly, Jamie's time at The Drum is to come to an end in a few weeks.

The pub has been sold and he is moving on.

Just to remind you – Jamie bought into the pub literally days before the pandemic and lockdown took their toll. He could not have been more

unlucky with the timing. He had drive, determination and very good plans to get the pub back on its feet. He really cared about The Drum, its regulars and the community of Kenn. Fortunately, Jamie has been resilient and he still is. He has work lined up locally when he leaves the pub, so intends to stay around in this area.

He is glad that he will still be at The Drum on 12th April, so if the Government plans are still on course, and weather permitting, he hopes to open up and sell drinks outside.

This allows him a chance to use up his stock and say goodbye to people.

Thanks Jamie for all the efforts you have made to try and keep our pub running, and all the very best for the future!



KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2021

Another date change to adhere to Lockdown easing:

Annual Parish Meeting – the date of this meeting will be on the 17 May 21 @ 7pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING MARCH

1 March 21 among general parish considerations the following items were discussed:

- Report received on efforts to manage areas of persistent rubbish littering and unsocial parking.
- Update on information downloaded from the Kenn Street vehicle operated speed camera.
- Consideration of an appeal against planning refusal to build two houses in Duck Lane.

22 March 21 a meeting had been convened to consider some items with date deadlines:

- A Planning application for a change of use of part of a property into a self-contained annex.
- Proposals by North Somerset Council (NSC) to create a network of Rural Lanes, which would have 'access only' restrictions to encourage safer walking and cycling (Active Travel) – most of the roads in/around Kenn east of the B3133 are included.
- Supported Bus Service review outcome. This reinstates the bus service between Clevedon and Yatton and links onward to the airport (route 54) and then into South Bristol (route 55). It also does a loop around Clevedon (route 53).
- Local Policing Team providing details of the recommencement of their bike marking events.
- Sale of the Drum & Monkey. It had been highlighted by a member that the pub had been put up for sale. There is a community provision to make an application to NSC to register such properties as Community Assets, which then enables a period of time for the local community to make efforts to retain it as such – including holding a public meeting to obtain the views of the parish. There was an item was on the agenda to give consideration to this action; however, the information was received (between calling the meeting and holding it) that it had already been sold and the legal completion of the sale was almost complete.



FREE FLOWERS 2021

Will be available in June, check at the end of May via the following:-

- Kenn Facebook page
 - A poster notice will be put up at the Village Hall noticeboard
 - An article will be put in the Kenn News & Views (if the timing works out)
- OR Ring a Kenn Parish Councillor at the end of May.....

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Wilf Bessant	Tel: 01275 872 406
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NORTH SOMERSET COUNCILLORS

Steve Bridger	Tel: 07762 023 423
Wendy Griggs	Tel: 01934 834 143

To put your name on the list for flowers.



2021 Meetings

7:30pm

- 17 May – Annual Parish Meeting
- 17 May – Statutory Annual Meeting (following the above)
- 05 July – Council Meeting
- 06 September – Council Meeting
- 01 November – Council Meeting