

KENN-ISSUE 416

APRIL 2023

Marianna & Robin invite you to a

Sat. morning Concert and Cuppa

10:30am Saturday 15th April at
Kenn Village Hall



with Sue Parker (piano)
and special guests

**ENTRANCE BY DONATION (MIN £5) AND THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE
ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE SENT TO:
Disaster Emergency Committee
TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

KENN NEWS & VIEWS

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st Clare Hibbs
3rd Antonis Papasolomontos
Avril Brown
4th Rosie Treble
5th Nikki Alexander
7th Jo Batten
Alfie Alexander
8th Emma Brooks (Fenwick)
10th Anna Powers
Paul Lillie
13th Troy Gale
19th John Ball
22nd Liz Jaehme
23rd Talitha Stowell
24th Margaret Ball
29th Miles Naish
30th Isobel Pascoe

St John the Evangelist, Kenn

April Altar Guild



Easter Sunday is 9th April
Flower arrangers are invited to
decorate St John's on Saturday 8th

Thank you



VERY HAPPY GRANDMA

Congratulations go to our
Vicar, Fran who became a
grandmother for the second
time, on 2nd March when
Polly Gough was born a
baby sister for Rupert.

Dear friends,

It will probably be Holy Week when you receive your magazine and so before I say anything else may I wish you a Happy Easter! My favourite time of year when the message of new life at Easter for us in church is reflected in nature as it springs into life and the days lengthen.

We have an action-packed Holy Week with something going on somewhere across the Team almost every day. As well as services at St John's on Maundy Thursday at 7pm with wine, nibbles, foot washing with an informal communion and an Easter Sunday 11am all age celebration communion we have -

Tuesday 4th April 6.30pm – Holy Trinity: Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 5th April 7.00pm – St. Mary's: Music and Meditation

Good Friday: 7th April 2.00pm – All Saints': An Hour at the Foot of the Cross
(a service of prayers, readings, music and reflection)

Holy Saturday: 8th April 8.00pm - St. Mary's: Service of Light and New Fire with Vigil

In addition, this year we are having a Good Friday morning walk meeting at the steps at the bottom of Poet's Walk at 10am and then walking together with hot cross buns provided at the halfway high point of Wain's Hill.



People can make this as long or short walk as they like as there are a variety of routes possible after we have shared in food and fellowship. A family outing to get Easter Weekend off to a great start.

We hope in the coming couple of months to make progress on where we are going as Yatton Moor Ministry Team. The Steering Group will have had a planning meeting with the Area Deans and Archdeacon at the end of March, for a large meeting involving both our Parish Church Councils on April 18th. My role has already changed as I have responsibilities for coordinating the Steering Group and I'm spending more time with Yatton School both at St Mary's and in school to help out during the Vacancy. This inevitably means that the two days I have in the week are now stretched to the limit as I fit these extra responsibilities while also pastorally caring for both Kenn and Kingston and planning services here. The wonderful team of lay people, wardens, our lay pastoral assistant Jenny Pascoe, lay worship assistant Leonie Allday and retired priest Avril Gaunt, who help run the churches here and in Kingston Seymour are also doing remarkable work and huge thanks must go to them.

We will have to repair the cross above the church porch. Thanks to Marianna Mackay for noticing loose stone that had fallen off and to John Ball for coming to the rescue with his cherry picker to take it down so that no one was hurt! We have also with the church architect and various other people to look at how we can improve the entry to the church which is very uneven so plans are now being brought together to improve that. A digital plan of the church is to be drawn up so that all future plans to repair and maintain the church can be more easily and quickly drawn up to gain the necessary permissions.

Lots of news to catch up on and bring everyone up to speed but as we near the end of Lent may I end with these words of prayer and hope for the coming Easter season:

Lord, who is with us every step of the journey in our despair and in our delight, in our failures and our successes, we look to the new season, to Spring, new growth, fresh possibilities and community thanksgiving. May we keep journeying together in love and hope for all that lies ahead.

Wishing you Easter blessings,

Fran

The Yellow Teapot

The Yellow Teapot will be in action on Monday 17th April in Kenn Village Hall from 2-30 to 4pm.

A selection of delicious cakes and biscuits will be on the table.

Enjoy them while you chat.

Julia Bush



Jam Jar Alert from 'Heaven Preserve Us'

I've got a lot of jars just now, so please, no more until after the Coronation.

Just a reminder that there is a wide selection of HPU preserves, Jams, Marmalades, Chutneys and Jellies available in Kenn Church and at St Mary's Yatton.

Also from Kenn's monthly Village Market in KVH,

10am 'til noon on the second Saturday of the month.

All HPU items are packed in recycled jars, and contain no artificial anything.

Some are made with local fruit, so have very low food miles.

Thankyou, Julia Bush

Quorum Trio concert at St Mary's, Yatton, 22nd April.

The Yatton Music Society's Spring concerts continue with a brilliant wind and piano concert by the Quorum Trio. The Trio is led by the Imogen Triner (oboe) with Sally Bartholomew (bassoonist) and accompanied by James Drinkwater. Imogen and Sally are both accomplished solo, chamber and orchestral musicians, James is a Cambridge graduate tripos organ scholar and is currently Assistant Director of Music at Clifton College. The concert will feature music for both trio and accompanied solo instruments including the stunning 'flight of the bumble bee' played on the bassoon.

The concert starts at 7.30pm on 22nd April at St Mary's Church, ticket prices are £10, students over 16 half price, children free. The audience is assured of a warm welcome and superb music.

Details of the concert can be found on the society's website www.yms.org.uk

Jasper and Dana Porch, playing in the sunshine with the daffodils on Kenn Village Green



Charity Night at Kenn Village Hall - raised over £1,000.00 for the 2nd Clevedon Scouts.
Saturday 25th February - Live Folk and Blues Music Night -
excellent music, and food a most enjoyable event



A huge thank you to all who have so generously donated to the Clevedon Foodbank in the past month. The volunteers who work there have been genuinely surprised and extremely grateful for all the food, personal hygiene and cleaning products which Kenn villagers have donated.



Keep up the good work everyone, as everything donated goes to very grateful recipients and nothing is wasted.

Thank you very much!

Liz Jaehme

“Dear Liz

On behalf of the food bank I wish to thank you for the £140 worth of Tesco Gift Cards you sent from Kenn Villagers.

That is a very thoughtful gift which will be much appreciated by local people when they are desperate for support.

I do not know how Kenn Villagers operate but you seem to be a lovely bunch of people!

Thank you again.

Kind regards,
Carol Wood
Clevedon District foodbank admin volunteer
www.clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk”

KENN CHURCH ROOM - CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 22nd April - 10am —12 noon

Charity - St. Peter's Hospice - Hostesses - Ann Holtham & Diane Woolf

All Welcome - Come and enjoy coffee and a chat for a good cause!

If you would like to host one of the monthly Coffee Mornings
Please contact Celia Andrews on: 01275 877806

Useful Numbers:

Village Hall Booking:
Lyn & Nigel Burnett 01275 870189
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Coffee Morning

Saturday 8th April
10am — 12noon

North Somerset Times

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



APRIL WASTE COLLECTIONS - MONDAYS

Recycling and Food Waste 3rd, 10th, 17th, 23rd April
Rubbish 3rd and 17th April



CLEVEDON SALEROOMS



Clevedon Salerooms Ltd, The Auction Centre, Kenn Road, Kenn, Clevedon, BS21 6TT
<https://www.clevedonsalerooms.com>

Antiques, Interiors, Collectables & Jewellery

Thursday 20th April 10.30am

Quarterly Specialist Sale

Thursday 11th June 10.30am

Viewing Wednesday prior 10.00am–5.00pm

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Catalogues can be viewed at www.clevedonsalerooms.com

Bird News

The Starling murmuration at Tesco's in Clevedon finished abruptly early in the month and no doubt most of the birds will be heading north east to their nesting areas. A Barn Owl was seen at Manor Farm and despite the alternate spells of cold and wet weather they seem to have survived **the winter well. Field vole numbers have remained high so there hasn't** been a food shortage for them. And on the subject of Owls a Tawny was calling one evening behind the precinct in Yatton.

A probable Yellowhammer was seen near Kenn Village Hall, they are unusual visitors here but are resident in small numbers in the Cleeve, Brockley and Backwell areas.

Green Woodpeckers have been heard widely, they have been very vocal and seem to be widespread.

The wintering Snipe have been affected by the long dry spell in February and there were fewer in their traditional roosting fields, but there was one Jack Snipe seen on Kenn Moor.

Most of our winter thrushes have departed but a dozen were in Littlewood (27th) where a few pairs of Rooks had returned to nest. Nearby there were at least 40 Mute Swans.

The work installing the new pylons may have disturbed our local Peregrine but he was feeding on a pylon towards Congresbury on the 25th. The moors were generally quiet with nearly all the small birds taking advantage of garden feeders. Mid month saw a mass arrival of Chiffchaffs with the males singing almost immediately and a few Blackcaps were also in song.

April is the main arrival month for our summer visitors with Swallows and House Martins likely to be the most obvious. But lots of other birds will be on the move, passage Wheatears can turn up anywhere, one or two have been seen on the coastal strip already. The warblers will come in and the males will start singing and birds of prey will pass overhead, mostly Buzzards but the odd rarity as well.

Trevor Riddle - 01934 835208.



KENN W.I

At the March meeting of the Kenn W.I. Ruth Goulden came to speak to us about Sustainable Clevedon and very interesting it was too. Clevedon has been aware of the problems of climate change for a very long time and Ruth told us all about the local tree planting and Community Orchards and Gardens. She was also able to use the brand new screen in the Village Hall which made it so much easier for members to see and hear what was said. Thank you to everyone involved in installing it and to Caroline Holden for arranging for Ruth to come.

During March Kenn took part in the Curling Competition at Tickenham. In 2022 we won the championship. Unfortunately, we were unable to retain the championship and the cup was passed to Tickenham W.I.

On April 19th members will be attending a Group meeting at Yatton. The talk is to be on Magic and the competition is just called Abracadabra in any medium. Several of our very clever members have their thinking caps on.

The W.I. has undertaken to make the coffee at the Coffee morning in the Church Room in March and at the Village Market in April. All donations will be given to St. Peters Hospice. Members are still collecting clothing for the Mission to Seafarers at Avonmouth. We are also making up shoe boxes with toiletries for the sailors and knitting teddies for their children. Sailors often arrive in Britain without adequate clothing because they have been recruited in warmer climates and sometimes, they are not allowed ashore because of the risk of infection so cannot visit the shops. Chaplains go aboard to take them what they need.

At the last meeting two of our members reported that they had welcomed great grandchildren and one member had a new granddaughter. One member also reported that her husband had celebrated his 90th birthday. We congratulate them all.

At the April meeting Mrs. Jenny Pascoe is coming to tell us about First Aid. The emphasis will be suitable First Aid for members of the W.I. in their homes. We will be delighted to see anyone who wishes to attend on the second Wednesday of the month.

Ann Holtham

St John the Evangelist, Kenn

**The Annual Vestry Meeting of
St John The Evangelist, Kenn at which the
Churchwardens are elected for the coming year
will be held after 11.00am Holy Communion on Sunday 23rd April.**



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

Sunday Services at St. John's Kenn And All Saints' Kingston Seymour April 2023

April 2nd Palm Sunday

8.30am St John's Traditional Holy Communion

11am All Saints' All Together in Church

April 6th Maundy Thursday

7pm St John's A service of Communion with foot washing

April 7th Good Friday

**2pm All Saints' An Hour at the Foot of the Cross -
a service of prayers, music and reflection**

April 9th Easter Sunday

9.30am All Saints' All age Easter Celebration Communion

11am St John's All age Easter Celebration Communion

April 16th

11am All Saints' Holy Communion

April 23rd

11am St John's Holy Communion and Annual Meeting

April 30th

11am All Saints' Team Holy Communion

Lunch Break – thank you!

Lunch Break is a brilliant community team effort, baking cakes, making soup, helping set up and clear the hall, washing up and most importantly enjoying lunch together and having a good natter.

Thank you to everyone who has come along to Lunch Break since we started in November. We've just sent £140 to Clevedon Foodbank, making a grand total of £240 after 4 lunches.

Homemade soup, bread, cheese, homemade cake and, of course, tea and coffee all served at your table.

A donation of £5 per person goes towards the cost of the lunch and any leftover money is donated to Clevedon Foodbank.

So, if you work from home, on school holiday, retired, or otherwise free on a Monday lunchtime please pop along and share lunch with friends. A warm welcome is guaranteed!

Next Lunch Break - Monday 3rd April 12.30-2pm

No Lunch Break in May

Sarah and Tim

"Pop up Bar"

Our first pop up bar in the Village Hall of 2023 will be on Friday 5th May 7pm-11pm, 5th May, Coronation weekend.

Apart from our locally famous bar we will have as a special treat live music from "Buster Jack" all the way from Duck Lane for the occasion.

See you there,

Nigel & John and "Buster Jack"





Kenn Village Market and Coffee Morning

The March market was well supported again and we were pleased to welcome some new stall holders.

A big thank you to Andre who helped and we raised £116.10 through the refreshments which was divided equally and sent to the RNLI and The Air Ambulance.

The next market is on Saturday 8th April from 10am to 12 noon

The W.I. will be hosting refreshments, proceeds to St Peter's Hospice.

Caroline will be discussing food for the Coronation Celebrations

Hope you can join us.

Lyn 870189 and Maggie 876277

The Galvanised Bin.

I am sad to report that I can no longer take the tablet blister packs. The supply chain has broken down.



The Superdrug in Clevedon does not collect. The stores in Weston and Bridgwater do collect but only individual deposits. Not community collected sacks.

I am trying to source another collection point. I will keep you informed. Judging by the volume of used medication packs there is obviously a need for recycling. Thank you everyone. Special thank you to Margaret and John who picked up all the wind-blown packs on Kenn Street.

Caroline x

Coronation Weekend.

It is The Coronation on the 6th May 2023. I am suggesting we make a weekend of it and have a village get together.

As in keeping with the palace, I propose a scaled down affair from The Platinum Celebrations.

Everybody brings food to share. I will be at the next market, and we can have a list of savoury and sweet. So, people know what to bring. That way we will also know how many people are coming without selling tickets.

I have £195 left over from the platinum so I can get tablecloths and napkins from Macro. To cut down on washing up we can have recyclable plates. Although I do like eating with proper cutlery.

No big dish washing rota. It works as a novelty but let's not impose it every year.

We can have a bin for plates, swill them out then put on the compost., and another for cutlery that can then go down to my dishwasher.

John will run a bar and people can bring their own drink if they wish. We can have speeches and a toast. The toast can be a drink from the bar or BYO. A champagne toast is labour intensive to organise.

Itinerary for the Coronation Weekend.

Friday 5th May evening. Buster Jack Band in the hall. John H and Nigel will run a Bar.

Saturday 6th May. Evening bar plus prepare the hall for Sunday.

Sunday 7th May.

12noon. Arrival. Bar open or Bring Your Own.

12.30pm. Speeches, toast and sing National Anthem.

1.00pm Shared lunch.

2.30pm. A knockout game where everyone joins in.

3.30pm Tea and cake.

All these times are flexible.

I suggest the only money that changes hands is over the bar. Throughout the year we all do enough charity giving. Also, it creates another job to do.

Caroline and John.



John, with Fergie and Cherry Picker removes the cross from the church porch for repair

These pylons look enormous when photographed with a human for scale.

These men were 'stringing' up the new cables using a huge winch, fascinating to watch them take up the strain on these cables.

I understand that they are shorter than the old type



Chris Holloway

Save the date - Sunday 4th June - Big Kenn Litter Pick

At the Annual Parish Meeting a few weeks back there was a discussion about the litter along our roads. At the Village market the next Saturday this was raised again and the view of some of us there was that it is time to organise a Village Litter Pick. We have done these from time to time in the past and the last one was pre-covid.

More details will be in next month's KN&V but we plan to have a Village Litter Pick on the **afternoon of Sunday 4th June**, followed by free refreshments and cake in the Hall. (This is the end weekend of half term week).

Please, please, do try to support the village in this. The more people we have (and families are welcome) the easier (and more fun) the job gets. Ideally we are looking at clearing Kenn Street and Duck Lane, the main road, Kenn Moor road and hopefully Davis Lane (which is the worst mess of the lot!)

Thanks!

Stephen (also on behalf of John Ball and John Haydon).

Yatton Local History Society

Tuesday April 4th at 7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church

There will be a talk on the Matthew of Bristol by Clive Burlton

If you are not a member and want to join or want to register an email address please contact - YLHS at yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

On Palm Sunday evening, Sunday 2nd April at 7:30pm

Yatton & Winscombe Chorale under the baton of Ian Hubbard, will be singing Mozart's "Sparrow Mass", along with a variety of other musical items by Stanford, Tallis, Bruckner & Rutter, concluding with the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

Everyone is welcome, and there is no entrance charge, although a retiring collection will be taken after the concert; all donations will be shared between the ;
Clevedon & District Foodbank
and the Care of St. Mary's Fund.





Josephine Rose Cooper 27.4.1938 — 18.2.2023

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Jo Cooper, was held at St John the Evangelist, Kenn on Wednesday 15th March, just five weeks after the funeral of her beloved husband Colin

Our village flag was at half-mast for the funeral as it was to mark her passing and Jo 's family was again supported by a congregation of friends, neighbours and villagers, who had held Jo in great esteem.



Kevin, supported by Chris, told us of Jo's life - Jo was born in Ipswich, an only child and with few immediate relatives. Her parents emigrated to Australia in the 70's, and never returned to the UK to visit or reside, Mum did manage to visit them on two occasions before they passed.

I think the distant relationship Mum experienced with her parents shaped the importance and value she put on our family. Until very recently, and only then as a result of her own failing health, she was an absolute rock for the family, always there for us, non judgemental, nothing too much trouble or an inconvenience. But it wasn't just with family, her warmth, care and selfless generosity shone through to everyone who had the pleasure to meet her.

Cooking was another way that Mum showed her love and care for us, Sunday dinners were routine and especially good when she made the family favourite of steamed pudding with homemade marmalade.

Despite bringing up two boys and looking after the household, a consistent part of her life involved amateur dramatics with both Congresbury and Clevedon Players, both acting in and producing plays. A number of you present today will have been part of the Congresbury production of Blithe Spirit. I have memories of being seconded to help her practice her lines.

Chris and I can't recall much about Mum's earlier work roles but she clearly had good secretarial skills and as we got older she became PA to a number of consultants working at the Bupa hospital in Clifton, work that she greatly enjoyed.

Mum loved to sketch and paint with water colours and later with oils, there are a number of pictures hung around the house, that she painted herself. She loved to walk the dog with dad. They both loved their dogs, firstly a Keeshond and then 3 springer spaniels, one after the other.

For those who knew the last dog, Casper, it's my pleasure to inform you that we have found him a lovely home and family who were bowled over with him and we are pleased and confident that they will provide him with loving care going forwards.

Mum loved the sunshine and travelling to different places to enjoy the sights and experience new cultures, France was a favourite and more recently they went on cruises together. This was sadly curtailed as Dad's illness worsened. Mum carried on being that rock, slowly taking over everything required for their lives, all the driving, shopping, walking the dog, cooking, finances, keeping the house going and of course, personal care for Dad. I'm truly proud of how she coped.

Jo and Colin had lived apart for 20 months when Dad had to go into a care home suffering from vascular dementia, they spent most of dad's last day together at with mum at his bedside, and when Dad passed the next day in January this year I really believe it broke her heart.

On Tuesday 21st March, at 930am both Jo and Colin's ashes were interred together, in Kenn Churchyard, within sight of Ilexmead, their family home for 44 years.

Our Monthly Missive from The Limes - April already! Ouch!

Occasionally when you have passed along Kenn Street you may have noticed some good looking men with a purposeful look about them clustered outside the Village Hall. Let me say straightaway that most of the men are already spoken for, so ladies please do not get excited.

You may be wondering what is happening. If you look at the right hand end of the wall of the village hall facing the road you'll see it has been replaced – the new section being a darker green. Over the next few months we will be replacing all the outer skin of the hall (which I think is original) and inserting insulation in the gap between the inner and outer walls so the hall should be a lot warmer in winter. In the past, winter has been a bit grim there. When I have run winter beekeeping courses, after the first session the attendees have worked out where to sit so they get the benefit of the overhead heaters!

This work on the hall is just part of a long tradition of upkeep and enhancement by the village and this has triggered my thoughts that it would be useful to give you a taste of its history. To that end I have been greatly helped by some old timers from the village and some not-so-old timers and a history written by the late Roly Hazell.

The fact that we have a village hall at all is due to the WI and a local vicar. Prior to the First World War, village halls were a rarity. Some towns had working men's clubs but in the country, people either met in homes or the church or the pub or the local school. After the Great War, for a number of reasons there was an explosion in village hall building and more village halls were constructed in the 10 years after the war than at any comparable period since.

One of the triggers in building halls across the country was the availability of surplus huts after the war. We believe Kenn Village Hall was a second hand army hospital hut but where it came from we don't know, hence the cryptic reference to its parentage in the Ode to Kenn Village Hall. (Also the towers or spires in the Ode were actually ventilators. Now they have washing up bowls on the top!) Another trigger for building halls was the desire to restore a sense of community in rural areas which had suffered extensively with the loss of so many men and I think grants were available in some cases.

With the WI wanting facilities, in the end the local vicar collected a subscription from villagers in the form of £1 shares and went and purchased the hut off the army. It was erected by William King, a local builder in 1920/21 and cost about £320. The ground the hall is on was provided by a Mr William Corp for the princely sum of one guinea per annum. The current landowner receives £1.05 each year..

Inside, the hall was more or less as you see it now. There were no extra rooms, these being added later. There was a stage which used by a three piece band for local dances and the odd school play. To the right of it was added a small kitchen and to the left was the Ladies. The men's toilet was a wall outside and then a lean to with a door where the skittle alley ends. I'm told it was disgusting.

Heating was by paraffin heaters and as in its early days much of its use was for dances it was amazing that no dresses caught fire as the dancers swirled past. Also bear in mind that until the 40's and 50's there was no mains electricity or water in the village and mains drains came a lot later.

During the years 1923 to 1935 the activities in the Hall were very popular. Younger members of the WI organised dances, socials, plays and sketches and senior members organised Whist Drives etc. Kenn had a number of talented vocalists and they took part as well. From 1936 to 1939 there was a lull in membership as members had either passed on or moved away. When the Second World War began, the Hall was let to a Mr Martin for the duration as a furniture store. Prior to this a number of functions and auctions were held to raise money for the war effort.

In the 50's a Youth Group was formed with table tennis, skittles and various games. Membership was around a dozen with youth coming from Kingston and Tickenham as well as Kenn. The youth also painted the hall a couple of times. In those days it had a black roof and green walls.

The hall continued to be used for all sort of activities. Mr Langham, the vicar, had a magic lantern show for example. Mrs Pople ran a party for the children which was highlight of the year for them and of course the Coronation was a major event.

Nowadays there is a huge range of activities at the Hall and it is in use most days. Some of the present and past activities are: salsa classes, local wedding functions, village parties, WI, Village Market, Parish Council, election venue, fitness events, coffee mornings, band practices, flower workshop, beekeeping courses, church events, local scouts for a camp over, concerts such as Songs from the Shed, birthday parties, private meetings and so on.

These activities and the occasional donation pay for the hall and its upkeep. There is no other income. The Hall is managed by a committee and income is used for the ongoing costs of bills and maintenance, although with the latter, as much as possible is done free of charge by villagers – as evidenced by the team currently replacing the outer skin on the walls.

It is interesting that although the hall is over 100 years old, the existing tin and beams underneath are in surprisingly good condition. A few years ago the roof was replaced and insulated and this current phase will complete the insulation of the hall.

Since the hall was originally built, various add-ons have been constructed. The kitchen was extended in 2004 and I'm told can cater for meals for up to 90 people. An entrance porch was added at some stage and subsequently expanded with new toilets and a storeroom. The windows have also been replaced. We also have a disabled toilet and a rear porch. Furnishings have also been replaced over the years and although the original stage is no longer present we have some form of portable stage.

At this rate the hall looks good for another 100 years but of course this is subject to continuing loving care from the village. The Hall is iconic, there is nothing like it in the area and we trust that the next generation of villagers will cherish it as much as the current and past generations.

My thanks to Hartley Staples, Ann Holtham, Sarah Clark and John Ball for assistance on this article. Also thanks to the aforementioned good looking men, without whom I would have nothing interesting with which to start this article.

As usual, if anything is wrong it is my fault! Stephen

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2023

KENN PARISH COUNCILLORS

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2023 Meetings

4 May – Council Elections

15 May – Statutory Ann. Council

3 July – Council

4 September – Council

6 November - Council

The meetings will be held at 7:30pm in the Village Hall – agendas on the noticeboards before the above date.

For the local elections on 4 May 23

REMEMBER TO

- 1- Register to vote.
- 2- Check my photo ID
- 3- Vote at a polling station!

The quickest and easiest way to register to vote is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

[Local Government Elections, Thursday 4 May 2023](#)

Key deadlines

Deadline to [register to vote](#): midnight Monday 17 April 2023

Deadline to apply to [vote by post](#): 5pm Tuesday 18 April 2023

Deadline to apply to [vote by proxy](#): 5pm Tuesday 25 April 2023

Deadline to apply for a [voter authority certificate](#): 5pm Tuesday 25 April 2023

Kenn Parish Council Elections – 4 May 2023

STANDING AS A PARISH COUNCILLOR:

Full guidance on how to stand for the elections is on the [Electoral Commission's website](#). The guidance covers eligibility; how to stand; permitted expenditure; the campaign; your rights and what happens after the declaration of the result.

The Notice of Election is published at least 25 working days before the election date.

This is when nomination packs will be available on the North Somerset Council website. The pack will include essential information about the polls and key documents to complete and return, such as the nomination paper to be hand delivered to the Returning Officer.

KEY DEADLINE:

- **Nomination of candidates' (district and parish councillors) time period – from publication of the Notices of Election until 4pm on Tuesday 4 April 2023**

SO WHAT DO LOCAL COUNCILS DO?

Local councils have an overall responsibility for the wellbeing of their local neighbourhood. Their work falls into three main categories:

- Representing the local community
- Delivering services to meet local needs
- Trying to improve quality of life in the local area

They will often work with the principal authority in the local area and cooperate to ensure the effective delivery of services to the local community.

OTHER PLACES WITH INFORMATION:

www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor

www.nalc.gov.uk/library/publications/804-it-takes-all-sorts/file Represent your community, make a difference

