## KENN

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# 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. 

#### St John the Evangelist, Kenn



#### ALTAR GUILD - AUGUST

Margaret Ball

If you would like to join Kenn Altar Guild, Please contact: Marianna Mackay 340323

#### Our Flag

Saturday 15th July, our flag was flown to celebrate the marriage of Abbey and Dave Porch of Kenn Street who were married at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Kenn at 3.30 pm. Followed by photographs in the garden of Church Path Cottage and celebrations at Kenn Village Hall.

Saturday 22nd July our flag was flown at half-mast to mark the passing of Michael Callow, on Friday 21st July.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Iris and her family on their loss.



Dear friends,

July has been a month of weddings which is wonderful. They take quite a bit of planning and preparation so it is good to have them spread out if possible but a bit like buses they do seem to come along all at once! The two in Kingston and one in Kenn that I have been part of have been a real joy and it is a privilege to be part of such a milestone in people's lives. These days I am just grateful that some folk still want to get married in church but in some respects, it means these services have evolved into even more joyous occasions because you know that couples have had choices and they are there because they really want to be rather than because it is the only place they can be married. It was a wonderful occasion here in Kenn on July 1



place they can be married. It was a wonderful occasion here in Kenn on July 15<sup>th</sup> for Abbey and Dave and a privilege to be involved.

I'm also feeling very grateful for a study group that I have led of over the last couple of months with people from Kenn and Kingston Seymour. We have gone back to basics to explore our faith and journeyed with a few relatively new to our churches or exploring Christianity in more depth for the first time and, as someone reflected in the group, it has been 'food for the soul.' Many people express views about Christianity, sometimes with very little understanding of what it is about, so when someone actually asks to know more and is willing to give some time to that I get really excited. As a teacher of 20+ years before going into ministry I get even more excited when they then say they want to know even more!!! So, not wanting to lose the momentum, we are beginning a course in September which is going to look at the big picture of the Bible storyline from Genesis to Revelation and on the way pick up tools and skills to help us read it for ourselves. How do you begin with a book that was written by more than forty authors over a period of 1,500 years by various authors including kings, peasants, philosophers, fishermen, poets, statesmen and scholars? This is a lifetime's work but we are going to have stab at a guick 6-week overview to discuss how important it is to realise that before we can start to understand whether it has any It covers relevance for us today it is important to look at what it meant in its original context. hundreds of controversial subjects yet it has an underlying harmony and continuity from Genesis to Revelation. Be in touch if you want to know more. Always happy to talk!

So, if ever I feel a bit overwhelmed by the challenges of being part of a parish in vacancy or wondering about how we are going to manage with one less full-time priest I have a 'Pollyanna moment' and count my blessings! Lots to give thanks for and lots to look forward to. With many others, most recently, I give heartfelt thanks for Mike Callow, who was a devout and faithful member of St John the Evangelist, a gentleman, who also left his mark on the communities and people he loved and served. As well as being a weekly attender at church he also joined the group that met twice a week on Zoom for morning prayer and I will miss him very much, sat there finishing off his breakfast in the catch-up chats we had before we started at 8.15am! May he rest in peace and rise eternal.

Memories and special occasions and opportunities continue to arise, other chances to be part of the bigger picture and I'm sure you'll find a few in this magazine! Supporting the Foodbank, meeting with others for coffee or lunch and this month our five churches are coming together for a Summer Party at Yew Tree Farm on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Looking ahead, again at Yew Tree Farm in Kingston Seymour, our community is invited to attend the Ploughing match there on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a service at Kenn at 8.30am that day but we will not have a service at All Saints at 11am as many of us will be involved in the event at the farm. BUT we have the exciting opportunity to be part of the blessing of the plough at about 3pm that afternoon. I'll be on site encouraging children and others to write prayers throughout the day for us to tie to the plough as part of that service and I do hope you can join us.

Finally, I do hope that for those who have planned their summer breaks in August that the sun will shine!

Love and thanks, Fran

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St John the Evangelist

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Village Market

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Village Flag Flying: Marianna or Robin 340323 Chris Taylor 872781

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#### No Market in August

Next Market

#### North Somerset Times -

copies available in the Church Porch each week



9th September 10am-12noon

#### MONDAYS

Recycling/food waste 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th August

Dustbin

7th, 21st August



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#### KENN W.I.

The tea party in aid of the Breast Cancer charity has been fixed for Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August beginning at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Entrance is by donation and there will be a raffle.

The W.I. will be delighted to see anybody who would like to come. We all know someone who

has had this horrible illness and if we can help, we will. There will be no formal meeting in August.

A date has also been fixed for the Annual Flower Demonstration. It will be held on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Again, we will be so pleased to see anyone who would like to come. All the arrangements will be raffled at the end.

At the July meeting two volunteers came to tell us about the welcome desk they manned at Bristol Airport to welcome refugees from Ukraine. Bristol received a lot of the special flights from Ukraine and some of the refugees were met by host families, but those who had to make onward journeys were helped and made to feel welcome in this country. It was a very moving talk.

Several members had attended the Avon Federation lunch at the Mendip Springs Golf Club. Diane Woolf gave a very favourable report of it and we know that we shall have a splendid time when we go there for our 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lunch.

Jenny Croxton led a very successful walk along Poets Walk and back to the Salthouse Inn where members had a very welcome drink. Several participants surprised themselves by discovering that they could walk further than they had thought they could. Our July walk, planned for Edna Baber's farm, was postponed due to ill-health.

Southern Clevedon W.I. have revived their Annual Quiz which was suspended during Covid at St. Andrews Church Hall on July 24th. Kenn W.I. took two tables and whilst we were not among the winners, were placed mid-way, with just two points separating us.

Diane Woolf gave news of those members who are sick themselves or have serious sickness in their families. Our hearts are with them all.

Members have been saddened to hear of the death of former member Thelma Blake. She had been unwell for a long time, but was a very active and involved member when she was well. We were always interested to hear about her champion bull and the rosettes that she won in many agricultural shows.

Ann Holtham

#### Jenny Pascoe's Mum's 101st birthday celebrations

On 4th July we were lucky enough to be able to celebrate Mum's 101st birthday with her at The Hawthorns.

The family were able to get together and she had five small gatherings. seeing both her grandsons and her great grandchildren, friends from Kenn and other relatives.

One of Mum's greatest pleasures has been being able to share memories with the great grandchildren when they have had to do homework about the past, World War Two and before.

They all found it impossible to believe that until she was ten Mum had no electricity, an earth toilet and one tap and drain outside the back door.



Mind you when asked if she could remember the Romans and could she tell them anything about them she did have to say no!

She now finds it hard to understand how she can talk to the family in real time via a video screen, even from abroad. How things have changed.

We consider ourselves very lucky to still have Mum with us making memories every day..

The Pascoe family

#### Can you help?

Are you a competent and confident driver? Do you have a few hours to spare every week or so? Would you like to help provide an increasingly much needed service within our community?

If you've answered Yes, Yes and Yes, how about considering becoming a driver for the Yeo Valley Lions Club minibus! You'll have doubtless seen our yellow 'bus up and down the High Street most days of the week, it takes local folk on shopping trips, to and from our coffee mornings or lunch club, and helps transport provisions for the local foodbank.

If you like the idea of helping, but don't want to make a firm, regular commitment, that's fine. The rota is worked out month by month, so if you know you're away for say, August, you wouldn't be included.

Sounds interesting? Want to know a bit more about what's involved?

In that case, please contact Jonathan Kelly on (01934) 876131.

### The Breakthrough Cider Maker Awards

Now in its third year The Breakthrough Cider Maker Awards has gone from strength to strength. A total of twenty four entries from thirteen counties, with all styles of cider being represented.

From naturally sweet to single variety, session ciders to bottle fermented.

It was great to see such high quality entries from so many different regions.

After an initial technical tasting round, our panel of expert judges had to choose from nine finalists to crown our champions. With this award, we are looking to help up and coming cider makers flourish and become successful businesses. Not only must the cider be delicious, but it needed to be ambitious, beautifully presented and crafted by passionate people.

#### The Gold Medal goes to... Andy Jenkins, of Ganley & Naish cider.

His winning cider, **"Hell and High Water"** (ABV 5.5%) is a medium dry, single variety, Browns apple cider in a 440ml can. Simply described as unique, beautiful, impressive and incredibly drinkable.



Friday 28th July - A Pop-Up Bar at Kenn Village Hall (advertised on Facebook) attracted a very good crowd of people - many of whom enjoyed the Gold Medal winning Hell and High Water produced by Andy Jenkins.

With cheese and biscuits - a real Somerset treat.

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Hello friends and neighbours in Kenn!

As the school summer holidays start the Foodbank in Clevedon have taken on an even bigger challenge.



They are providing breakfast and lunch boxes for children in our area whose familes need some extra help with providing food. Therefore, they need additional items which could go into these boxes such as cereal bars, little packs of raisins, nuts, chocolate bars, tins of meatballs, macaroni cheese, pasta, rice and anything else you can think of to put into these boxes.

Thank you to everyone who leaves donations in the food bank box in the village church porch and in the porch of Carpenters Farm, Kenn Street.

I'm always surprised and delighted to see the items left for me to take to the Foodbank each week.

The volunteers who work in the Foodbank are always so appreciative of every donation made and they have asked me to thank everyone in Kenn for your continued support and generosity.

Please keep up the good work and, if possible, add a few extra items in your shopping basket to help to feed these hungry children in the Clevedon and surrounding villages.

I will be delighted to take anything you donate to the Foodbank every week.

Kind regards to you all,

Liz Jaehme

#### KENN VILLAGE MARKET

We enjoyed a busy market again in July and it was lovely to see everyone.



Thanks to Andre again for helping and we were able to send  $\pm 60.00$  to Parkinson's UK from the money we raised.

Don't forget if you would like to raise money for your chosen charity you are welcome to run the coffee morning at the market. We have a break in August so the next market will be on

#### Saturday 9th September 10-12 noon.

Hope to see you there Lyn Burnett 870189 Maggie Hobbs 876277



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

## Sunday Services at St. John's Kenn and All Saints' Kingston Seymour

#### August 2023

#### August 5th

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

#### August 13th

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

#### August 20th

11am All Saints' Holy Communion

#### August 27th

11am St John's Holy Communion

KENN News & Views Issue 420 August 2023 Bird News Jo Manning reports hearing a Little Owl in Kenn Street and an exciting visitor in the form of an Elephant Hawk Moth in her garden. Another, or the same, Hawk Moth was spotted by another resident in Duck Lane. July is a quiet time for birds as many have finished nesting and are quietly hiding away moulting. Skylarks were singing up to mid month and Blackcaps started up again. Skylarks were singing up to mid month and Blackcaps started up again. Wang Blue Tits, Great Tits and Long tailed Tits are now independent and visiting our feeder regularly. It will be interesting to see if we get any large Swallow roosts in August. Swift numbers seem to be low in Yatton but better elsewhere with some sizeable flocks reported. Barn Owls have experienced a below average year with small broods, thought to be due to low vole numbers caused by unfavourable weather in late winter and dry periods in Spring. But Kestrels which have a similar diet have produced young in reasonable numbers. Red Kites were noted over Kenn Moor Road and the Co-op in Yatton. Not many unusual species were seen but a Hobby was chasing Swallows near Congresbury and a Whinchat was seen on Congresbury Moor. I estimated the Jackdaw pre-roost flock in Yatton to be about 400 strong towards the month end. Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

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#### Thelma C. Blake - 29.11.1932 — 18.07.2123

Aunty Thelma aged 90 sadly passed away on Tuesday, the 18th of July after a long struggle with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

She was born, 29 November 1932, in the City of Bristol to a Military Family, one of six children. She trained as a seamstress from the age of 14, a skill she passed on to many over the years, her creations showing her flair and eye for the detail.

Thelma moved to Wharf Farm as a land girl in 1950 aged 18 and it has been her home ever since.

She married "Blakey" Gilbert Blake in 1964, a love and devotion she held throughout her life, dying on his birthday.

Aunty Thelma has been a long standing member of the Shorthorn Cattle Society, breeding and showing both Dairy and Beef animals. Her achievements among many include 6 gold cup winners for milk yield in the Western Region (Six Counties), she received the Farm Service Award, (to win this award a contestant must have worked 10years on not more than 4 farms and been in charge of entries at the Dairy Show not less than 5 years in succession), showing since the 50's, concentrating on the Beef Shorthorn after the death of her husband in 1988.

Thelma and the team had continued success with beef Cattle I particularly remember 'Stonmour Thunder Cloud', winning over 100 championships, and world-wide sales of Semen in excess of 10,000 straws.

This amazing trail blazing lady was Aunty to Family, extended family and respectfully by all in the show ring.

Aunty Thelma you are loved and will be greatly missed. RIP.

Steve Hamilton

(Copied from Kingston Seymour Facebook page)

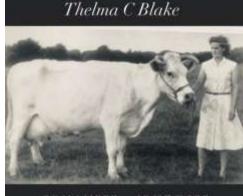
Thelma was for many years a member of Kenn Women's Institute and will be sadly missed by members

#### Charity Coffee Morning - Kenn Church Room

Friday 28th August - 10am-12 Noon

#### Charity - Cystic Fibrosis

Anyone wishing to host a 4th Saturday Charity Coffee Morning should contact Celia Andrews 01275 877806



29/11/1932 - 18/07/2023

#### Kenn Village Hall - Yellow Teapot

We will meet round the Yellow Teapot on

Monday 14th August,

from 2.30pm - 4pm in Kenn Village Hall, for cake , drink and chat.



Thank you to Lyn Burnett for hosting the very successful July meeting at short notice.

Julia Bush

#### **Coffee Morning Thanks**

I would like to thank everyone who supported the July Charity Coffee Morning in support of the Blay Family in Ghana.

It raised £135.

If anyone who couldn't make it still wants to contribute please contact me.

Julia Bush. 01275 873554

PS The cost of living hike is affecting Ghana just as much as it is here with rent, food and transport costs rising sharply.

I shall be stepping up my fundraising efforts from now on.

#### Five Churches Food and Fun

There will be an opportunity for everyone interested in our five local churches\* to meet and socialise at Yew Tree Farm, Kingston Seymour, on the evening of Wednesday 16th August. Meeting at 6.30pm - Kenn folk have been asked to bring Desserts to a Bring and Share Supper.

Julia Bush

\* St John's Kenn, All Saints' Kingston Seymour, St Barnabas Claverham, Holy Trinity Cleeve and St Mary's Yatton.

#### Lunch Break

The July Lunch Break was held on one of the rare sunny days in July! We were delighted to welcome everyone to a special Lunch Break. The Village Hall piano was put to good use for 2 renditions of "Happy Birthday" for Barbara (Sarah's Mum and chief washer upper) and another guest. As well as the impromptu singing, there was plenty of chat and laughter and a lovely atmosphere in which to have lunch. A suggested donation of  $\pounds 5$  goes towards the cost of the lunch and any leftover money is donated to Clevedon Foodbank. Another donation of  $\pounds 70$  has been sent to Clevedon Foodbank. Thank you to everyone who comes and supports Lunch Break.

If you're free on the first Monday of every month, please pop along to the Village Hall, a warm welcome awaits. As it's the school holidays children will be most welcome to come, there will be plenty of soup, bread, cheese, and homemade cakes to eat, and maybe even a few crisps, after all we are on holiday!

Next Lunch Break - Monday 711 August 12.30 - 2.00

September - Monday 4th

Sarah and Tim

Dear Sarah, Thank you so much for thinking of us and raising £190 at a recent lunch club.

Donations like yours ensure we are able to continue to support families when they are in desperate need.

I hope your lunch club continues to thrive!

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

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#### **Our Monthly Missive from The Limes**

Hello. This is Peppa writing as my master Stephen is away for a break and left me behind. I think that is rather mean of him but actually I have had a wonderful time with Jean who looked after me instead. She lets me lie on her settee and talks to me and takes me for nice walks.

I guess I'd better explain who I am for those of you who don't know and didn't see the last article I wrote. I am a Patterdale/Lakeland lady terrier and Stephen has been my master for the last 10 years or so. As I said last time it is a matter of opinion who is the master, it has certainly taken me a long time to train Stephen and sometimes he still doesn't get the message and I have to work hard to get him sorted. On the whole we get on very well and I am lucky to have him. He also has lots of friends who make a fuss of me.

Some months ago I wrote for "that nice lady wot does Kenn News and Views" and she kindly published it, but Stephen was a little miffed that people said they liked it better than his stuff and tried to get his own back the following month and was a bit rude about me. He hasn't let me write anything since and said he thought I'd get a big head but it still seems the same size as before so I don't know what he is going on about. Also he didn't give me my own email or Facebook accounts so you could say I have been "muzzled" a bit but I don't mind. I have a good life here and people are good to me. Most of them want to pick me up and cuddle me, which Stephen isn't too keen on. I think Stephen gets jealous because they don't do it to him.

Anyway, while Stephen was away I thought I'd write an update of what has been happening to me since the last time I wrote. Some of it is quite exciting. For example I've had an outing to nice lady in Clevedon. She was in a funny sort of building which has lovely smells of strange animals. Some looked quite furry – just the sort I love to chase but they were in cages and I couldn't get to them to say hello.

I've been in that building before. I think it's called the wets or something like that but it seemed quite dry to me. (I think Peppa means Vets. – Ed.) The only wet thing about it is that on other occasions when I have been there, the person who sees me tries to put wet things up my nose and gives me a prick behind my neck. Don't they know wet things go down the nose – not up?

Anyway, this nice lady looked at my tummy and said "Oh!" in a surprised sort of way. It seemed a strange thing to say, after all it is only a tummy but I must say it had been hurting a bit for some time and when that happens I give it a good lick. She took me to a room where she washed my tummy with stinging stuff and gave me a cuddle and told Stephen I had an abscess, whatever that is. Afterwards I looked it up on doggy Google and it's a big hole that appears.

Apparently that was why according to Stephen I had not been my normal bouncy self and not eating properly. She gave me a big wide cone shaped collar which means I can't lick myself clean. She said it was to let the hole heal. It seems silly to me. Whoever thought not washing was a way to get better?

She also gave him some things that are bright pink and look like treats to give me, and some squirty stuff which is a bit like tomato sauce except it wasn't red. She said the squirty stuff was to go on my food and would stop things hurting.

I've had those pink things that look like treats before and I know how to deal with them. The trouble is they don't taste like treats so why should I eat them? Stephen says they are good for me but he isn't the one to eat them. If Stephen puts them in my food, even at the bottom, my super sensitive nose finds them and I just push them to one side and leave them. It gets him a bit cross and I always look forwards to seeing what he does next.

This time he used a bit of imagination. He knows that anything that tastes of gravy or similar will be wolfed down by me so he got out some Bovril and put that all over the tablets and then put that with the food in my bowl. I'm not an idiot and could see what he was playing at but I like Bovril and it makes the rest of the food he gives me taste better so I gobbled it up. He thinks he won but I think I won as I got a better meal.

So what else has been happening? I like walks but I like lying on settees better. The problem is that Jean loves lots of walks and I have to make sure she doesn't get carried away and take me on too many, so I have to train her.

What I do when I see her getting my lead out is to thank her by getting very excited and I run all round the garden and eventually go to her to have my lead put on. She thinks that is cute. When we are in the countryside and no animals are around she can usually take the lead off and I can run and explore and that is great – well, it is great for a time. Being a super intelligent dog I get bored easily and start to think of my settee so I have to make sure Jean doesn't go too far on a walk.

The trick is to slow down and keep very close to her and if that doesn't make her think of going back I keep well behind. She then starts to get worried and think I'm tired and she might have to carry me and then I know I have won. Actually I still have loads of energy but Jean doesn't know that.

I have also lost a tooth! Well, not really lost it, I know where it is. It is above the microwave and Stephen shows it to his friends. I think that is a bit rude. Doesn't he know you put teeth under the doormat and the tooth fairy changes it into money. I don't need money but some treats would be nice.

We don't really know why the tooth came out. Jean found it and gave it to Stephen. I don't really miss it and at least Jean didn't try to put it back. I think Stephen is going to show it to a vet friend of his and ask what he should do. He says it is cheaper than going to that nice lady in Clevedon again. I don't know why that matters, after all he doesn't give me pocket money but he does try to look after me so I'll leave it to him. I could go myself, after all I once got from one end of Clevedon to the other all by myself, but that's another story....

Anyway I'd better finish before Stephen finds out what I'm doing. I'll try to write again one day so it might be best if you don't tell Stephen how much you enjoy my writing in case he "muzzles" me more.

What you can do instead is to give a postcard for me to our postman, -- as he does Kenn before he gets to me. He likes me and he could give it straight to me without Stephen knowing and I could ask Jean to look after it for me so he'd never know.

Peppa

#### **KENN PARISH COUNCIL**

Dear Parish Council Chair and Clerk

At the Airport Consultative Committee on Wednesday 12 July 2023, the noise complaint telephone line was discussed due to issues being experienced. Recently the recorded message system has been misused and was being used to record messages unrelated to noise complaints. This resulted in residents wishing to record noise complaints being unable to do so, due to the line being 'blocked' and full of messages. This caused obvious frustration to residents wishing to make legitimate noise complaints and being unable to do so.

From the data over the last few years, the majority of residents use the online portal for reporting noise complaints, with a small minority of residents using the telephone recording line. After discussions, and to continue being inclusive and providing residents an alternative way of reporting noise complaints for those not wishing to use the internet.

From **Monday** 7<sup>th</sup> **August 2023** the telephone line will be removed, and a postal process will be introduced.

The two ways of logging noise complaints will be:

• Click on the link via the website and record the complaint using the online noise complaint portal (this remains the same).

Or write to: *Bristol Airport, Noise Complaints, Lulsgate House, Bristol, BS48 3DW.* Residents will need to provide the same information including name, address, date, time of incident, and relevant information as per the previous noise reporting telephone line.

\*The website will be updated with the above information.

All complaints are responded to and recorded, with statistics being publicly reported to the <u>Airport Consultative Committee</u> and within Bristol Airport's, Annual Monitoring Report.

For more information on aircraft noise frequently asked questions, flight paths to and from the airport, and other noise related information please visit <u>Noise management policies at Bristol</u> <u>Airport</u>

Kenn Parish Clerk Eleanor sent this with apologies, but she is tied up with other problems and has not had time to prepare her usual page.