



A special thank you from Win Cole to her nieces, Irene and Heather, who potted up these flowers for her quite a number of years ago.

Win, now aged 101 and living in Yatton is so pleased with them and wanted to share her joy with her friends and family.



NEWS & VIEWS

Birthdays & Anniversaries - August

- 3rd Clare Rogers
- 4th Ollie Staples
- 6th Steve Bye
- 7th Lorraine Allison
- 10th Stephen Brain
- 12th Margaret & John Ball W.A.
- 15th Jean Naish
Nathaniel Stowell
Ruby Hill
- 16th Max Naish
- 18th Matt Hibbs
- 20th Bridget Slade
- 23rd Mark Pascoe
- 26th Peter Woods
Sylvia Staples
- 27th John Staples
Caroline & John Hayden W.A.
- 29th Sylvia & John Staples W.A.
Jane & Hartley Staples W.A.
- 31st Jill & Matt Butland W.A.

Rev Fran Binding

The new House for Duty Priest for St John the Evangelist Church, Kenn, and All Saints Church, Kingston Seymour will be licensed in a small Zoom service on Monday, 3rd August.

Her first service in Kenn will be on Sunday 9th August at 11am.

We hope to arrange some kind of 'Welcome Fran' event, but will confirm the actual details nearer the time as Government advice often arrives at short notice!

JB&JB

St John's the Evangelist, Kenn

Our Church Bell

was rung to celebrate the first service after lockdown on Sunday 26th July.

Thanks to Mike Callow

Our Flag

Our flag was flown on 4th July to celebrate Paul Ashton's 60th birthday



Thankyou,
Thankyou,

To everyone who has supported St John's during it's 'Quiet Time'.

These include those who mowed the churchyard grass, repointed some stonework, tended the flower beds, cleaned the toilet, put the bins out, locked and unlocked doors where appropriate.

Thank you JB&JB



Rev Fran Binding

Dear all,

Thank you for all the welcomes I have had thus far after moving into Kingfisher Cottage.

At last I have unpacked all the boxes and am beginning to feel at home.

The team must be a magnet to Welsh folk as I too am a South Walian born in Abergavenny and brought up for most of my young life in Carmarthen. I then studied music at York University, did a PGCE in Music and Drama in Newcastle upon Tyne and began my teaching

career in Leicester. From there I moved to Bridgnorth in Shropshire where I had eighteen happy and eventful years as Head of Music and wider school management at one of the two comprehensive schools in the town. I was ordained deacon in 2002 and joined the team at Bromyard, Herefordshire as curate. From there I moved to a parish in Worcester where I was also Chaplain to the City Council and Assistant Area Dean. I had a complete change when I moved to Wraxall with Failand to be nearer family and I have spent almost eight happy years there. I had no intention of retiring but when my grandson was born I knew I wanted to be able to spend more time with him, my daughter and my son-in-law so the opportunity to apply for the House for Duty post at Kenn and Kingston Seymour was a real gift. How blessed am I that I was offered the post! Thank you.

Now a new chapter and I am so excited to begin my new ministry and semi-retirement among you. I have a shepherd's hut in a friend's garden in Upton on Severn which is my bolt hole and I often spend time in Bristol with my daughter, son-in-law and grandson so when my car is not on the drive overnight then these are the most likely places I might be.

Other than that I shall be around and about in Kenn and Kingston Seymour getting to know the community that God has graciously called me to. I love music, literature, gardening, people and God and look forward to spending more time with them all. Huge thanks for this opportunity.

Fran

After four months, a Service at Kenn Church.

On Sunday 26th July at 11am, St John's Church, Kenn, opened for public worship after a gap of four months, due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Rev Avril Gaunt led a quiet service of prayer, readings, gentle music and reflection.

It was lovely to see the congregation and visitors from Yatton and Kingston, socially distanced on every pew. There were lovely flowers, and candles lit. We relished the worship, but also loved the fellowship of folk we had not seen for so long.

There will be similar services every fortnight throughout August.

JB&JB



Dear Margaret,

Following the photo on July's magazine cover, you've no doubt been inundated with photographs of the wild flowers' development on Kenn's green..



What a joyful display! It's a riotous kaleidoscope of colour that makes me smile each time I go by - so, on my way home from church today, I resolved to stop and photograph it.

Returning to the car, I noticed a 'kiss' in the sky, hence the second picture.

They are blooming lovely! Thanks to whoever is responsible.

Helen Callow

Supper Club and News from The Drum

The Drum is looking good with its newly-planted flower-pots outside and it has been great to see people sitting having a drink.

You will probably have seen from Facebook or the new board Jamie has put outside the pub, that as from Wednesday 29th July, he is welcoming us back to the restaurant with new items on the menu.



Maybe it won't be too long before Supper Club can return.

You can now pay by card again, and you can contact Jamie on jfthomas314@gmail.com or phone him on 07393 743471

Book group.

We met in the patio at the back of the village hall. Socially distanced and enjoying a bottle of wine.



It was so good to be back together again. Sharing the books we have read and waxing lyrical about our latest philosophy on life.

As usual we are so diverse in our choice of books. Roman history and novels set in Venice.

We also discussed 'The Silver Sword' a children's classic written by Ian Serrailier. This novel is set during the WW 2 and is about three children on their own escaping the Nazis. We thought we could remember this story being serialised on the television.

We also talked about psychotherapy texts books that one group member was reading.

We are going to meet again soon and swap and share our current reading books

Stay safe and well.

Book group.

Heaven Preserve Us

Please remember that during daylight hours there is a wide selection of HPU marmalades, jams and chutneys on sale in the porch at Quercus, Kenn Street.

Many of the prices have been reduced if the 'best before ' date is shorter than usual.

I am happy to deliver in the Kenn, Clevedon and Yatton area.

Cakes

On Friday 7th of August I will be making the sort of cakes I usually make for the Village Market. Lemon Drizzle, Fruit Cake, Chocolate and Coffee Sponges, Spicy Apple, Marmalade.

Delivery or collection to be arranged.

Profits to the British Red Cross

Thank You, Julia Bush. 01275 873554

Thanks to everyone who recently munched cakes and wore masks from Quercus ('though presumably not at the same time), I was able to send enough profit to pay for one complete surgery by Smiletrain.

Smiletrain.org provides surgery for children born with clefts in developing countries. I will keep selling masks until the demand ceases, hope to raise enough to finance at least one more operation.

How cool that by covering up our smiles someone else will have a lovely new one.

Shaped and pleated face masks available in the porch at Quercus in Kenn Street.

Small donation to Smiletrain please.

Thanks,

Julia Bush



Useful Numbers:

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**NO VILLAGE MARKET
IN AUGUST**
Postponed due to
Covid 19

North Somerset Times -
copies available in the
Church Porch each week



MONDAYS

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Dustbin 10th, 24th August

Green Waste 10th, 24th August



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KENN W.I.

Weather willing, members of the Kenn W.I will hope to meet in the field behind the Kenn Village Hall on Wednesday 12th August at 2 p.m.

In order that we will not use the Village Hall, members are asked to bring their own chairs and any refreshment that they will require. Toilet facilities will not be available for members to use. However, it will be so good to catch up with one another again and hear all the news.

We were unable to have the July meeting so missed hearing Pauline Cox from Sow and Arrow, an eatery in the Triangle in Clevedon, who was due to talk to us. Sow and Arrow have continued to trade throughout the pandemic and in July 2021 it will be most interesting to hear how they got on.

The month for the collection of subscriptions has been changed and they will now be collected in March. Hopefully, we will be meeting as normal again by then. Our first meeting which will probably be in January will be taken up with the AGM and a great deal of chatter. At the moment the present Committee will stand for another year. If any member is burning to join the Committee they can be co-opted.

So far all but one of the members are well and she is now home from hospital and making progress.

We look forward to meeting again.

Ann Holtham

NEW WINE - a message from Warren Williams

You will remember New Wine of course from when we were with you which Diana introduced me to many years ago at their annual Summer Camp at the Bath and Somerset Agricultural show.

Everything exceedingly well organised and great for young families and children. Also for single people too. Lots going on. Sadly, for us locally, it moved to Peterborough a couple of years ago so Diana and I haven't had a chance to go since.

However, because of *lock-down* New Wine have decided to 'broadcast' their 'first-ever online event' starting next Thursday 30th for a few days – see below -



They are bringing some of the *best bits* of *United* (their annual summer gathering) to our homes - which is great news – to dip in whenever we'd like to - all is **FREE** –

I am relaying this information to you so I hope the links will work – things are usually sent to me because I am still classed as a 'leader' despite being retired.

If it links to the website under my name – please whatever you do 'do not unsubscribe me' :)

Resources there too for Church Leaders – see links -

Maybe some of your flock may like to take a look too? Thinking of Sunday school / Messy Church leader Resources maybe ?

Meals for Mums.

This is a relatively new Kenn tradition. In a house where there is a new baby, a hot cooked meal is delivered at 5pm for one week.



There is a team of 10 sometimes 12 people who are willing to participate in this welcoming of a new person to our community.

The meals have been delicious, plentiful and usually accompanied with a cake or pudding.

Each year there has been one or two babies born in the village. One year we had three.

There was a baby born before the lockdown and we were ready with our rota and recipes.

The virus was spreading people were being cautious.

We decided to delay the meals until later in the year.

There is another baby due later this year.

Sadly, I think it is wisest to stop 'Meals for Mums'.

While we are coming out of lockdown we do not know how this virus will linger, mutate or spike.

The 'Meals for Mums' involves a lot of handling of food and utensils.

Also going to people's houses to deliver the meals.

The message is simple, 'not on our watch'.

Caroline xx

Message from Your Village Agent, Sarah Friend

Hi everyone, I've been missing you all at the Kenn Lunch and Yellow Teapot and hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

Whilst COVID-19 is still limiting the way I can work (remotely), I thought I'd remind you that I am still here to help in any way I can, whether it's a chat or help with any problem (big or small) you may have.

Just get in touch either by phone on 01275 878180, 0771 0580751 or email sarah.friend@curo-group.co.uk. Would be lovely to hear from you!



Here's hoping that normality will resume soon and I can return to your lovely Village.

Until we meet again, stay safe and well Sarah Friend



Isn't Kenn a Great Place to Live?

Liz and I want to thank all our friends and neighbours in Kenn who have given us cards and flowers to celebrate our recent ruby wedding anniversary.

We feel so privileged to receive such warm wishes from so many people. A big thank you to everyone for your kindness. Hopefully, next year when Covid is behind us, we can celebrate more fully.

Best wishes

Martin & Liz Jaehme

**Thanks to Matt Hibbs
for passing on this once in a
thousand years occurrence**

Take your age at the end of
this year, and add to your
birth year and it doesn't
matter who you ask but the
answer will always be
2020!

Julia Stallings Key

28th June from Julia Key to both me and Revd Tim Scott

I hope that you, your family, and your parish are all well. Sorry to bother you at such a serious time, but being older and trying to social distance, I have had time to work on non-essential projects.

I was wondering if it would be possible to have a photo of the tablet for Sir Nicholas Staling with the shield of arms in the St. John the Evangelist Church in Kenn? A good phone photo would suffice, if possible.



I have been looking for my English Stallings ancestors for a while, but it has been rather difficult since my original surname ancestor, Nicholas Stallings (Stallenge - various spellings at the time), came to Jamestown, Virginia from England in 1635. It is a long shot, but a Nicholas Stallenge from Somerset was an investor in the Jamestown Company in the early 1600s. Thank you for your time.

So, having failed to email it, I photographed parts of Hazel Limage's Church Leaflet for Julia - response below. I have since popped a copy of Hazels Leaflet in the post to her.

Dear Margaret,

Thank you so much for the photos of the memorial tablet and the transcription. How wonderful that such an ancient record still stands. It was so kind of you to take the time to help me.

My original surname immigrant ancestor, Nicholas Stallings (sometimes spelled Stallinge in records at this time) came to Jamestown, Virginia from England on the Primrose in 1635. It is not a common name in the U.S., and I have found few traces of it in England. A William Stallenge, gentleman, from Somerset, England was an investor in the Virginia Company in 1606. Dna testing has shown that all of the Stallings men tested in the U.S. are from the same British male line. However, the early parish records in Nanesmond Co., Virginia (south eastern Virginia) where they settled were destroyed in a fire in the 1700s.

I attended a conference in Oxford last summer and was able to visit the tiny hamlet, Fulwell, and the above church, All Saints, Spelsbury, Oxfordshire as well as St. Anne's Epwell, Oxfordshire where my mother's ancestors lived and worshipped prior to coming to America in 1705. These churches were also quite old, but did not have any monuments or tombstones prior to the 1700s. Fortunately, they did have church records of my ancestors from the 1500s to the early 1700s.

Thank you again for your help. I hope that you and your family are well. I am so grateful for the preservation of all of these monuments from our past. I would like to help in any small financial way with the continued preservation, if needed. I hope to visit England again someday.

Kindest regards,
Julia Stallings Key
Key2Lock@aol.com
2818 Peachtree Place
Augusta, Georgia 30909
Sent from my iPhone

Resuming Public Worship in the Yatton Moor Parish

Team Rector — Rev Tim Scott writes: *I am delighted that we can now resume public worship in church and below are details. We welcome you warmly to these services and look forward to seeing you.*

It will be lovely to meet again in person. Please note, the zoom on-line services we have started at 6pm each Sunday will continue during August and maybe further beyond that.

Our priority in deciding the pattern for resuming worship is to provide a safe space for people which enables them to return with confidence. No-one should be asked to take on any tasks with which they do not feel comfortable as a result of Covid-19 and plans may have to change at short notice in the light of any amended Government guidance.

I am really grateful to those who have worked hard in preparation and planning for our resumption of public worship ensuring we abide by Government and Church guidance.

*Along with the majority of churches, we are taking things slowly and in a phased way. After consultation, we have agreed an initial phase of return for worship for **July and August** holding simple said services, initially without communion, as follows:*

August Services

Sunday 2nd August

10.00 a.m. St Marys Yatton

11.00 a.m. All Saints Kingston Seymour

Sunday 9th August

10.00 a.m. St Marys Yatton

11.00 a.m. St. Johns Kenn

Sunday 16th August

10.00 a.m. St Marys Yatton

11.00 a.m. All Saints Kingston Seymour

Sunday 23rd August

10.00 a.m. St Marys Yatton

11.00 a.m. St. Johns Kenn

Sunday 30th August

10.00 a.m. St Marys Yatton

The wild flowers on the village green are magnificent, a sea of blue cornflowers interspersed with red and orange poppies and other flowers.

Our thanks to Rob Treble for sourcing the seed, preparing the ground and sowing the seed creating such a stunning display.

A great use of our local precept.

Robin and Marianna



Greatly appreciated — thanks go to Kenn Parish Council for their initiative.

Also thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Magazine

Margaret - also thanks for all help received in so many ways.

Beekeeping in Kenn

Often when I bump into people, apart from the hello, how are you stuff, the next question might be: "How are the bees?".

This may be because they are interested and think I know the answer or it may be they can't think of anything else to say to me. Am I really that typecast? Anyway I thought this month I'd give a little update and background on beekeeping.

In general there are three types of beekeepers. You could argue that in fact there are only two types – good ones and bad ones but let's ignore that.

The first group most of you will have come across as we have several in the village. We have a few hives each and keep bees as a hobby and for some honey. People like us make up the bulk of beekeepers in this country and if it wasn't for them we would have very few bees at all in this land.

If you want some statistics, in the North Somerset area there are over 150 beekeepers and in Kenn you are not more than half a mile from a beehive. In the old Avon area there are around 500 beekeepers.

In the country overall there are probably 40,000 beekeepers and over 250,000 hives. With these numbers bees are not going to die out overnight.

The next group sadly are quite controversial and have caused a lot of division in the beekeeping world. They believe all other beekeepers are cruel to their bees and are doing it all wrong. Instead, bees should be kept in as natural a state as possible and so they call themselves Natural Beekeepers. There are a number in the area and they can be quite vocal.

The downside of their approach is that disease monitoring and treatment is minimal and they allow colonies to swarm with consequent problems for the rest of us who have to collect them from upset homeowners.

Bees in cavity walls, chimneys etc are no fun. Finally because of the way they keep their bees, their colonies tend to be short-lived.

The third group are those keeping bees on an industrial scale, either for all their livelihood or part of it. These are the bee farmers. We also have one or two in the area. It is not a way of life I'd choose on its own as you are so subject to the vagaries of our climate plus the challenges of existing and new diseases.

It is also sheer hard work. Bee farming starts at 30 hives or more and goes up to several hundred. The best known in the South West may be Quince Honey Farm in Devon near South Molton.

So how are the bees this year?

The answer is “generally OK”. My situation is different to most as I am downsizing, so am not pursuing honey production as I have masses anyway.

At one time I had over 25 colonies and bred colonies for beginners as well as for harvesting honey. At that sort of level you need a partner and sadly my partner Phil died last year, although I was already cutting down.

The winter and spring this year were quite extraordinary. Colonies always go through winter with a reduced strength, 10,000 bees instead of 50,000 bees or so they have in the summer if they observe the textbooks.

This spring when I checked the bees I was astonished at how strong the colonies were and how much honey they had already brought in from blossom. I had never had so much come in at that time of year before.

Since then the weather has been variable. We had a long period of hot days and no rain. Lack of rain does reduce the nectar flow (which is what honey comes from) so although bees were flying, not much was happening and then recently it has been colder.

Nevertheless they have done well.

Traditionally in this area July is the best month as the bramble and some hedgerow plants are at their best. After that not much happens and we prepare for winter for which we need strong, healthy colonies.

Most of us should therefore be in a good position.

Finally a bit of advice for would-be beekeepers. Join your local beekeeping branch and attend their meetings and training courses.

Get to look inside a hive with a beekeeper early on to check you are Ok with bees around.

Get a mentor. Beekeepers are only too glad to help.

Don't expect to make any money!

Stephen Brain

President Avon Beekeepers Association

Bird News

Our song birds have stopped singing, many are now going into their summer moult and the countryside is quietening down. The passage of Red Kites has also slowed, but one was over Yatton early in the month, a Hobby was seen at Kingston Bridge and Peregrines are returning to pylon perches.

Two pairs of Barn Owls on Congresbury Moor failed to nest this year perhaps because the drought and heat caused the grass to stop growing and the voles to stop breeding. However, a pair at Kingston Seymour have three large Owlets so there has been some success.

Jeff Naish reports Little Owls with young at Tickenham and he has also seen and heard Barn and Tawny Owls as well as a pair of Kestrels. He has heard more Chaffinches this year, a good sign as there are concerns that this common bird was in decline.

Jeff has also spotted two Great White Egrets and another was seen near Congresbury. The colony on the Somerset Levels have produced 37 young this year so they are likely to become a more regular sight.

There seems to be at least four pairs of Yellowhammers in the Brockley Way area, another encouraging sign and Linnets have been seen regularly in Wemberham Lane and on Kenn Moor. The latter site produced a flock of 18 Mistle Thrushes; this species is an early nester and forms flocks in mid-summer, Kenn Moor being a traditional site.

Swifts seem to be in reasonable numbers, there are reports of fledged House Martins and a flock of 50 Swallows was a welcome sight in Wemberham Lane. The Swifts will be off by early August and returning migrants will start to appear, keep an eye on your gardens and you might see a surprise Redstart or Spotted Flycatcher.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

Neighbourhood Watch

Received 10th July Please be aware that one of our schemes has reported another potential scam. This time an automated call from Visa stating a transaction for £299 to Tesco has been authorised and asking for confirmation.

The telephone number that called was 02039 669 829.



Several members have reported to have received the same call already.

Should you receive the same call, simply hang up and notify Action Fraud on this number 0300 123 2040 or report it via their website below:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Received 20th July The current virus situation is just one of the reasons for a huge increase in the number of people doing their shopping online.

ActionFraud has produced a handy guide on how to stay safe when shopping online, and this is attached to this Alert message. Please pass it on to your friends, relatives and neighbours.

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk///media/32957976/are-you-shopping-online.pdf>

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 August and for the foreseeable future. At the moment I am thinking we will not have the lunch again until Jan or Feb 2021.

I know this sounds over cautious. It will be best to wait and see, as lockdown restrictions are lifted, if there is a raise in corona cases and at worst deaths. This is so we are all safe and we do not spread the Coronavirus.

I have sent £345 to the food bank. They appreciate donations of money as well as food. The team have to cover the cost of rent.

Stay safe and well. Caroline.

KENN PARISH COUNCIL**2020****The new North Somerset Local Plan 2038**

North Somerset Council are in the early stages of preparing a new local plan for North Somerset. The way we live our lives has changed over the last 15 years and will continue to change in many ways. The Covid-19 pandemic has made us all think about how we plan for the future.

The North Somerset Local Plan will guide housing, jobs and business investment, transport, community facilities and supporting infrastructure in the area until 2038. It will also shape investment and funding for the infrastructure which will support new homes, workplaces and community facilities for the next 15 years and beyond.

This first stage of Local Plan consultation focuses on the challenges we believe we face in North Somerset and the issues the plan needs to address:

- the climate emergency and the need to work towards a low carbon future
- job creation and the allocation of space for business
- how to provide the right type and number of houses and create new communities
- creating high quality, sustainable places
- protecting important green and blue spaces as well as the character of existing villages and towns
- the future role of the Green Belt.

An online consultation will run for the six-week period Wednesday 22 July to Wednesday 2 September 2020 at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/newlocalplan

The online consultation will be supported by regular updates across the council's social media platforms. There will be many other opportunities to get involved and have your say but the time to really influence the development of the new Local Plan for North Somerset is now.

Have your say and help shape North Somerset's future.

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS – Monday 10 August 20 TO Monday 21 September 20

Each year the smaller authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). The AGAR is displayed from the 1 August 20 on the Village Hall noticeboard. It will not be reviewed by the appointed auditor, since the smaller authority has certified itself as exempt from the appointed auditor's review. Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the AGAR, the accounting records for the financial year to which it relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2020, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by contacting the Kenn Parish Clerk.

The main documents are also available to view on the Parish Council website.

Clerk's change of address, send to:
10 Frobsiher Avenue, Portishead, BS20 6XB

2020 Meetings**7:30pm in the Village Hall****7 September – Council Meeting****2 November – Council Meeting**

Covid-19 : All Kenn Parish Council meetings have been cancelled until further notice – see village noticeboards.

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