



## **Kenn Village Hall**

We welcome the whole of the Village community  
to come together to mark

Kenn Village Hall's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

on Saturday 7 August - at the Village Hall - from 3 pm onwards  
for a celebratory Birthday Tea Party.

Cream Tea - Birthday Cake and Toast to the Hall - Live Music  
Village Photograph - Children's Activities - Cars Through the Ages

We are aiming, weather permitting,  
to hold the event on the lawn and patio behind the Hall.

*Kenn Village Hall Committee*

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 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.

**Our Flag**

Our St Georges' Flag was flown twice during July to show our support for the England Football Team

Our Flag was flown on 15th July for the wedding of Harry Butland and Emily Loving

Our Flag was flown on 24th July for the wedding of Marie Warren and Jason Wilson

Our Flag was flown on 27th July to celebrate Mike Bell's 80th Birthday

**Freddie Thomas from Moorside Farm** with his steam ploughing engine snapped by Rob Treble in Kenn Street 24.7.21

***We hope it will be at the 100th Party  
KVH 7th August***



St John the Evangelist, Kenn



ALTAR GUILD - AUGUST

Margaret Ball and Ruth Bowen



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

## Services at St. John's Kenn and All Saints' Kingston Seymour in August 2021

### August 1<sup>st</sup>

8.30am St John's BCP Communion

11am All Saints' All Together in Church  
for Songs of Praise

### August 8<sup>th</sup>

8.30am All Saints' BCP Communion

11am St John's All Together in Church  
(celebrating marriage)

### August 15<sup>th</sup>

11am All Saints' Holy Communion

### August 22<sup>nd</sup>

11am St John's Holy Communion

### August 29<sup>th</sup>

9.30 am Community breakfast at Kenn Village Hall

Dear friends,

It is so good to begin to feel as if things are opening up a little and opportunities to meet people are increasing.

I joined the singing group at Sue's for a rehearsal for the Village Hall 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations on August 7<sup>th</sup> which I'm sure you, like me, are really looking forward to. It promises to be a great afternoon.



I also celebrated my first wedding since moving into the Yatton Moor Team at Kenn in July and am looking forward to another at St John's in September.

We continue to be busy at church and as we can now meet in homes, I have met with four groups of regular church attenders from St John's and four others from All Saints for what I have called 'Way Ahead' meetings to listen to where people are at and what they have a vision for.

The plan is that I then collate the responses from each group and publish them first for those who have taken part and then maybe wider in the community.

I am so grateful to those who have taken part, thank you so much. I now gradually hope to meet with others who are involved somehow with church to ask for their opinions on our village church and their thoughts on the future and also anyone who has an opinion that they would like to share!

All of this will help with formulating a 5 and then a 10-year plan.

If you are interested and I have not been in touch with you then please get in touch with me!

At the same time, we are now able to look at various projects that we can progress to do with the church.

The sound system has been upgraded and we hope to add visual capacity to this soon so that amongst other things we could have a film evening!

We have used funds from a Cultural Recovery Grant for a new colourful and informative banner to welcome visitors and please pop into church to see it.

We are always thinking about how best we can serve our community and continue the established link between church and village that is so important so on **Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>** we are planning a **community breakfast at the village hall** with craft activities for children as well as food for everyone.

We hope you can join us so please put the date in your diary.

The Bishop of London, who is the link person for the Church of England with the government as Covid restrictions are lifted recently said:

“It is right, as the Prime Minister has said, that we all must exercise personal responsibility and carefully manage the risks from Covid-19. But as Christians, called to love our neighbour as ourselves, we must also exercise collective responsibility and continue to take appropriate precautions to protect others.”

So, we shall continue to wear masks at church and follow social distancing of 1 metre, provide hand sanitiser, masks and ask people to sign in at services.

We shall also be restricting numbers at larger gatherings for everyone's safety. However, we shall now sing during services, albeit with masks on, and we are so pleased that we shall now be opening up the church every day as a place of calm, quiet, prayer and contemplation for anyone who would like to drop in.

The dates and times of Sunday services are also in the magazine and everyone is always welcome.

On **Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup>** we have an **All Together in Church** service when we shall be celebrating marriage so why not come along with your partner and reaffirm your promises to each other. Fizz and cake at the end of the service.

I hope that all of you who are planning to get away for a holiday can do that safely and that those of us staying at home manage to have fun times with family and friends.



Not long now until our first major village event on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

See you there, I hope.

*Fran*

## **An Ode to Kenn Village Hall**

Kenn Village Hall, a hall of halls, the envy of North Somerset,

Clad in iron, panelled in cedar, might and beauty combined.

Twin spires of understated elegance,

Your green pastel shades reflect the pastoral countryside.

Your beams and rafters display the skills of men long ago, your polished floor  
displays the beauty of ancient timbers.

Your porches provide shelter, your kitchen feeds countless numbers.

Who can compare with you? What other halls have your past?

What other halls can boast of a hundred years?

What halls have your memories?

What have you seen? What secrets do you hold? What tales could you tell?

What momentous decisions were made within your walls?

What generations have passed through your doors, those men and women and  
children captured in village portraits adorning your walls?

You have seen celebration and parties,  
you have seen grieving and mourning, joy and dancing.

Markets take place within your walls. Multitudes have been entertained within you.

Your skittle alley was unique.

You welcomed clubs, societies and other gatherings and we are grateful.

You are a haven, a place to meet, a centre and a focal point of the community.

Who were your father and mother? We know not.

Your birth is a mystery but you have been adopted into our hearts  
by grateful villagers.

Orphaned, we cherish you, we will protect you.

May you always be a blessing to Kenn and may all who enter through  
your portals be blessed.

Stephen Brain July. 2021

## Masks and Jams but no Cake!



There is a complete selection of Heaven Preserve Us jams, jellies and marmalades in Kenn church which is now open every day.

Also a selection of masks 🤭.

PLEASE BRING CHANGE.

Put payment in the wall safe (by the doorway)

Please note I will not be baking cakes in August, due to a family event.

Julia

## Care of St John's Churchyard.

In order to 'future proof' the care of St John's Churchyard, it has been suggested that when the grass is mown (Thankyou Ben Woods), some areas will be professionally strimmed.



The cost of this will be covered by a grant from the Parish Council. Actual graves will not be touched, just areas that cannot be reached by the mower.

If you want more information about this please, please contact Julia Bush 01275 873554.

Thankyou, John Ball and Julia Bush. Churchwardens St John's

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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**

**Recycling/food waste 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th August**

**Dustbin 9th, 23rd August**

**Green Waste 9th, 23rd August ???**



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## INSPIRING WOMEN



### KENN W.I.

On a beautiful afternoon, members, new members, prospective members and their friends gathered behind the Village Hall for a cream tea and social time. Kenn is so lucky to have this space at the Village Hall and to be allowed to park off the road. It has been a blessing in keeping people together in the pandemic and we are very grateful for it.

We were very disappointed that we could not visit fellow member Felicity James' new garden. It just could not be arranged with all the regulations that were in place at the time. The visit will be on the programme for 2022 and we are looking forward to the talk on the 'No dig garden' that we have been promised.

At the August meeting which will be held at 12 noon, Steve Loader from the Mission to

Seafarers will be coming to talk to us. He is willing to take donations of men's clothing away with him.

Members have made donations of money and clothing recently so we are looking forward to his talk.

Modern-day slavery, which is the subject of one of the W.I.'s campaigns is very rife on the huge container ships and tankers which use the Port of Bristol.

Soup and sandwiches will be on the menu.

Until March 2022 it has been decided to hold meetings in the afternoons at 2.30 p.m. This will be reviewed then.

It has been arranged this way so that members can reorganise their lives again after so long without meetings.

We will be delighted to see anyone who wishes to join us on the second Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m.

Ann Holtham



**Kenn Village Hall 100<sup>th</sup> Celebrations**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021**  
**Our Live Music Programme**  
**Approx. 3:30pm to 4:30pm**

It's been great fun putting together and rehearsing the music programme for our special village celebrations. Yes, there will be Live Music to entertain us!

I am delighted to announce that Professional singers, **Felicity Tran** and **Oliver Martin** who have family here in the village, are performing as part of our programme.

They are both incredible singers. (More information about them both below.) The music programme will also include a short rendition of a few well-known songs over the years by a group of Kenn Village Singers whose arms have been twisted for this special occasion – we hope you'll join in as due to the Covid restrictions we've only been able to have a few practices – anyway, we didn't want to peak too early!

Looking forward to the village being able to celebrate together on Saturday 7th.

Sue Parker

Felicity Tran sang professionally for 10 years as a lead singer on cruise ships and touring productions, before settling back home in the west country to be a mum....and an upholsterer, amongst other things! She now sings solo and as part of an acoustic duo, pretty much whenever she's asked to!

She is looking forward to singing songs by her fave vintage female legends (think Ella, Billie, Etta, Dolly to name a few) at the 100 years of KVH celebration! Felicity's parents, Julia and Tim, live in Kenn Street.



Oliver is a professional singer and actor.

He has had great success as a lead performer onboard Silversea Cruise Ships and as an actor in shows such as Netflix's smash hit show, Bridgerton.

Oliver is currently living in Cardiff but originally from Clevedon. His mother Judi and step-father Mike live in Duck Lane. You may have seen Oliver perform with Clevedon Light Opera Club and Tickenham Drama Group before studying Musical Theatre at university. At our KVH celebration, Oliver is looking forward to sharing with us a selection of songs from musicals across the decades inc. Oklahoma and Les Miserables.

## A Lovely Village full of Wonderful People

Wendy and I left Kenn for our second home in Cyprus on 3rd January 2020 having just spent a wonderful Christmas with the whole family and welcomed the New Year with our Kenn friends.

In late February I returned to Kenn for a short week while Wendy was in New Zealand for the first time to see her sister.

It was just then the beginning of the pandemic I managed to get back to Cyprus on 29th while Wendy just managed to get back there from New Zealand in early March.

We then, like millions of others, faced lockdown after lockdown keeping us firmly rooted at the other end of the Mediterranean.

Some of our stay there was by choice but most of it was enforced by cancellation of flights.

After almost eighteen months for me and twenty for Wendy and armed with a number of PCR tests, passenger location forms, certificates and of course masks we got ourselves on the first flight out of Larnaca to Bristol at the beginning of July.

What was wonderful, throughout our absence was the weekly contact and support (as well as local news) we got from our Kenn friends of forty years standing. We exchanged COVID statistics, shared experiences and hope for the future.

But what was even more wonderful was the welcome we received on our return. Friends and neighbours looked after our garden, placed welcome back notes in the house, freshened the house up for us, secured our shopping for the ten days of isolation and welcomed us back with "virtual" open arms and hugs.

We have lived in three different countries, three different villages, but Kenn is the most welcoming of all and for that a great big thanks to all who made it and make it that!

Sotiris and Wendy



Thanks to everyone who has supported Clevedon Food bank recently.

As of the beginning of August they particularly need Crackers, multi packs of small juice cartons, rice (M'wave and dried) .Shampoo, tooth paste, laundry liquid and powder, washing up liquid, bleach and toilet cleaner. They have enough pasta, beans and soup.

Donations can be left in the dedicated bins at Co-op, Lidl, Tesco etc. Also in the box in the porch at Kenn Church.

Thanks again, Julia Bush

## Yellow Teapot.

Looking forward to seeing all the familiar faces, and maybe a few new ones, when we dust down the old Yellow Teapot on **Monday 16th August at 2.30pm** in the **Village Hall**, and settle down for a couple of hours of chat.



If the weather allows we will probably be outside, if not there will be plenty of room to keep our distance if that's how we feel.

Julia Bush

## Kenn Party - Toys and Children's Activities.

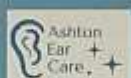
While we have been delivering flyers, it has been great to hear that so many of you will be coming to the party on the 7<sup>th</sup> including lots of children!



Just a reminder then, that if you have any toys or equipment for children's activities that you are willing to share, we would be very grateful to include them for their fun!

We haven't yet got any hula-hoops or space-hoppers for example. Fingers crossed for the weather!

Please contact one of us if you can help. Jan 343960 Sizzle 07974 731839



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## No Jars for Julia !!!!

Please, no jars for Julia for the month of August.

I won't be able to process used jam jars in August due to other commitments

Thank you,

Julia Bush

## Breakfast with Fran

Everyone who reads Kenn News and Views is invited to

**Breakfast in Kenn Village Hall at 9.30am on Sunday 29th August.**

There will be patisserie, cereals, breads, toast, jams and marmalades, fruit, juice, coffee and tea and yoghourts too



The Rev Fran Binding became Kenn's vicar in August 2020.

'Yes , really! A year ago!'

Due to Covid restrictions she has not been able to meet as many Kennites and their friends, as she would have liked.

So come to meet her, or just enjoy breakfast along with fellow villagers.

**Neighbourhood Watch** - E-mails from Avon and Somerset Police to Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators in the last month again remind us that these communications are dominated by scam news.



**They also remind us that although we post the links in this magazine, it would be a great deal more convenient and timely to many if they were posted in the Kenn pages of Facebook. That way the hyperlinks would connect directly to the relevant advice.**

***Perhaps someone will take on this. Please contact us if you would be prepared to do this. Colin and Jan Bedford 343960***

Please find attached a useful leaflet on how best to stay safe online.

[https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/media/32959078/staying-safe-online-dl-leaflet\\_may-2021.pdf](https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/media/32959078/staying-safe-online-dl-leaflet_may-2021.pdf)

A new scam has been identified targeting the Covid Digital Passport scheme. Fortunately it appears this fraudulent website has since been closed, but as per the attached document there will undoubtedly be others so please remain aware.

Do please take a look at the attached file.

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/media/32959008/covid-digital-passport-scam.pdf>

## Bird News

Bird activity and song in particular declines in mid summer and whilst Skylarks, Warblers and Thrushes were singing in the first half of July it became pretty quiet by the end as many birds started to moult.

After a very slow start the local Swallows seem to have enjoyed a productive nesting season to date with many young birds joining adults in feeding flocks.

One such flock in Wemberham Lane, Yatton had a single Sand Martin with it, perhaps a young bird that had become lost.

There are at least a couple of active Barn Owl nests in the local area and some suggestion that vole numbers are increasing and there may be some late nests this year. Both the active Barn Owl sites also had successful Kestrel nests indicating the necessity for habitat suitable for good vole populations. Peregrines are now regular on the pylon line from Kingston Seymour to Congresbury.



*Thanks to John Croxton for the Barn Owl chick photograph*

The star bird of the month was undoubtedly the White Stork which flew **over Yatton on the late evening of the 18th. It was spotted by a friend's wife.** She is Polish and grew up with white Storks all around her home.

A flock of 25 Mistle Thrushes on Kenn Moor was notable and continued the series of midsummer records here.

Mistle Thrushes form post breeding flocks at this time of year then disperse in Autumn.

A Whinchat was on Congresbury Moor and August should see return migration picking up with Wheatears in particular likely to turn up in and around the villages.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

## JULY WEDDINGS



### **Congratulations to**

Harry Butland and Emily Loving who were married at Aldwick Estate on 15th July.

They honeymooned touring in the UK.

Harry's parents Jilly and Matt live in Kenn Street.

Harry and Emily will make their home in Weston-super-Mare

Our flag was flown in celebration

### **Congratulations to**

Marie Warren and Jason Wilson who were married at St John's Church Kenn on Saturday 24th July.

Our flag was flown in Celebration.

Revd Fran Binding officiated at this her first wedding in Kenn.

Organist Jo Manning played for the hymns.



## KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2021

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 5 JULY 2021

Before the meeting started the Chairman welcomed the two people who were applying to have a change of use for the building that had been a public house – The Drum & Monkey. They told the meeting that they had been looking for a building to develop into a business hub which would provide integrated office space and areas for start-up businesses to use. Also, while they had their own ideas about their development, they said they were also open to other possibilities.

Councillors and residents attending discussed their concern at the lose of a community space and enquired if there would be opportunities for Kenn residents to use some of the space. The businessmen said they had thought that maybe the meeting room spaces could be used after work hours for groups and clubs to use. Enquiries were then made about whether a microbrewery bar or café could be accommodated within the layout. The observations of the owners were that it would be difficult to provide these and how would they be run – franchises or local volunteers? The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and for the businessmen taking the time to attend and give some background and details of their proposals.

Other items on the agenda that were considered:

- **Queen's Jubilee** – everyone reported they had not received any ideas following their request for these in the July Kenn News and Views. Agreed to try again – see below.
- **Quiet Lanes** – NSC S Bridger had provided an update which the Chairman read out.
- **Data** had been downloaded from the Vehicle Activated Speed Sign and a summary was given.
- **Planning Application** – Former Drum & Monkey public house. Councillors felt there were no planning-based reasons to object. Add a statement of the concern at the complete loss of the community aspects of this building.
- **Review of parliamentary constituencies** – Councillors expressed their concern that Kenn was being taken out of the North Somerset CC and put into the Wells & Mendip Hills CC and they agreed to object strongly to this. Especially when the number of Kenn electorates of 392, which if kept in the North Somerset CC would not take it over the upper limit of 77,062 per constituency.

**2021 Meetings**

**06 September** – Council Meeting

**01 November** – Council Meeting

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

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Commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> year as Monarch.

The Parish Council have been trying to think of an a good way to commemorate such a momentous event. Maybe to plant a tree, have a new bench or new bus shelter or...another idea you may have...

**The Parish Council would like to hear your ideas.**

Please contact a councillor with your suggestion.