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**Bee
on
Teasel**

Photo taken
by
Sam Jarvis

at

Stowell
Concrete's
Yatton wildlife
area

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
- 28th Caroline & John Hayden W.A.
- 29th Sylvia & John Staples W.A.
Jane & Hartley Staples W.A.
- 31st Jill & Matt Butland W.A.

Thank you to our good friends and neighbours!

We would like to thank all our surrounding friends and neighbours for putting up with the noise, disruption, blocked paths, and dust, caused by our recent and rather extensive work on the garden and paving outside Great Thornworth. At least it has also been a source of interest and slight amusement while it has taken place.



We would also like to thank the many lovely people who sent good wishes, cards and gifts to help us celebrate our Golden Wedding last weekend.

We have been very touched by this.

In particular, we were surprised and honoured to have the flag flown for us.

THANK YOU all so much.
Kenn is a very special place to live!
Colin and Jan Bedford

Our Flag

**was flown on
Friday 22nd July - to celebrate Colin
and Jan Bedford's Golden Wedding
Anniversary -
50 years of marital bliss**

St John the Evangelist, Kenn



ALTAR GUILD - AUGUST

Margaret Ball and Ruth Bowen

July's Charity Coffee Morning at The Church Room - raised £75 for the Blay Family. A big 'Thankyou' to everyone who came,

Julia Bush

Yellow Teapot.

The Yellow Teapot *will* be in use in August. We will meet in Kenn Village Hall on Monday 15th, (which I hope won't be as hot as that sweltering Monday in July).

Hot and cold drinks, cakes and biscuits will be on the table from 2-30 'til 4.30pm.

Come to taste, stay to chat or listen.



Julia Bush



August is often a 'quiet' month for lots of organisations, as people are away, or have a different routine during the school holidays.

Meanwhile foodbanks are often busier than usual coping with 'Holiday Hunger' among families who rely heavily on school dinners as a main meal for their children.

This year there is the added strain of donations decreasing due to higher fuel and utility bills for the population as a whole.

Just now they need cleaning stuff, tinned meat, UHT Milk, and household cleaning materials

Thank you, Julia Bush

PS Donations can be left in the church porch or in the dedicated bins in Clevedon supermarkets.

Dear friends,

We had a successful and really enjoyable Songs of Praise this week and as well as a good sing we enjoyed sitting in the churchyard nibbling, sipping, and chatting after the service.

It is such a lovely churchyard and I love the view between the two magnificent tall trees through the gate down to Marianna and Robin's beautiful cottage and garden. People take so much care to look after the churchyard and generously support the church and I, for one, am very grateful.

Someone said to me the other day that they didn't know why the church needs money and I realised that the perception is that somehow we get all this money from the 'National Church'. Perhaps people don't know that every penny of this money has to be raised locally to look after the churchyard we were sitting in, pay for the day to day running and upkeep of the church as well as also finding the extra funding for all the fabric work that needs doing to keep the building in good order. We are therefore so grateful for all those who give so generously to the church to enable us to do projects like the sound and vision system, to update the church room and reorder the front of church.

You will know that we are part of a parish that includes All Saints' and St Mary's churches. Together we have to find £155,000 to pay the annual day-to-day bills to run and staff the churches and our share of that bill at St John's is £20,000 plus a proportion of the £30,000 team general costs.

It sometimes feels a bit like the Forth bridge as we now need to improve the access via the porch to make it safer and also clear a bit more space at the back of church for wheelchairs and buggies and a space to socialise at the end of a service.

Refurbishing the church room has been a real success, please do pop in when it is open (look out for the 'come on in' sign) and please do book it if you have a meeting or small gathering that it might be useful for.

So, we are **very grateful** to everyone who helps us in any way keep our church up and running and our churchyard open and available and we would like to say a huge **thank you**.

As well as paying the bills our faith encourages us to also support those in need and as such, we do our best to support organisations such as the Foodbank, and the Disasters Emergency Fund that has recently been in such need and thank you to those who helped raise over £800 recently for Christian Aid. Like everyone else in these difficult times, we are currently putting together a plan to ensure we make the best and most use of our resources, human and financial, and are also looking at how we can secure a church for the future that supports and encourages Christians and the wider community in this parish.

You will see in this magazine the varied programme for services in church and we shall be considering other ways of serving our community.

If you have any ideas of how you would like to see church - the buildings, and the people, serve this community better, then please be in touch.

One of the resources I am using to focus on planning and moving ahead is a book I'm currently reading called 'How village churches thrive' and I would just like to share with you a quote that made me smile. It's from the introduction to the book by the Bishop of Exeter, Robert Atwell.

'Village congregations are invariably small. But a small church is not a failed large church, any more than a satsuma is a failed orange.'

We are all needing to adapt to a changing local and national landscape and all our priorities are being challenged. We are in particularly uncertain times in the Yatton Moor Ministry Team as we currently don't have a Rector and are waiting to find out what the plan for staffing is for the future, but we are not standing still, we are trying to move ahead with faith, hope, and enthusiasm. Thank you to all those who are helping and I hope that by explaining a little about what our challenges are you now know why we are so grateful for your help!

Love and thanks, Fran



Yatton Local History Society

ALL MEETINGS in Yatton Methodist Church, at 7.30pm (doors 7.15) except 3/1/23 which will be by Zoom

Tuesday October 4th

Wrighton Vale Light Railway

The formation and early history, a description of the line, its stations and usage and the background behind its decline and subsequent closure

Stephen Osman

Tuesday November 1st

Backwell and the brickworks

An interesting look back at Backwell's once thriving industrial and commercial past

Roy Ackrill

Tuesday December 6th

Port of Bristol The Gateway to the World

Clive Burlton

January 3rd (Zoom)

Here we are again

A very brief history of pantomime

Dr Ann Featherstone

Tuesday February 7th

Local Voluntary Archaeology Team

An update on the work of YCCCART in the locality

Arthur Langley

Tuesday March 7th

AGM with light refreshments

Cleeve

What might you learn of the history of Cleeve by walking through it?

Marianne Pitman

Tuesday April 4th

The Matthew of Bristol - The story of the modern "Matthew" and how the modern replica came to be built

Clive Burlton

Tuesday May 2nd

Architectural Follies of Bristol and Somerset

Who on earth built that and for what - passion, megalomania, artistry, wealth and conflict with neighbours?

Jonathon Holt

KENN CHURCH ROOM CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

4th Saturday of each month - next one

**SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST
10-12 noon**



For Cystic Fibrosis
Hosts Mike and
Iris Callow

If you would like to host the
Coffee Morning on 24th September
please contact
Celia Andrews 01275 877806

July was a quiet
month with a
number of stall
holders on holiday etc.



But there was a good turn out for
tea /coffee and cake and pleased to
say, we raised £62.00 for Clevedon
Food Bank.

Thanks to all who supported us.

We have a break in August so the
next market will be on
10th September 10-12 noon.

Anyone wanting a table please contact
either Lyn Burnett 870189 or
Maggie Hobbs 876277



Book Group. Recently we discussed ‘No one Playing’ by Martin Wells. It is a slim book about mindfulness and golf. The wisdom is applicable to everyday life.

We revisited ‘This is Going to Hurt’ by Adam Kay.

It is the secret diary of a junior doctor.

It was not remembered as humorously as the last time we reviewed the book.

One of the group’s favourite authors has written a new novel. ‘Give onto Others’ by Donna Leon. Another of the detective Brunetti series set in Venice. Usually, the books feature Brunetti’s work life on the canals of Venice. Blended with vignettes of his home life. This novel focuses on his professional persona.

Still in Venice we discussed ‘The Venetian Game’ by Philip Gwynne Jones. A haunting gripping thriller set in the heart of the city.

We also discussed ‘Faked Passports’ by Dennis Wheatley and ‘Maigret’s little joke’ by Georges Simenon.

Change to book group. I have been coordinating and writing up book group for 11 years now. In the coming months I will have new demands on my time. A fellow book grouper is going to take over organising the book group.

Caroline xx

The Galvanised Bin.

Keep the packs and plastic bottle tops coming!

There is a small, galvanised bin just inside the driveway at Chapel Cottage. It is the drive next to the converted Chapel on Kenn Street



Put used tablet blister packs and plastic bottle tops in the bin. I then take them to a collection point in Clevedon.

From a monthly trip to the collecting point it is now weekly.

Thank you Kenn for this recycling.

If anyone has an issue with confidentiality and their medication, no need to worry.

The bin fills up so quickly I cannot tell who has left what.

Also, my eyes are so shot the writing on the pack is too small for me to see.

Caroline x

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No Market in August

Next Market

10th September 10am-12noon

North Somerset Times -

copies available in the
Church Porch each week



MONDAYS

Recycling/food waste 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th August

Dustbin

8th, 29th August



**CLEVEDON
SALEROOMS**



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

Antiques, Interiors, Collectables & Jewellery

Thursday 11th August - 10.30am

Viewing Wednesday 10th August
10am-5pm

Quarterly Specialist Sale

Thursday 1st September 10.30am
Viewing Wednesday 31st August
10am-5pm

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

theW.I.

INSPIRING WOMEN

KENN W.I.

There is no formal meeting of the Kenn W.I. in August. Instead the members are going to meet in the Village Hall on Wednesday August 10th for a Tea Party at 2.30 p.m.

Everyone who wishes to come will be very welcome and we hope to see lots of people there.

If the weather is kind enough we hope we will be able to sit outside on the patio.

There will be a box for donations and any proceeds will be sent to St. Peters Hospice. The W.I. recently had a talk about the Hospice and all the wonderful work that they do. So many of us have reason to be grateful to them.

Sadly Jo Jeffery who was to have given us a talk on the History of Tea was unable to be with us so Caroline Holden arranged a talk from Doctor Francis Burroughs on the History of Glass. It was absolutely fascinating and we were allowed to look at some very early examples of very early glass.

Jo will be able to speak to us at a later date and we look forward to that.

Members were delighted to have received an acknowledgement from the Queen for the card that members sent to her on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee.



It has recently been discovered that the W.I. made a lot of scrapbooks of village and W.I. activities in the 1970's and 1980's. They are going to be available for members to look at them during one of our meetings and as the Kenn W.I. will have been in existence for 70 years in 2023 we are going to make another one. They will all then be sent for safe keeping to the W.I. Archives in Bristol.

A report of the Annual Meeting of the W.I. in Liverpool was received from our delegate. She seems to have had a good time there.

The resolution on diagnosis and treatment of Attention Deficit Disorder in Women and Girls was passed with 95% majority.

The next formal meeting will be in September when the talk will be on Felt Making.

Before then we have our tea which we hope will attract a lot of people. .

Ann Holtham

Jenny Pascoe's Mum's 100th birthday celebrations

Over the last two weeks we have been fortunate enough to help my mum Enid Beebee celebrate her 100th birthday.

Mum has been a regular visitor to Kenn ever since we moved here over forty years ago and still recounts the many eventful Nativity plays she has watched.

She moved from London nine years ago and now lives in The Hawthorns.



Mum was able to enjoy a variety of small family gatherings as well as a visit from friends in the village.

She has been able to talk to her great grandchildren about what it was like to live without electricity, phones and that thing called internet and recalls many happy memories.

The great grandchildren were particularly impressed that The Queen managed to send Mum a birthday card!

How lucky we are as a family to have been able to have these celebrations together.

LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH— Pastoral Principles for living well together



An introduction to this new autumn course will be held on Saturday, 10th September, 10am—3pm, in the Chapter House of St Mary's Church, Yatton.

What to expect?

- * Arrive 15 minutes before the session to grab a hot drink and settle in.
- * Meet Darren [course facilitator], Jeannie, and Nigel.
- * Watch a short film and discuss the principle it relates to – there are 6.
- * A short break morning and afternoon + 30 mins for lunch, finishing at 3pm.
- * Please bring your own packed lunch – drinks will be provided.
- * Also bring a bible + notebook – though we can also provide these.
- * Please contact the office [01934 832184] to let us know you are coming.

Revd Nigel Thomas — Sponsored Walk — 6th August

To raise funds for a solar powered diverter for the Vicarage at Cleeve

Timetable 10.00 start – Holy Trinity, Cleeve: Morning Prayer.
 10.30 stop – St Barnabas, Claverham
 11.30 stop – St Mary's, Yatton
 12.45 stop – All Saints, Kingston Seymour: Mid-day Prayer
 2.30 stop – St John's, Kenn
 4.30 finish – Holy Trinity, Cleeve: Evening Prayer.

Please join me at any one of the start/stop points for a chat, a prayer and a walk.

Donations to Dave Mortimer 40 Cleeve Drive, on the day, or find me online:
[Crowdfunding for Good from JustGiving](#) - for the full story.

You will see from the timetable anticipated start/stop times.

I plan to access all 5 churches for a few minutes to pray - with others if there.

Rev Chris Horseman 15th June 1954 - 13th June 2022

On a sunny afternoon in mid-July, a small group of us from Yatton Moor joined the family and friends of Chris Horseman for his funeral at Weston Crem.

Chris worked throughout the Team in the early 2000's.

As is often the case at funerals, we learned a lot about Chris. He was academic and could have done well in many other occupations.

He was a passing good saxophonist.



After leaving 'active service' in Yatton Moor he created his website 'Rent-a-Rev', conducting services, mainly funerals, including many for non-churchgoers, including a member of my extended family.

All the while he was caring for his wife Fiona, who had developed MS before they met, until her death.

His service included some rather eclectic music, starting with Stravinsky's Ebony Concerto; II. Andante - played by Woody Herman (Saxophonist extraordinary)

Julia Bush

Dramatic helicopter rescue of two lads in a dingy in Clevedon.

Local witnesses enjoyed the drama outside the village.



Not your average walk along the prom.

Reporter - Sizzle Summerell

Sadly since this dramatic event Grace has not been too well, spent a short time in hospital and is now at home recovering— no connection to the rescue!

We send both Grace and John our best wishes.

More Musing and Memories from Kennite Janet Skinner

Back in the 1950's our local policeman was Mr. Claxton, who covered his area from Yatton on a bicycle, wearing his helmet.... police type as cycle helmets had not been invented. He often used to call at the PO to discuss local matters and I was shut out of the shop on those occasions. Social life revolved around the Village Hall and Mr. and Mrs Claxton used to come. All the little girls used to fight over who was to dance with Mr. Claxton. I was told he had twelve children of his own but I do not know if that was true.

Mr. Griffin from Mill Farm was MC at events and we had Beetle Drives and Whist Drives as well as wonderful mixed events. We seemed to start with fancy dress for the children followed by a play on stage or a silent film. There were games like all the women sat in a circle and all but one had a man behind her. The lone man would try to get a girl by winking but her man would try to stop her getting up and running across the circle to the empty chair. With Olde Tyme Dancing Mr. Griffin would call the changes and the evening ended with modern dancing.

Originally the stage was plain and the green and white front was added later. Teas were always on the right and the cloakroom on the left. There were no lights outside and going to the loo was a problem. I cannot remember where the music for the dancing came from...does anyone?

Mrs. Griffin had been a Miss Shopland and I recall Shoplands steam driven traction engines pulling trailers with huge tree trunks through Kenn to a sawmill , presumably in Clevedon

The cinema in Clevedon gave us a free ticket as we advertised the weekly offerings in the shop window. It was called the Maxime and then became the Curzon - still in the same place. We often used the free ticket and had afternoon tea in Clevedon. One cafe was on the sharp corner opposite end of the prom to the pier, one at the cinema and one opposite the quarry just along the road from the cinema.

Queenie Ekins used to do brilliant birthday parties for her daughter Carol, who went to a private school in Clevedon. One of her school friends had the most wonderful old-fashioned ringlets. Like Mrs Holtham, Queenie used to hide buttons all around her house for us to find. We played pass the parcel, pin a tail on the donkey and chinese whispers. They lived in the red brick house 2 down from the PO and Carol's Grandmother and Aunt lived on the Church path

Mr. and Mrs Edwards lived in a cottage on the Church path too.

They moved to the toll house now totally altered on the corner towards Yatton from the church. I think he did gardening for people and she did cleaning. They were poor as church mice yet she was always laughing and cheerful.

Daily postal deliveries were made by a postwoman on a bicycle from Clevedon although a van emptied the box morning and night. There was a nurse who may have been a health visitor who also did her rounds on a bike. Frequently men on foot walking from house to house with a case with all sorts of small items came along. And there were the tramps. One of the tramps pushed a large box on wheels in which he slept. He parked in Baker's Lane and Grandma sent me over with some tea and sugar for him. He showed me how to put a blade of grass between my thumbs and blow to make a screeching sound. I can still do it.

Janet Skinner

Many thanks to Janet for her stories. She tells me she has enough for one more article after this. We shall look forward to it – Margaret Ed.

Bird News

July is a quiet time for many birds as they finish their nesting cycle and begin their summer moult.

Skylarks continued to sing well until mid month but Blackcaps and Chiffchaffs sing much shorter songs as the summer draws on and they are almost silent now.

Most species appear to have enjoyed a productive breeding season probably helped by the lack of cool wet days and there are lots of young birds around.

Barn Owlets have been fledgling but there have been some losses. Overall they have prospered and of course the benign weather will have helped them.

Red Kites were reported and a Gang of Four were seen following grass cutting at Congresbury and probably the same four flew over Yatton the next day. The Peregrine continued to put in regular appearances on the pylons.

I think that the Lapwings mentioned last month fledged at least two young, a notable success for this declining species and a Kingfisher seen on three occasions in Wemberham Lane, Yatton was an unusual but very welcome summer record.

Another visited a large garden pond in Claverham.

Green Woodpeckers became more vocal at the end of the month perhaps involving young birds.

I have only located one Yellowhammer in Cleeve this year and a Hobby that flew across Kenn Street at the end of June is my only recent local sighting.

A Whinchat was by the river at Congresbury and August should see an increase in summer migrants heading back south through our area.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

Services at St. John the Evangelist Kenn and All Saints' Kingston Seymour August 2022

August 7th

8.30pm	St John's	Traditional Communion
11am	All Saints'	All Together in Church

August 14th

8.30am	All Saints'	Traditional Communion
11am	St John's	All Together in Church

August 21st

11am	All Saints'	Holy Communion
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August 28th

11am	St John's	Holy Communion
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LUNCH AT KENN VILLAGE HALL.

Another extremely pleasant lunch was held in the hall on the 4th July 2022. Such a great venue to meet friends and catch up with all the gossip

Jo Manning and I served tomato soup and a lightly spiced parsnip soup. I think, we could have made another pan of the parsnip and it would still have gone. It was a winner. So easy to make. All the ingredients are roasted then liquidised. Simple, as the kids say.

Jean made fabulous cup cakes to go with our coffee. Sarah Friend helped us wash up.

Julia was again the auditor this month. £60 was in the collection basket. After expenses and rent I have £20 to give to the food bank.

I will be doing the lunch, in its present form, two more times.

I had said that the lunch in August was on a bank holiday. I lied, it is not a holiday.

Lunch dates for 2022.

Monday August 1st	Lunch.
Monday Sept 5th	Lunch.

Caroline xx

The Jubilee Sums.

Hello everyone, the jubilee seems like such a long time ago.

What a great day for the village it was.

I need to attend to the business side of the day. Julia has checked this with me, and I want to be completely transparent.



Income	
Sale of tickets	850
From the social fund	150
Donation from parish council	500
Total	£1500

Outgoings	
Buffet	1080
Bubbly	115
Tea and coffee	23.35
Kids drawing stuff	10.53
Napkins etc	76.91
Total	£1.305.78 p

$£1500 - £1305.79 = £195.79$

So, we are left with almost £200. I am going to fetch up a small committee to decide what to do with the money.

I will report back after the Summer. Caroline xx

Our Monthly Missive from The Limes

Now the summer is upon us, or rather it was when I wrote this and the forecast looks fairly settled, I thought it was time to suggest another walk.

In my family, there are two types of walks – ignoring the “I don’t like this walk” or “this is a nice walk” or “how long is it?” type of comment. The first type of walk, which everyone tended to prefer, is a circular walk while the other is a “there and back” walk, generally felt to be boring and not much of an incentive to walk as you knew that every pace forwards was an extra pace back. At least on a circular walk you could feel you were going somewhere and arriving back at your start could be a nice surprise, If your navigation was a bit iffy then getting back to the start could be a real surprise.

This walk can be both a circular walk or a there and back walk. There are a lot of options so bear with me and I’ll try not to make it confusing. Just make sure when you leave home you tell someone where you are going, where your Will is and that you carry water and rations for several days. – (Just kidding).

OK. All fired up and ready to go?

By what means you like get to Kenn Pier. You all know where that is, at the junction of Davis Lane and Kenn Moor Road. Walk (facing oncoming traffic!) along the road towards Nailsea for 100 yards or so and you will come to a track and a bridge on your left across the Blind Yeo. Take this and immediately over it turn left, heading back the way you have come but the other side of the water. You will then see a footbridge over the drainage channel which is heading towards Clevedon Court direction. I have no idea if it has a name so I will refer to it as a drainage channel.

Cross this and turn right and follow the water in a northerly direction.

I mentioned lots of options. As I researched this walk I realised there was more to it than meets the eye. For example, once you start following the drainage channel you are on what is also called the “Two Rivers Walk”.

If you Google “Friends of the Land Yeo”, go to “Walks” and then click on the “Two Rivers Walk” you will get more information. Apparently this is a circular walk of some 5 miles along the Blind Yeo and the Land Yeo and allows the townies of Clevedon the opportunity to get out and walk in the countryside without getting lost or too frightened.

(Actually I made up the last part but the rest is true).

Their interactive map is quite useful and gives helpful background information that you probably didn’t know. For example did you know, that according to their site, the Clevedon sewage system is a combined system and on major outflows sewage and rainwater is pumped into the Pill?

So back to my version of this walk. I’ll go through the options as you get to them.

After about 15 minutes (at my pace) you cross Cooks Lane. On the right it is a private road and peters out across the moor. If you go left you come out opposite Clevedon Craft Centre. If their café is open you could have a drink and return to the walk or instead go down Manmoor Lane to Davis Lane and back to Kenn Pier.

The downside is that you are on the road for all of that. I guess you could also take the footpath up to the motorway roundabout and dodge the traffic and go into Clevedon but it's not my idea of fun. Why they put a footpath up to the roundabout and leave you on your own at the mercy of the traffic beats me but Highways have never been noted for their joined up thinking. Yes I know there is a footpath on the other side but it is on the other side. Pedestrian crossings would have been thoughtful.

If you go straight across at Cooks Lane you will shortly come to a building on your right and a faded sign saying Cooks Clyse. This is a sort of dam and controls the level of the water in the drainage ditch from what I think is the Middle Yeo. Just before there however on your left is an unmarked footpath along the edge of the field, which takes you back to Court Lane, coming out by Clevedon Pottery.

Again, my previous remarks apply as to what you can do then.

At Cooks Clyse you can also take a path at 45 degrees to your left which comes out around where Cooks Lane ascends for the bridge across the motorway. I haven't been down there myself but I'm sure the natives are friendly.

Another option is to turn right and cross the drainage channel on a narrow footbridge. This takes you on a long walk across Tickenham Moor, coming out at Moor Lane at Tickenham. Go along there (northerly) a short distance then turn right on another footpath, cut around Tickenham Court and you should be able to head to The Causeway. You probably need to get a map for the next bit as you need to cut across to West End and then towards the Blue Flame or the old Baker's abattoir. If you do it right you cross Nailsea Wall and the River Kenn, and follow the River Kenn on the south side back to Kenn Pier. Sorry, space does not allow me to go into great detail on this and to be honest I've not done the bit around Nailsea anyway. Just be prepared to be out some time.

Alternatively, if you carry on at Cooks Clyse you end up near the M5. Before then you meet a footpath crossroads (or is it a crosspath?). Turn left and you get back to Court Lane, turn right and you are heading east, then north and come out almost opposite Hill Lane at Tickenham.

If you go straight on you should come out onto the Tickenham road where it goes under the motorway. Its not marked very well but there are faint tracks where others have done it so follow them. Basically go straight on and then veer right and look for the gap onto the road. I haven't tried either of these any further so let me know how it goes should you try them and survive.

Overall, unless I had all day and a nice companion, I would treat these walks as a there and back walk. The ground is level and for the most part suitable for those who are not that mobile. At this time of year the ground is firm. There are some stiles but you have to go quite a way first. Some fields do have sheep and cattle but because of the earth banks you might not even see them and every time I've been the animal density is quite low.

Happy walking,

Stephen

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2022

Community Boost Grants of up to £2,000 for local projects

The Community Boost Grants programme is a one-off funding opportunity being administered by Age UK Bristol on behalf of Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care System. The money for this funding has come from the NHS Inequalities Improvement Programme. The grants are intended to allow local communities to set up their own activities or projects that will benefit people experiencing or at risk of poor health – whether that is due to long-term health conditions, significant life events, marginalisation or discrimination, stress, lack of financial security, or being unable to access opportunities for exercise or healthy meals.

Although Age UK Bristol, which has previously run similar schemes, is administering the grants, projects do not need to focus on older people. We welcome applications for projects aimed at young people, families, or for people of all ages. We also recognise the wider determinants of health and will fund activities that focus on improving wellbeing through creative or social opportunities.

Groups or individuals can apply for up to £2,000 for their activity, which must take place in either Bristol, North Somerset or South Gloucestershire.

The deadline is midday on Friday 16th September.

The application form and guidance notes are available on their website here: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/bristol/our-services/wider-work-in-the-community/community-boost-grants/>

New police powers to crack down on unauthorised encampments come into force.

Trespassers who set up camp illegally on other people's land or in local communities could face up to three months in prison from the 28 June, as a new criminal offence becomes law. Cracking down on antisocial people causing misery by setting up illegal camps and refusing to remove their vehicles, delivers on a key government manifesto commitment.

Made possible by the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022, police in England and Wales will be given new powers to limit the harms caused by such unauthorised encampments and new statutory guidance will be published. Police will now be able to ban trespassers from returning to a patch of land for a year, rather than just three months.

And the definition of harm will be broadened, so that police can take more decisive action to tackle unauthorised encampments when necessary. They will be able to intervene where unauthorised encampments are causing environmental damage or distress to the community – not just the landowner. For the first time, unauthorised encampments on highways will be covered, as well as on public and private land. The conditions of the offence are clear - if people leave when asked to by the police or landowner, they will not risk having their vehicle seized, a fine or prison time. More information on www.gov.uk

2022 Meetings

12 September – Council

7 November – Council

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

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