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W.I Christmas Flower
Demonstration

**Merry Christmas
Everyone**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Sotoris Papasolomonto
Verity Rogers
- 3rd Mike & Liz Bell W.A.
- 5th Jerry Naish
- 8th Alice Roberts
- 10th Louise Hayzen (Pugh)
Tom Clark
Penny Leiper (Griffin)
- 15th Emma Palmer (Smith)
- 20th Angel Middleton
Vincent Stowell
- 21st John Griffin
- 23rd Richard & Avril Gaunt W.A.
- 24th John Streat

25th HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

- 28th Ethan Mackay
Hector Humberstone
Olive Tran

31st HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

St John the Evangelist, Kenn



December - ALTAR GUILD

EVERYONE TO HELP PLEASE

Altar Guild Flowers

If anyone is interested in flower arranging over the Christmas period we are always looking for new people to help us

The church will be decorated on Saturday 23rd December though if anyone would like to do their arrangement on Friday 22nd they would be very welcome.

Marianna 340323

January — Altar Guild

Rosemary Willcox and Jane Staples

Recycling Candles

I have recently discovered a source which recycles candle ends, we have quite a few from the church and would welcome any contributions left over from the seasonal parties.

Please leave any, however few, in Kenn Church porch

Marianna

Our flag has been flown recently:

Remembrance Day - Sunday 11th November to honour the people who lost their lives during the last two world wars.

12th November to celebrate the 80th birthday of Sue Baber of Kenn Street.

Church Floodlighting

Our church tower was flood-lit Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November, when the Armistice was remembered

Kenn Christingle Making

For a Christingle Service, Christingles must be made, and so on a chilly Saturday afternoon a small group gathered in the New Room (Tom, Ella and Sam, plus assorted adults), firstly to bind oranges with red tape, insert candles, and spear fruit and unsuspecting jelly babes on cocktail sticks, and then to form an assembly line that marched round the circular table putting the sticks into the oranges and packing them into trays for transport to the church.

Then the quality control detail arrived, checking that the sweets were up to scratch, yum, yum.



Once the work was over, everyone had a drink and snacks and jokes and chats and funny stories and more, a lovely way to end the job. Hooray!

Julia Bush

Kenn Christingle Family Service.

Our November Christingle Family Service was taken by Vicar Avril, ably assisted this year by Tom. The meaning of all the elements of the Christingles, assembled the day before were explained. Then there was a bit of a drama featuring some trees and a wood chopper, which demonstrated that all trees have their uses, especially a tiny, spindly one which became the most important feed trough/crib/manger of all time.



Then the Christingles were lit, and on a gloomy morning with the lights out, shone out in the darkness as they were dedicated.

Christingle Services have become the main fundraiser for the Children's Society, a charity at the forefront of support for lonely, neglected and troubled children and young people.

We were encouraged to light our Christingle candles and put them on the windowsill in the evening to let people know there is hope in a dark world.

After the service we had drinks and chat, lots of the sweets and fruit on the Christingles never made it out the door.

Julia Bush

The Kenn Nativity Monday
24th December 2018 at 3.00pm.



Calling all children !!!!

As, like ever, Kenn's Crib Service will be held at Kenn Church
at 3pm on Christmas Eve.

ALL children (and visiting grandchildren) are welcome.

If you have a favourite Nativity Costume, wear it and join in as
much or as little as you want. We have outfits for last minute
arrivals.

If you would like to do a reading or have a small action part,
please contact me.

This year we are very lucky to have Sue Parker playing the
music.

If you would like to sing, maybe your favourite Christmas song
from school, or a Carol you love, please contact her on
suzyjeg@hotmail.co.uk

More details to follow,
Julia Bush 01275 873554

**Sue Parker (Duck Lane) has offered to work with a group of young singers
(6 to 18years) to perform at our Crib Service.**

Please contact her if you are interested.

suzyjeg@hotmail.co.uk



KENN W.I.

Fortified by a delicious supper members attended the AGM of Kenn W.I. in November.

Looking back through the events of the year it is amazing how much eating we have done.

Apart from the formal meetings the Luncheon Club has met several times and we had a lovely Birthday Lunch at the Greedy Goose in Flax Bourton in October.

Life has not been all about eating however, our talks have been varied and interesting. We have heard from the Gordano Valley Leg Ulcer Club, Sarah Friend our Village Agent, a very interesting talk on the Minack Theatre and a history of the rolling pin among other things,

Members have attended Group Meetings (at which we have come second both times in the competition), the Federation AGM and this year the National AGM in Cardiff.

Members have also been busy raising money at the Village Market and at the Coffee Mornings in the New Room for the Weston Hospital Scanner Appeal. So far we have raised £550. The Coffee Morning at the New Room this month raised a wonderful £105.50. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

It will be good to know that, if our friends and families need hospital treatment, there is likely to be the latest equipment at a hospital nearby.

In December, Santa will be visiting with his sack when we shall be exchanging gifts and cards and probably doing yet more eating.

December is also the month when members have the opportunity to attend several Carol Services. The Federation Carol Service is this year at St. Mary Redcliffe and is always a very moving occasion. The Group Carol Service is this year at Tickenham Church and Mrs. Heather Saxby will do the reading for Kenn.

So we move on to 2019. If you would like to join us we meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. and we will be delighted to see you.

Caroline Holden has arranged a most interesting and varied programme for us and we all look forward to it very much indeed.

Ann Holtham

The Posada. This was originally a Mexican tradition. During advent people went round their neighbourhood households telling the Christmas story. They were given a bed for the night, enacting the journey to Bethlehem. Posada is the Spanish for Inn.

The tradition survives today. Figures of Mary and Joseph go round villages and communities. Spending a night at each house. At Kenn we have a long history of observing the Posada.

Usually the knitted figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey go to houses with children. This year we are going to be more inclusive, adults and children alike. Mary and Joseph will go out towards the end of November.

If they come to your home please take the couple in, light their lantern and give them shelter for the night. The next day pass them on to a neighbour or friend in the village. If you can, take pictures and post on Facebook.

We hope to have a tracking device that goes along with Mary and Joseph so we know where they are. This is a modern techie version of the paper record we previously used.

There will still be a sheet of paper in the traveling box. Please record where Mary and Joseph stopped for hospitality and respite.

Whoever has the Posada on the night of the 23rd of December can you please take them to the church for the Nativity on the 24th.

If you are coming to the service bring them along.

If not please put Mary and Joseph in the porch before 2pm on Christmas Eve.

If you do not want to be part of the Posada and Mary and Joseph come to you. Give them a nice cup of tea and water for the donkey. Then give them to a neighbour.

Any problems do call me. Caroline XX



Carols on the Green....7th December 2018

Christmas Tree lights and carols

Reminder that we will be switching on Kenn's Christmas Tree lights at 7pm on Friday 7th December followed by singing our favourite carols accompanied by our resident family band.



Mulled wine and mince pies will be served to aid the singing.

Come along to this annual community event on the village green at 7pm and afterwards at Church Path Cottage.

Robin and Marianna

YATTON MOOR TEAM MINISTRY

ADVENT QUIET DAY

Tuesday 4th December

St Mary's Church, Yatton

Entrance via South Door

10.30am – 3.30pm

Led by: REVD NIGEL THOMAS
and Nickie Fidgin

YOU ARE WELCOME
FOR ALL OR PART OF THE DAY.

Refreshments plus a light lunch will be provided



Christmas Greetings

John and Grace wish all friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year With our affectionate regards to you all.

Juliet Stowell wishes all her friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year (due to failing eyesight she is no longer sending cards)

John and Margaret send best wishes to all our readers and contributors Together with thanks for your support in 2018

Useful Numbers:

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Lyn & Nigel Burnett 01275 870189
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St John the Evangelist :
Contact Parish Office or Churchwardens

Churchwardens:
Julia Bush 01275 873554
John Ball 01275 874077
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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



**Will be held in Kenn Village Hall
on Saturday 8th December
10:00am till midday.**

North Somerset Times

Don't forget that copies are freely available in the porch at St. John's from Wednesday afternoons



MONDAYS

Recycling and food-waste 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th December
Dustbin 3rd and 17th December
Garden Waste 3rd and 17th December



Tel: 01934 830111

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Thursday 6th December

Viewing at Saleroom
Wednesday prior 10am - 6:30pm
Morning of sale from 9.00am

Quarterly Specialist Sale
Thursday 7th March 10.30am

Viewing at Saleroom
Tuesday 5th March 2pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday 6th March 10am - 6:30pm
Morning of sale from 9am

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



WITH COFFEE MORNING

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thank you to everyone who braved the inclement weather on the morning of the November market. There was a warm welcome from the W. I. ladies who provided the refreshments, who had a very successful morning raising £120.00 for Weston Scanner Appeal.

The next Market from **10.00am to 12 noon 8th December** will be our Christmas 🎄 Market, where you will find all sorts of hand crafted items. Plus a **Tombola**, so every reason to pop in

Hope to see you there, Lyn and Maggie

If you would like a table at the December market please contact either
Lyn (870189) or Maggie (876277)

Callow family news

Mike and Iris Callow shared these photos of their grandson Mark Callow at Wells Cathedral following his confirmation by Bishop Michael.



Mark with Revd John Andrews



First world war picture for Kenn N & V's



I found this picture in our family archive and thought it might be of interest relating to the 100th anniversary of the end of the 1st war.

I know nothing of the context other than the sentiment on the blackboard, but as you can see from the date, some soldiers were still in Germany well into 1919.

The man in the centre of the picture is Gilbert Pike, a cousin to my Grandmother Alice Staples.
In his later life he had a butchers shop in Worle.

Tim Bush

“All Age Christmas Party”

Kenn Village Hall

Friday 21st December evening

From 7.00pm

John Hayden and Nigel Burnett
will run a Bar

No charge, No tickets

Just come along
with ‘supper to share’
and enjoy the company
and the bonfire (weather permitting)

Entertainers warmly welcomed

Contact 078 1667 1304

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2018

1st Sunday 2nd December ADVENT SUNDAY

PURPLE

8.30am Holy Communion at Kenn*

9.30am Parish/Advent Communion at Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve

11.00am Christingle Service at Kingston Seymour

4.00pm Christingle Service at Claverham

6.00pm Ecumenical Advent Carol Service at Yatton

7.30 for 8.00pm Late Night Worship at Yatton Methodist Church

Tuesday 4th December

10.30am – 3.30pm Advent Quiet Day at Yatton

Led by Revd Nigel Thomas and Nickie Fidgin

Friday 7th — 7.00pm Carol Singing on Kenn Village Green with Christmas Tree lights

2nd Sunday 9th December THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PURPLE

8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton*

9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion at Claverham

11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn

11.30am Holy Baptism at Claverham

3.00pm Evensong at Kingston Seymour* plus tea afterwards

Messy Christingle at Yatton to include:

3.00pm Christingle activities at the Methodist Church followed by

4.30pm Christingle Service at St Mary's

3rd Sunday 16th December THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PURPLE

9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion at Claverham

11.00am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour

4.00pm Christingle Service at Cleeve

6.00pm Carol Service at Kenn

6.00pm Carol Service at Yatton

Friday 21st December

7.30pm Carol Service at Kingston Seymour

4th Sunday 23rd December THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PURPLE

8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton*

8.30am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour*

9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve

7.00pm Carol Service at Cleeve

*Book of Common Prayer (1662)

SERVICES FOR CHRISTMASTIDE 2018

Saturday 15th December
5pm Carols in Yatton Precinct

The annual **Carol Service** organised by **Yeo Valley Lions Club** will be held in **Yatton Precinct** on **Saturday 15th December** commencing at **5.00pm**.

Revd Tim Scott and Revd Jill Flowers will lead the service supported by Spotlight Sparklers, the choir from Yatton Junior School.
All are very welcome to attend

Monday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE PURPLE/WHITE

3.00pm Crib Service at Kenn

4:00pm Crib Service at Yatton

4:00pm Crib Service at Cleeve

5:00pm Crib Service at Kingston Seymour

10:00pm Christmas Eve Eucharist at Claverham

10.00pm Christmas Eve Communion at Kenn

11.30pm Midnight Communion at Yatton

11.30pm Midnight Communion at Kingston Seymour

11.30pm Midnight Mass at Cleeve

Tuesday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY WHITE

10.00am Christmas Communion for all ages at Yatton

10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion at Cleeve

5th Sunday 30th December THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS WHITE

10.00am Team Service at Yatton

2.00pm Holy Matrimony at Yatton

JANUARY 2019

1st Sunday 6th January THE EPIPHANY WHITE

8.00am Holy Communion at Kenn*

9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve

11.00am Informal Holy Communion at Claverham

6.00pm Evensong/Evening Service at Yatton

*Book of Common Prayer (1662)



Kenn Children's Christmas Party

Saturday 15th December 10.30 – 13.00
Kenn Village Hall

INVITATION

Please join us for a fun, festive time!

Aimed at children aged 11 and under, but older children are welcome to come along, the entertainer "Action Pussycat" will be providing music, bubbles and magic.

Hotdogs (inc. vegetarian) will be provided for the children, but plates of food and/or a sharing bag of crisps/snacks or some cakes/sweets/fruit (grapes or tangerines) would be greatly appreciated.

Father Christmas will be paying us a visit!
Please help him at this busy time by bringing with you a small gift, wrapped and clearly labelled for your child(ren) – we suggest a maximum value of £10 to be fair.

Please let us know asap if your children or grandchildren can come!
This will help with planning.

RSVP: Lise Willcox mob. 0776 841 6738
Email - Lise.willcox@icloud.com

If anyone would like to help - either setting up, running or clearing up please let me know.
Lise



BIRD NEWS

November is often a quiet month for birds with winter visitors slow to arrive. There were a few Redwings and Fieldfares around early in the month but later a few cold days with easterly winds brought a mixed flock of 200 to the Strawberry Line, near Congresbury, along with 80 Goldfinches.

The Peregrines have returned to their pylon perches both near Yatton and on Kenn Moor. Two birds on separate pylons on Kenn Moor one afternoon were perhaps waiting for birds flying to roost in the hope of a kill.

There were precious few birds on the moor other than a line of eight Cormorants perched on the old foot-bridge over the Blackditch.

Another winter returner is a Kingfisher by Wemberham Lane ; they like the winter pen water levels which makes fishing easier.



A Grey Wagtail was feeding nearby.

During nestbox maintenance in Littlewood we put up a Woodcock and a check of the nestboxes at Yatton school produced a Sparrow nest. It is quite unusual to find Sparrows using conventional boxes.

Finally, Hartley Staples reports an unusual visitor in the form of a Ring Necked Parakeet. This is fine as long as there is only one.. They have become quite a pest in London.

Trevor Riddle (01934 835208)

Broadband in Kenn

The broadband committee have attempted to expedite the installation of faster broadband in Kenn, with little success, so far. Some people who have 4g mobile broadband (as a stopgap), would welcome a fixed line service. The value of houses can appreciate by approx. £2,000 when fast broadband is available. House sales can and often do fail when fast broadband is not available.



BT Openreach – April 2018 indicative commercials (funding shortfall) of £374,915.00 will be required from the village for a scheme for Kenn.

Gigaclear, who promised dates, have now deleted the timescales for Kenn from their plans, some areas will not be done till 2022.

BUT we now have a possible light at the end of the tunnel..... **Truespeed**

If 30% of the properties sign up, Truespeed will attempt to serve Kenn. This contract is limited to six months – if they do not provide in the agreed time the contract is not binding. So, in the Broadband Committee's opinion, there is nothing to be lost by signing up.

This first 30% will qualify for FREE installation

Their package for an 18month contract will cost £47.50 per month (£855 total) which includes one phone line and 200Mb/s broadband (100 times faster than the average speed of Kennites current service.)

Forms to sign are available from John Ball.

Truespeed will be having a briefing session at Kenn Village Hall on 12th January 2019 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm to which all are welcome.

If you wish to discuss the options - Contact Stephen Brain, Chris Blake or John Ball.

'Meals for Mums' 2018 update.

Since 2016 several families with a new babe have had an evening meal delivered at 5pm for one week.



They did not care that their freezer was already full of food or they could have bought ready meals from Marks and Spencer Food.

The fact that people were thinking about them and welcoming their new baby into the community was more than worth it.

We are now a group of 14. Once you have the 'Meals for Mums' you become part of the group. It is easy to fetch up 7 people do to a week of meals. Plus, we always have someone in reserve. Via Email we sign up for which day we want and let the group know what we are going to cook. The meals are varied and delicious. As most people say they would be cooking anyway, so just make two.

This year there were no new babies born in the village. So, 'Meals for Mums' has been dormant.

We will be in action next year. Lise and Robert's second child will be with us by mid-February.

Caroline.

LUNCH AT ST JOHN'S KENN ON MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER.

The first Monday of the month. 12.00 noon to 2.30pm.



The lunch has been happening now for one and a half years. It started in June 2017. A handful of people has grown to around twenty at each meal.

We intentionally keep the fayre plain and simple. Maintaining a shoe string budget. £5 per head buys you soup, main course of bread, cheese, quiche and salad. Followed by coffee and cake.

There are many people to thank. John and Grace lent me their portable cooker for heating the soup. This has now been replaced by one kindly donated from Margaret and John. Jenny and Emma have made countless pies, cakes and cupcakes. Sue Lang and Margaret Stuckey have made quiches at the drop of the proverbial hat. Marianna has made numerous bowls of coleslaw. Thanks also to the heating fairies who go in and switch on or off when needed.

The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly. Thank you to all who have come over the last year. You have made a real difference in developing this community resource. Everyone is welcome. Those of faith, none at all and all the shades in between.

'The Village Agent', Sarah Friend, usually joins us. She is available to give advice on local services and how to access them.

We are raising funds for church projects.

Caroline.

Caring in Bristol.....Xmas 2018

Homelessness in Bristol has risen by 128% over the last three years. There is a desperate need for places which can provide food, warmth, and shelter to the growing number of people who fall outside the "system". Last year Caring In Bristol served 3,900 meals in the Christmas period when their shelter in St Pauls was open.

As a Charity it relies on generous donations to fund the work that they do. Over 700 volunteers helped 1,300 vulnerable people as well as housing 47 each night in the shelter.

If you want to make a donation to this vital organisation please make cheques out to "Caring in Bristol" and bring them to the Christmas lights switch on (7th December) or give them to us at Church Path Cottage.

We will be taking Kenn's donations to the shelter the following week.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY as the problem of homelessness is getting worse.

Robin & Marianna

Little Hearts Matter – Mudnificent 7

Back in the summer we entered the Mudnificent 7 event in Coventry to raise funds for Little Hearts Matter. Little Hearts Matter is a charity that supports families with children who have serious congenital heart diseases.

Mudnificent 7 is a unique 7km obstacle course race.

The course was made up of seven 1km zones, each of which was designed by one of the UK's top obstacle course designers and all of which involved lots of mud and water!

The course was really tough but great fun and we all managed to finish. We would just like to thank everyone who donated money to our support our efforts; we managed to raise a total of £618 for the charity.

Katie Thole



Meeting Place.



We cannot believe it 'Meeting Place' has been running now for 3 years. We meet on the

second Thursday of the month in 'The New Room' at the top of Kenn Street, starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm.

If you are at home with small children you are very welcome to join us for coffee and a chat. This is a small but consistent group which ranges between four to ten people on any given month.

This month the children are going to do art with past shapes.

A big thank you to all the people who have supplied toys to us. When we started Jenny Pascoe gave us toys her grandchildren has outgrown. Similarly Lynn Probert and Eleanor Marchant have given us beautiful toys in pristine condition.

The next group will be on Thursday 13th December 2018 at 11.00am.
Julia 873554. Caroline 343133.

Book group.



For various reasons the book group did not meet in November.

The book we were going to review was 'Big Little Lies' by Liane Moriarty. We can hold this over to January 2019.

We are hoping to get together for an informal Christmas drink in December. I will Email the group with possible dates.

December 2018. Informal group for a Christmas drink.
January 17th 2019. 'Big Little lies' by Liane Moriarty.
February 2019. Share and swop what we are currently reading.
March 2019. 'The Collector' by John Fowles.
April 2019. Share and swop what we are currently reading.
Book group.

KENN DECEMBER DIARY

**Monday 3rd December — St John's Church
Monthly Lunch from 1 noon - 2.00pm**

**Monday 3rd December 6.30pm Kenn Village Hall
Defibrillator Training Course - refreshments - no charge**

**Friday 7th 7.00pm Kenn Village Green
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS & CAROLS
Mince pies and mulled wine**

**Saturday 8th — 10.00-12 noon at K.V.H.
VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MARKET & COFFEE MORNING
with TOMBOLA**

**Tuesday 11th 12.30 for 1.00pm
VILLAGE LUNCH at the Drum and Monkey**

**Wednesday 12th December - 7.30pm at KVH
Kenn W.I. meeting**

**Thursday 13th December Meeting Place 11.00am at
The Church Room**

**Saturday 15th December
10.30—13.00 K.V.H. CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Wednesday 19th December at the Drum and Monkey
7.00 for 7.30 pm Kenn Supper Club
Everyone Welcome**

**Friday 21st December - from 7.00pm KVH
All Age Christmas Party—Bring and Share Supper
Licensed bar
Bonfire in the field behind**

**Monday 24th - 3.00pm St. John's, Kenn
CRIB/NATIVITY SERVICE
Everyone Welcome**

Messy Christingle

Sunday 9th December 2018

3.00pm at Yatton Methodist Church for crafts and games.



3.45pm - Procession to St Mary's Church
please bring a torch to light our way!

4.30pm - Christingle Service at St Mary's.

5.15pm - We enjoy sandwiches, cake, tea, squash, mulled wine . . .

*Particularly suitable for children aged 0-12
and their friends and families plus the young at heart!*



Do come and join us! You are welcome for all or part of the afternoon



Jean Louis Maurin brought his newly restored—prize-winning Volvo to visit, Jean Louis bakes interesting breads for our Harvest Services —this year the tractor, last year a lamb.

After Christmas — please send copy for January News and Views to Margaret - email margaret.john@btinternet.com

Supper Club.

It looks like trade is picking up round at 'The Drum'. Darren and Jane have made us very welcome on our return to the pub. Not only do they run the local hostelry they also want to come to village events.



The menu is diverse. We have started to order our food ahead of the supper to avoid waiting. As usual the company and friendship are good. A great venue to catch up with each other.

Everyone in the village is welcome to this monthly meal. If you only come occasionally do come along to the Christmas Supper Club.

Let's make it a bumper one to end off the year.

**Next Supper Club is on Wednesday 19th December 2018,
7pm for 7.30pm. at The Drum and Monkey.**

Chalice Handbell Team Commitments Christmas 2018.

This year we had a very serious thinking session as to whether, with my health problems, we should even offer to take 'Near Christmas' bookings but we were encouraged to do so by a sudden rush of phone calls asking us to visit both previously visited, as well as 'new visit' care homes – one of which in Yatton itself, had been on our 'offer' list for over 10 years!

I often (mis)quote “A prophet is not without honour save in his own country” as to our record of being asked to ring handbells, though I must admit that our new organist of one year, Rachel, at St. Mary's has said “Welcome any time” - it's just a case of getting our elderly group up on a Sunday to start at or before 9am, or at Christmas to be available after 12 midnight!

We started very well (after many practice sessions) with old song tunes, carols, and a bit of Betjeman poetry, at Somerset House on the afternoon of Thursday 8th November, and then a fortnight later we are due at Derham Court, Yatton on the 29th November.

On 6th December we are booked for Diamond Court, Worle (for us a much visited home where the lady in charge of bookings is now the same lady as used to book us for the “Housing 21” flats in Mendip Road, Yatton), and then on the Saturday morning of 8th December we are ringing at the Yatton Market at the village hall.

If anyone would like to give us any other booking dates now or throughout the year, we are open to offers!

We do not charge but willingly accept contributions to our chosen charity for the year 2018 Weston Hospice). A cuppa and any other refreshment is always welcome, as are any new recruits after these Christmas bookings.

Please phone Geoff. or Eleanor on 01934 834550.

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Our bell at St. John's

Recent Kenn News and Views have shown pictures of young people being given an opportunity to chime our church bell but so far we have not had any of them offer to learn to ring it "full circle".

Bell ringing can be a fascinating hobby and commitment especially where there are a larger number of bells in the church, and there are numerous churches in this country alone which have 3 or more bells. In my opinion a ring of 6 (as I was taught on at Durleigh, near Bridgwater) or 8 is the ideal, but rings of 10, 12, or even 14 bells exist in the British Isles and obviously need at least the same number of ringers to ring them.

From call changes, where a conductor tells the band what sequence is next required, to very complicated "scientific" ringing of 'methods' for which the rules adhered to have to be committed to memory, all the ringing has to be done by moving the bells position in the sequence of striking after one another.

This takes a lot of practice to get the sound sent outside over cities, towns, and villages to a precise 'ripple' of notes, rather than a jumbled clashing and crashing as sometimes heard on the Continent.

Ringers have to be aware that they are putting on a free but loud 'concert' for their great audience and so it should be as precise as humanly possible. Often, those young ringers leaving their local area to go to College or University find a number of friends immediately they enter a new church tower, friendships which can last for ever, as I can testify (although I seem to have outlived a large number of mine!)

Here in the Yatton Moor parishes we have 'chiming only' single bells at Cleeve and Claverham, a single 'full-circle light ringable bell at Kenn, a rather heavy and long-draught-of-rope ring of 6 at Kingston Seymour (requiring even more skill than usual perhaps), and a glorious and much proclaimed ring of 8, (the lower tone ones being again quite heavy but very melodious).

All the full-circle rings would welcome new recruits with open arms – the more ringers we have, the less of a weekly commitment it becomes to obtain a full band each Sunday and for special occasions such as weddings which are, in the main, the only occasions where the ringers charge for their services. All three towers can provide teaching totally free of charge.

Back to Kenn where I can nowadays only feel confident to ring due to health problems. We can teach a recruit on a 5 ½ cwt (reasonably light for Somerset bells!) how to 'raise' and 'lower' a bell to and from the full-circle normal ringing position.

Anyone from 10 to 70 years old is welcome to learn or even just have a trial 'go'. Learn how to control the pace and positioning of a bell within a larger number – just you controlling a huge weight safely through 370 degrees without breaking the Ash wood stay in the process!

We do urgently need one or more ringers at Kenn – please do give me, Geoff. Marchant, a phone-call on 01934 834550 if you can help or learn.

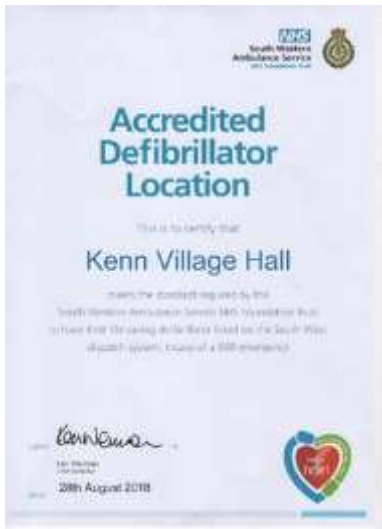
(Tuition ringing is generally done with the bell clapper silenced by being restrained in the centre of the bell so that discordant 'clanging' is avoided, not heard, and not publicised!)

Armistice Sunday Bell Ringing

Eleanor slowly tolled our bell before the service (which takes a lot of concentration and skill which I couldn't do this year) and Mike Callow did his bit during the Communion service after the blessing of the bread and wine. Immediately after the service, I chimed the "9 tellers" for all those lads killed in the 1914 -18 war together with 100 strikes for the 100th anniversary year of the end of that war.

Geoff Marchant

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION



Kenn Village Hall 6.30pm Monday 3rd December

Everyone is invited to come along for our annual Defibrillator Training Session

This year our trainer will be our own Jenny Pascoe



Our training session will cover both models of Defibrillator in the Village.

Please come along – who knows - should the occasion arise, you may be able to save **someone's life!**

Refreshments will be served

Kenn Village Hall Committee

Armistice Sunday Bell Ringing continued.....

At the Drum for lunch, Eleanor noted some television coverage of bellringing somewhere in a small church tower but couldn't hear where it was.

The high-lights of the day later that evening on television showed Llandaff cathedral (where I used to ring 1956-1958) with what sounded like the light eight of their (now) 12 bells. (RIP John Woodman - a great mate and local ringer there who died much too young from falling off an overhead gantry at his place of work shortly after his wedding and leaving Llandaff.)

We also heard a heavy bell tolling at Glasgow Cathedral, a single very clangy bell (bucket?!) from Belfast, and the full ring from Westminster Abbey.

Geoff Marchant

Neighbourhood Watch - Received 11th November

Message sent on behalf of the Police & Crime Commissioner: - Residents across the Avon and Somerset Constabulary area are being asked whether they are prepared to pay an additional £1 a month towards policing from April, 2019. Last year the Government unexpectedly gave all Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) across the country the flexibility to raise the policing part of the council tax by £1 a month for the average band D household. Sue Mountstevens is hoping that PCCs will be given that flexibility again this year, she said: "With last year's £1 rise we were able to start an ambitious programme of recruitment and commit to employing up to 300 police officers. We were also able to protect neighbourhood policing, the police officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in your local area, all thanks to your support for the rise. "The Chief Constable and I have agreed that next year's focus will concentrate on serious violence. The threat from serious and organised crime has changed rapidly, increasing in both volume and complexity and preying on the most vulnerable in society. "If we are able to increase the policing part of the council tax by £1 a month next year and the Government grant for policing stays the same and there are no additional surprises we are committed to a new focus on burglary and drugs. We must continue to dismantle the recruitment of vulnerable young people into 'county lines' drugs gangs. It's clear that this leads to an increase in knife-crime and serious violence, including stabbings and gang-related disorder and it must be tackled and given the right resources. "I absolutely recognise that any increase in household bills will be felt by residents and it's not easy to keep asking local people to contribute to the issues that we are facing in policing and as a society. It's really important that residents tell me what they would be prepared to pay. These are difficult decisions and I need to be sure that I have heard from as many local people as possible."**Sue Mountstevens is asking for people's views in an online survey on her website** <http://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk> which closes at midnight on January 14, 2019.

For further information or to request a copy of the survey please call 01278 646188.

PACT/Have Your Say : 3 January 2019 at Hangstones Pavilion, Yatton starting at 7.30pm.

Received 26th November - Thefts from motor vehicles often increase leading up to the Festive period. Many criminals are tempted by items being left on display in vehicles that are unattended. If possible you are advised not to leave anything on display, whether it is coins for the car park, shopping, a spare coat for inclement weather, work tools or paperwork - unfortunately it is all tempting to the criminal.

Even if they do not steal anything of value - there is the inconvenience and expense of repairs to your vehicle. Always make sure that vehicle windows and doors are kept secure whenever unattended, even when leaving a vehicle open/unlocked when unattended for a short time.

Keep car keys in a safe placed at home - away from windows and doors, preferably in a locked cupboard or cabinet. If you have information about suspicious incidents or activity please telephone the police on the general number 101 or contact via the website link

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/contact-us/>

Kenn Parish Council

Chairman's brief chat

The meeting was briefed by a representative from Truespeed about Broadband and as always the information forthcoming is better relayed to villagers from Steve Brain and his Broadband committee, they have packs and are able to give advice.

We are organising for a meeting in the Hall for folk to come along and have a chat and sign up if they want to....we shall publish the details when all is confirmed.

Also the subject of potholes in Kenn Street and various areas around the village was brought up, so to add weight to our complaints if there is a pothole which is giving concern, report it on the North Somerset website.

Measurements and a photo are always useful...

Cheers, Sheila

An extra gift this Christmas?

Yes I know, you may be reading this and thinking 'Not another request just before Christmas' but just give it some thought.

The village and church community have supported the Blay family for over thirty years, and just as our lives have ups and downs so have theirs.

Things have become harder of late with the death of Denis Blay, whose children are being cared for by their uncle, Michael Blay who has two young children of his own.

There is a plan to pay the school fees for Denis's three children.

If you felt you could give a small amount, or ask for a gift to be given in your name in an effort to educate Emmanuel, Christiana and Rueben, giving them the best chance of employment and a good life, there will be a marked box in church for all of December (open all day on Saturdays).

We have so much.

Thankyou,

Julia Bush

Marked envelopes can also be left in the Quercus mailbox.

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2018



REPORTING POTHoles TO NORTH SOMERSET

Go to: www.n-somerset.gov.uk

Home page – click on the box → Parking, travel and roads

Next page – click on the box → Roads and Streets

Next page – click on → Report a road or pavement problem

Scroll down to → Road and pavement issues

Click on → Report a pothole

Fill out the form with the details of where the pothole is etc.

MEETING – 19 November 2018

11 residents were in attendance to hear both the:

- report of the Community Police Office – details of 4 crimes and 12 calls made to the police from within the Kenn parish boundary since the last report in September.
- and information from the representative of TrueSpeed the broadband provider. He advised that they needed to have at least a 30% commitment in a locality to consider it a worthwhile investment to bring their services into an area.

Other items considered:

- Various verges had been trimmed; thanks to the contractor who had done it in his own time
- Barns Ground Pond; update received from The Internal Drainage Board
- Planning Application considered, also Enforcement List from North Somerset Council
- Planning decisions; which included a Refusal of St Modwen's housing/business application
- West of England Joint Planning consultation process update
- North Somerset Local Plan 2036 – agreed to have another meeting to consider this important document which contains changes for in-fill villages such as Kenn
- Grant application – agreed to give a grant to the Citizens Advice

2 January 19 – Road Closure, Davis Lane for work by Gigaclear Ltd to undertake Installation of fibre optic equipment. Notice on Village Hall noticeboard with more details

REPRESENTATIVE OF TRUESPEED BROADBAND

Will be at the Village Hall on **Saturday, 12 January 2019 from 6pm – 8pm** if you would like to ask questions, express an interest and/or sign up.

2019 MEETINGS

At 7.30 in the Village Hall

- 7 January – Council
- 4 March – Annual Parish Meeting
- 4 March – Council (after the above)
- 13 May – Statutory Annual Meeting
- 1 July – Council
- 2 September – Council
- 4 November – Council

Agendas will be on noticeboards three days before the meeting.

2 May – Local Council Elections

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You can speak to both at Yatton Library from 10am–12noon, fourth Saturday of each month