

# KENN

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# NEWS & VIEWS

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1st Sotoris Papasolomonto  
Verity Rogers
- 3rd Mike & Liz Bell W.A.
- 5th Jerry Naish
- 10th Louise Hayzen (Pugh)  
Tom Clark  
Penny Leiper (Griffin)
- 15th Emma Palmer (Smith)
- 20th 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
- 29th Iris Callow

**31st HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE**

**St John the Evangelist, Kenn**



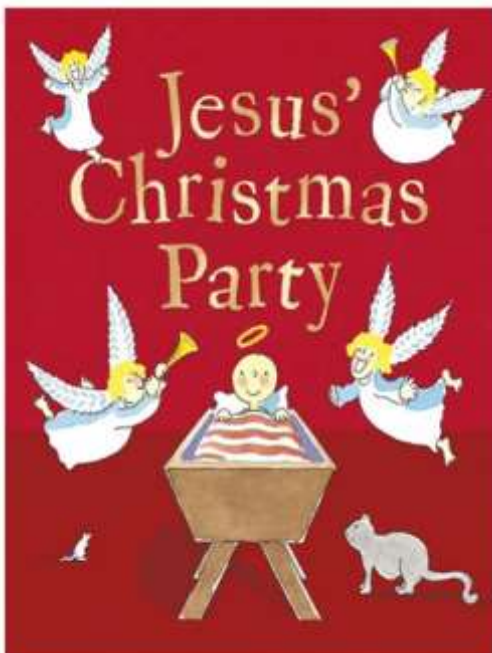
**Altar Guild Flowers**

**Could people doing flower arrangements in the Church please do so on Saturday 18th December.**

**Church Floodlighting**

Our church tower was flood-lit on Thursday 11th November and Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th November, when the Armistice was remembered

**Calling all Kenn families and friends.**



Everyone is welcome to our Crib Service on **Christmas Eve at 3pm**. No need to learn lines or attend any rehearsals but I am looking for a few children to take on some particular roles on the day. If you are at all interested, please email me at [franbindingkks@gmail.com](mailto:franbindingkks@gmail.com) or phone me on 01934 830120

It's going to be great fun and we get to use our new stage area, screen and sound system.

Many thanks, *Fran*

Dear friends,



We have had such an exciting time at church! Plans that have been around for a few years to improve the adaptability of the space at St John's for church and community use have been started.

We now have a clear space at the front of the church that will make a difference to us for our services and provides a clear, slightly raised area for performances. The choir stalls that were there are safely stored and have not left the church!

We also have a new projector and screen which again will not only help with worship but could also be a valuable resource for anyone wanting to lead any gathering with that facility with now a clear space for meetings. It should all be ready in a couple of weeks, just in time for our Christmas services.

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany – a busy couple of months! Message to self – you cannot do everything! Message to friends – likewise!!! Advent, like Lent (pre-Easter time) for some of us churchgoers should be a time of quiet reflection as well as preparation.

I hope everyone manages to enjoy the wonderful bits of the season without some of the stress!

I'm looking forward to going to the Carol singing on the Green on Friday 10<sup>th</sup>, my first one, and it will kick off my Christmas celebrations. In church we have our usual full programme of services with some interesting additions:

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December** I shall be at Kenn Village Market from 10-12 so that families can pick up this year's Messy Christmas bag and I can say hello. It contains everything you need to make your own nativity scene including my favourite – **a marshmallow and chocolate sheep- yum!**

**Sunday 19th December** at 6.00pm we have the Carol Service and I am SO pleased that Kenn Singers are joining us to lead our singing. Huge thanks to Sue Parker for helping to organise this.

**Christmas Eve** we have our Crib Service at 3pm and I would love to hear from any children who would like to take part. No rehearsals needed, no lines to learn, just great fun dressing up and using the new 'stage' area we have. If you pop into the market on the 11<sup>th</sup> you could tell me then if you would like to join us.

**Christmas Day at 10am** we have our very special Family Christmas Communion when we will all be full of excitement about presents we have had or hope to be having and all the other things to share on Christmas Day including a get together at church on such a special day.

I am of course mindful of where we may be with COVID over the next month and everything will be considered before each service and if there are changes I will put out information on Facebook, noticeboards, emails etc but I hope that with sensible precautions- hands, face, space and lateral flow tests we can enjoy a safe Advent and Christmas Season.

So, action packed and exciting while always remembering that for me 'Jesus is the reason for the season.' This makes it all so very special and I look forward to welcoming you into the story.

Wishing you every blessing through Advent, Christmas, and the New Year,

*Fran*



## KENN W.I.

November is a very busy month for the members of the Kenn W. I. Firstly, we have our A.G.M. at which members vote for the Committee that they wish to serve them during the coming year. From that number they choose a President. There were no surprises this year as members seem to be content with the Officers that they have and the same team will continue for another year. As several new members have joined us recently we hope that some of them will wish to join the Committee in the future.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer presented their reports. Because we now have several new members we had a "Getting to know you" session. Judging from the rising sound of chat this was very successful.

Now that the Village Market has resumed again the W.I. undertook to make the refreshments at the November Market. Any donations would be given to our chosen charity, The Mission to Seafarers. We were very gratified to receive £150. Thank you to all who donated.

The Flower Demonstration evening also took place in November. It was very well attended and we were pleased to welcome Joanna Cheek as our demonstrator. She made us all think about the planet and how we treat it. We should not be using oasis as it does not degrade. All her arrangements used moss and twigs as a base and were beautiful. Several lucky people won them in the raffle and took them home.

Several of our members took the opportunity to spend the evening at John Lewis at Cribbs Causeway when they opened especially for the W.I. There was a chance to browse and see the demonstrations and spend the vouchers that John Lewis very kindly gave us. It was a very good start to Christmas shopping.

At the December meeting Reginald King will tell us the History of Keeping Warm in Bed. We await with interest! Members will also exchange Christmas Cards. There will be a chance to donate to our chosen Charity if any of our members have chosen not to send cards this year for ecological or any other reason. Santa will be there with his sack so that each member attending will go home with a present.

Members and their families and friends are holding a Carol Service at St. Johns Church in Clevedon on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. It will be at 2.30 p.m. and there is an invitation for tea and a mince pie in the Vicarage afterwards.

Ann Holtham

**Caring in Bristol** - are requesting donations of money this year—if you wish to support them, please go to their website for details. We shall not be collecting in Kenn this year as the Clevedon Foodbank is our chosen charity.

## Christingle—Advent Sunday 28th November

On a bright but chilly Advent Sunday, Kenn Church was filled with the smell of oranges, as the ATIC (All Together In Church) service was given over to all things Christingle and the work of the Children's Society.

John and Grace Griffin celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary with a special prayer from Fran

For her Talk, Fran read the story of Alyssa, a young teenager, helped by the Society when she and her mother escaped an abusive relationship, but found she was still dogged by anxiety.



Christingles were given out, lit and we all pretended we were too grown up to want to eat the sweets straight away. Yum yum.

At the end of the service we sang Happy Birthday, especially for Jo Manning, our organist.

Jo is pictured here with her mum Lin at the altar with their Christingles.

The Children's Society is one of the most forward thinking and brave children's charities.

There are envelopes for donations in the church, which is open every day. We will keep collecting 'til the end of December.

It's never too late, to donate! M T PEW

## Clevedon Foodbank.

Christmas goods, Christmas cakes, savoury biscuits, hot chocolate, chocs and sweets, toiletries, long life squirty cream, long life juices, pringles, crisps and tinned salmon.



**Kenn has been asked for presents for young boys and men of all ages (2 groups often missed out). Small gifts, in their original packaging only please**

*Please leave donations in the box in St John's porch*

**Village Hall Booking:**  
**Lyn & Nigel Burnett 01275 870189**  
[kvhallbooking@gmail.com](mailto:kvhallbooking@gmail.com)

**Parish Office Tel 01934 832184**  
[teamoffice.yattonchurches@gmail.com](mailto:teamoffice.yattonchurches@gmail.com)

**St John the Evangelist Priest in charge**

**Revd Fran Binding 01934 830120**

**Churchwardens:**

Julia Bush 01275 873554  
John Ball 01275 874077  
or 078 1667 1304

**Village Flag Flying:**  
Marianna or Robin 340323  
or Chris Taylor 872781

**Altar Guild Secretary:**  
Marianna Mackay 340323

**Church Floodlighting:**  
David Pugh 874278

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Margaret Ball 01275 874077  
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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



**With Coffee  
Morning  
and Tombola**

**Saturday 11th December 10—12noon**

**North Somerset Times**

Copies are freely  
available in the porch  
at St. John's from  
Wednesdays



**MONDAYS**

**Recycling /food-waste 6th, 13th, 20th 27th December**

**Dustbin 6th, Tuesday 27th December**



Tel: 01934 830111

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**Thursday 9th December 10.30am**  
**Viewing Wednesday 8th December**  
**10.00am to 5.00pm**

**Quarterly Specialist Sale**  
**Thursday 10th March 10.30am**  
**Viewing Wednesday 9th March**  
**10.00am to 5.00pm**

Catalogues can be viewed at  
[www.clevedon-salerooms.com](http://www.clevedon-salerooms.com)



**Kenn Village Market**  
A warm welcome greeted our market customers along with the delicious WI refreshments at our November market. The grand sum of £150 was raised for Seafarers. Thank you to all for your generous donations.

Looking forward to December's market, the village hall will be decorated and our stall holders will have plenty of ideas for Christmas presents so please come along. As usual we will be holding a tombola with prizes for all ages, and if you have any prizes you would like to donate we would be pleased to hear from you. We look forward to seeing you for a mince pie and a hot drink. Please note that the:

Kenn Christmas market is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 12pm. If you would like to raise some money for a favourite charity by running the refreshments or if you would like a table for the Market next year please get in touch.

Maggie 876277 or Lyn 870189



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**Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> 10-12am Kenn Village Hall**

Invitation for all families with children up to 11 to call in at the Christmas Market to pick up a family Messy Christmas Bag. Christmas craft activity to do to take home too.



What's in the bag this Christmas? My favourite is making the marshmallow and chocolate sheep – yummy!



**If you walk along the unlit roads of Kenn  
Please carry a torch and wear something reflective.**

**CAR DRIVERS cannot always see walkers,  
especially those in dark clothing, until they are almost alongside their car.**



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

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

### December 5th

8.30am St John's BCP Communion

11am All Saints' All Together in Church for CHRISTINGLE

### December 12th

8.30am All Saints' BCP Communion

11 am St John's All Together in Church for Advent

### Friday December 17th

7.30pm All Saints' Carol Service

### December 19th

11am All Saints' Holy Communion

6pm St John's Carol Service



### Christmas Eve

3pm St John's Crib Service All children welcome to join in our play.

5pm All Saints' Crib Service (Churchyard then Yew Tree Farm)

10pm All Saints' Christmas Eve Communion

### Christmas Day

10am St John's All Age Celebration Christmas Communion



What is happening in KENN at 7.00pm on  
**Friday**  
**10/12/21 ?**



We will be switching on the Christmas lights on the Kenn Xmas tree followed by singing popular Carols at Church Path Cottage accompanied by our own band.

We will be serving mulled wine and mince pies to help the singing! We have been organising this occasion for more than 25 years and we really missed welcoming everyone last year.

Everyone is welcome to the official .. start of Christmas in our village.

### **Christmas and other Messages**

I would like to wish all my friends and neighbours a fabulous Christmas and New Year. Enjoy your festive time. I will be donating my Christmas card money to a charity that has touched my family in the past few years  
Have fun, Heather Jenkins and family.



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Juliet Stowell would like to wish all her friends & neighbours a happy & healthy Christmas & New Year. Stay safe.

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### **Thank you**

Jenny and Simon would like to say a big thank you to all those who have offered support during Jenny's recent illness. We have been overwhelmed with the cards, messages and offers of help that we have received. How lucky we are to live in a village where so many people offer support.

### Coffee Morning 20th November KVH



**SCRUMPTIOUS CAKES** made by Iris, Margaret and Jane, with coffee and teas from Caroline and Julia, encouraged attenders at the Present Aid Coffee Morning in the Village Hall to donate £166.

And the gifts we chose to send through Christian Aid were:

- 1 Emergency Shelter for a refugee family;
- 2 Clean Water Pumps for Bangladesh;
- 2 Antibiotics provisions for vulnerable children;
- 2 Send A Child To School gifts for vulnerable children in Kenya;
- 2 Mosquito Nets for Nigeria.

Thanks to all who contributed, and for helpers Caroline, Julia and Ann, as we again shared the Christmas spirit to those in such desperate need.

Celia Andrews



### Date for your diary.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Planning is in the early stages. There will be food, bar, singing. Keep the date in your diary. More details early next year.

A poster for a Christmas Tree Sale and Christmas Craft Stalls. The text is in green and red. It includes the date Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December and the time 8.30am - 2.00pm. Logos for Clevedon foodbank and Supporting and are at the bottom.

**CHRISTMAS  
TREE SALE**  
and  
**Christmas Craft Stalls**  
**Clevedon School**  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
**8.30am - 2.00pm**  
Clevedon foodbank Supporting and

**LUNCH AT KENN VILLAGE HALL.**



Sadly, these are covid times. The virus remains unpredictable.

I have decided not to have the lunch in December as well as November.

With positive thinking we have planned lunch dates for 2022. We had two fabulous lunches in September and October, shall miss January due to it being a Bank Holiday - so we plan to meet again on **Monday 7th February**.

It will happen again.

Let's stay safe and well for now.  
Caroline.

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

the trussell trust

**HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS CHRISTMAS**

In the week leading up to Christmas Clevedon, Nailsea, Portishead and Yatton foodbanks will be giving out Christmas hampers, and parcels to local individuals and families in crisis. Please support us by purchasing an item from the shopping list

**SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS**

- Christmas Cake
- Savoury Biscuits
- Hot Chocolate
- Chocolate/ Sweets
- Toffees
- Long Life Squirry
- Cream
- Long Life Juice
- Pringles
- Soft Drinks

Don't forget...  
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

**DONATE FOOD**  
Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.

**DONATE MONEY**  
Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

www.clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk  
info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1388133

**Calling Kenn singers and instrumentalists**



Our ad hoc Kenn Singers group has been invited to sing a few songs at Kenn's Carol Service Sunday 19th December.

Do let me know if you'd like to join us (no audition needed!) - we will be having just two rehearsals on Sunday 5th and 12th evenings.

This year, Colin, Jo and I are playing for our Kenn Christmas Tree singalong on Friday 10th - any instrumentalists in the village are welcome to join in. Just let me know if you're interested and we can get together in the next week for a run through.

Sue Parker [suzyjeg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suzyjeg@hotmail.co.uk)



## Neighbourhood Watch

In the past we have received information from Avon and Somerset Police about specific local crimes and campaigns.



Increasingly we are now sent links to online information. This is generally too long and detailed to be published in KN&V. Another issue is that information is received that becomes irrelevant by the time the magazine is published. This month, for example, it is information relating to Black Friday scams. Last month it was about keeping safe on Halloween. We can put the URL addresses in the magazine but they are often long and, as we have said before, increasingly Kenn residents are getting their immediate Kenn news from social media where they can just click on a hyperlink.

We are still looking for someone to take over passing on Neighbourhood Watch news through social media as an alternative or complementary way of keeping Kenn in contact with Police information and advice.

Please contact us if you can help either by posting links to social media or by taking on the wider role of Neighbourhood Watch coordinator which is really just acting as a receiving post box.

Thanks,

Colin and Jan Bedford. (343960)

### Received 9<sup>th</sup> November

Please see the attached document for links to the November issue of the National NHW Newsletter, which contains information on fighting ASB, as well as other useful information.

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

### Received 5th November

Please read the attached document for information on spotting the symptoms of drink spiking and what to do if you think you've been spiked. Please share this information where possible.

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/media/32959232/what-you-need-to-know-about-drink-spiking.pdf>

## KENN PARISH COUNCIL

### Chairman's chat

Here is the link for the survey for the Drum and Monkey future planning application, if you cannot download it and require a paper copy please give me or any Councillor a shout, or John Ball.

<https://www.surveylegend.com/s/3q6j>



We also are having a survey for the 20mph restrictions on Kenn Street, please also assist with this, same contacts plus Tony Parker for further information.

Sheila

**Kenn parish council**

**We want your views!**



The Parish Council are considering making an application to North Somerset County Council to provide:

**TRAFFIC CALMING IN KENN STREET**

To do this the Parish Council need to indicate that there is support within the community for such measures. So, over the next few days/weeks, Parish Council representatives will be contacting you with a questionnaire on which you can express your views.

## BIRD NEWS

Redwings and a few Fieldfares were arriving at the beginning of November but numbers increased when the northerly winds arrived mid month. Early indications suggest that we may see more birds from the north this winter perhaps including Bramblings and more Siskins.



*Redwing from Emily Lomas*

Jackie Huxtable reported seeing Goosanders and Kingfisher and there were 12 Cormorants on the pylon over the River Kenn so the fish stocks must be healthy.

There have been regular reports of Otters too and Jackie saw the Black Redstart that is wintering by Clevedon Pier - another is around Tyntesfield. 26th November a male Black Redstart was seen in Duck Lane by John Croxton -

*Picture from John*

Once the water levels were dropped on Kenn Moor nine Little Egrets arrived with a few Teal and a surprise Water Rail. A bigger surprise was a Marsh Tit in Littlewood, which I believe is the first record for the Reserve. Marsh Tits are usually very sedentary- this one may have come from Kings Wood, Cleeve.



The sea wall from Clevedon to Kingston Seymour has turned up a selection of raptors this month with Marsh Harrier and a very active Merlin being particularly notable. The numbers of waders has been low so far and there are few small passerines but John Croxton saw three perched Siskins, a very unusual occurrence there.

The Peregrine continues to inhabit the pylons by Wemberham Lane, Yatton where two Cetti's Warblers were singing and two Grey Wagtails and two Stonechats were present. A Little Grebe and a Kingfisher were on the River Yeo.

Trevor Riddle (01934 835208)

## Bonfire Night - Pop Up Bar

Huge thanks to John Hayden and Nigel Burnett for doing our **Pop up Bar** on the 5th November and to the many Kennites who added their combustible materials to the fire, not forgetting Yatton School for their excellent firework display at Hangstones and Yatton Rugby Club for theirs, which conveniently appeared on the other side of our fire.

John and Nigel reckon that around 50 grown-ups with a lot of children came along to enjoy the evening.

A lovely safe social event, with the joy of distant pyrotechnics, but not the problem of excessive noise to disturb our farm animals.



Special thanks to Mike Dowling for supplying dry cardboard, to Alistair Packwood who brought the *Guy* along and to John Ball for taking charge of the bonfire - which continued to smoulder for several days. And most important to the many village families who got together to enjoy traditional fun.

Margaret

Dear Margaret,

Thank you and for sending me the on-line copy of the magazine. I will send the next instalment at the end of December so you can use it in January. I hope, through the mag, I might find out what became of people like Johnny Bees - so should any one want to contact me please don't hesitate to let them know my e-mail address

Yours sincerely,

Janet. Skinner

## The Yellow Teapot Kenn Village Hall

**Monday 20th December**

**2.30pm — 4.30pm**

**Come along, have a chat and share seasonal refreshments with friends and neighbours.**



**Everyone welcome.....**

Julia Bush (SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS at the time)

## Posada

There is a Kenn tradition during the month of December. It is called The Posada, 'the welcome' in Spanish. Knitted figures of Mary, Joseph and their donkey go from house to house.

They receive hospitality and respite on their reimagined journey to Bethlehem.

We did not do this last year because of covid.

Sadly, we will not be doing the Posada this year either.

Mary and Joseph have decided that covid numbers in the area are still high.

They do not want to spread the virus from one child's house to another.

Especially if they are going to school the next day.



## Book group.

We decided not to meet in November as the covid numbers were rising. Several of us had a similar experience. Go out to an event, come home. Then discover we had been sitting beside someone who later tested positive.



Hopefully we are going to meet at the beginning of December. We will discuss our current reading and share our ideas.

## ***On Energy Certificates, the Climate and Kenn***

**A question: Do you have a plan to improve or replace the heating in your home?**

**My answer: No but I am thinking about it.**

**Another question: Do you know the EPC Band of your home? My answer: No**

I have wanted to understand what the Government's position is over home energy efficiency and particularly on insulation and the phasing out of fossil fuel boilers.

This is where Energy Performance Certificates come in.

The Government's position remains as set out in the Clean Growth Strategy from 2017.

".....our aspiration is for as many homes as possible **to be EPC Band C by 2035** where practical, cost-effective and affordable"

More recently, the Energy White Paper of December 2020 includes the following:

"Tackling emissions from buildings will take many years to deliver but it is a journey which must start now.

The 2020's must be a decade of action to put the country on the path to net zero emissions by 2050.

Depending on fossil fuels for heat or tolerating wasteful loss of energy in poorly insulated buildings is not sustainable. Action now will put us on a pathway to affordable, green and healthier buildings.

Inaction will mean more disruption when we do eventually address the challenge, as well as higher bills and a lower quality of life in our homes and places of work."

"Insulate Britain" wants the Government to come up very quickly with a plan for the full low-energy and low-carbon whole-house retrofit, with no externalised costs, of all homes in Britain by 2030".

The other demand relates to social housing with a shorter deadline of 2025.

It would seem that Insulate Britain and the Government share a common perspective on the urgency of the situation if not on the timescale for action.

I have made some attempts to understand the scale of these issues and I thought it might be interesting to readers to set this in a Kenn context.

### **UK domestic energy efficiency progress and targets**

As we have seen, current analysis and targets are framed in terms of the banding of Energy Performance Certificates. All changes of occupation require a current EPC. The EPC report places the property in a band in the range "A-G". "A" is the best energy performance and "G" the worst. Achievements and targets are commonly expressed in terms of the proportion of households in the upper part of the range, that is A-C.

Only 34% of homes are in the target A-C range across the 27 million homes in the UK. This means there are a lot of homes needing improvement and at a huge cost, only a fraction of which will come from subsidy and incentive schemes.

A number of schemes were introduced by the Coalition Government after 2010. There were new incentives and loans, and Local Authorities have had access to some funding for discretionary use. Energy Company Obligation (ECO) schemes have placed the burden on energy businesses to provide insulation improvement measures. The impact of these schemes has been small against the size of the housing stock.

There is some evidence that the rate of progress of these schemes had stalled.



However, 61% of social housing is now in the range A-C. This is home to 15% of fuel poor households.

“Fuel poverty” conflates the issues of insulation with energy costs, rents and incomes.

To discuss the many faces of poverty would take us to food banks as well as energy top-up vouchers.

A plan would normally be made up of actions, dates, costs and numbers. The Government appears not yet to have translated its wider aspirations for 2035 into what I would understand as a plan. This leads to the perception that the response of governments is just “Blah, blah, blah....” as Greta Thunberg puts it.

### **Energy Performance Certificates for Kenn**

EPCs are available as a public record and I have focused on statistics produced and published by aggregating these. You can search Gov.UK by street name or post-code and I have done this for Kenn Street and Duck Lane. 9 addresses are in bands A-C, whilst 33 are lower. This is a figure of less than 20%, rather less than the UK average for all homes. Nearly all of these houses in the A-C band in Kenn are relatively newly built and, anecdotally, I am aware that most of these have heat pumps.

Only about a half of the properties in these two roads have EPC certificates registered, and some of these have expired. Some of these properties may have been improved and the certificate may therefore be out of date. This makes me wonder if EPC certificate records are fit for purpose in monitoring progress against energy efficiency targets, and even less so for climate targets. The type and age of the property limits the possibilities and effectiveness of different insulation strategies. If you live in an old house you have to work with what you’ve got. Older houses are a significant proportion of our housing stock and no-one is planning to replace them on the basis of energy efficiency!

The EPC certificate not only bands a property in terms of energy performance, but also gives a separate band for environmental impact. I have seen a certificate for a property banded C for energy performance, but D for environmental impact. I think this may be especially because condensing boilers are so relatively good in terms of energy efficiency, and having a condensing boiler contributes quite a bit to a good EPC score. Alternatives to fossil fuel boilers are better for environmental impact but often present practical and economic challenges to install.

### **...and finally**

We live in a bungalow that was not designed primarily for energy efficiency. It has a lot of outside walls because it is not a simple box-shape. It has cavity walls which an energy supplier said were not suitable to be filled. We have installed extra loft insulation and double glazing but we have an old gas boiler which refuses to die or even show its age!

I am fairly sure that if we had an EPC done it would come out as D or E because of the boiler.

We would like to have a plan to replace it. We can’t envisage replacing it with another gas boiler and so we want a plan that prepares the house for a heat pump.

We also have old cars and expect to replace with an electric car.

We care about efficiency and we care about the climate.

It is very difficult to plan with confidence but perhaps useful to share thoughts, ideas and solutions within the village.

It is in this spirit that I thought it useful to share this article.

Colin Bedford / Great Thornworth.



## Ambulances for Africa

With all the ambulance and hospital documentaries that have been on our televisions of late, imagine living in a country where you have to get yourself to hospital regardless of the injury or illness. Living somewhere where there is no ambulance service to call upon. In a country the size of Yorkshire with 3 hospitals dotted across it, that is what the National Police Aid Charity (NPAC) have identified is the case in The Gambia. It was through their work in impoverished communities around the world that the NPAC discovered The Gambia is lacking in a functioning ambulance service, and so have now made it their resolve to rectify in the form of “Operation Zephyr”. The operation has a mammoth task of fundraising and sourcing everything from the vehicles themselves down to the equipment, and also providing the training. The target date is 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022 when the fleet of purchased and stocked ambulances will depart the

UK in convoy – even with a fire engine and a hearse in tow!

This is where two officers from Avon & Somerset have been chosen to join their fellow volunteer colleagues from across the UK and Europe on the operation. **Patrick Quinton “The Taxi Cop”** and Kenn resident, along with Louise Arthur from Bridgwater Police Station and frequent Kenn visitor, will become part of the convoy drivers taking the fleet down to the small, poor but emerging Commonwealth West African Nation.

As part of their volunteering, Patrick and Louise now have a fundraising target of £5000 to contribute to the NPAC kitty to enable the purchase of these vehicles and any equipment they can be filled with. A justgiving page has been set up entitled “Ambulances For Africa” ([www.justgiving.com/AmbulancesForAfrica](http://www.justgiving.com/AmbulancesForAfrica)) or the QR code above will also take you to the page. Your donation, no matter how small, will help to make a difference.

But there are other ways you can support the mission if not financial.

For example on the mission itself any communications equipment such as radios or walkie talkies, solar chargers, power banks would be useful. As well as jerry cans, spare tyres and ration pack style provisions. Then for long term any equipment which could be sourced along the lines of medical and ward furniture – beds; cabinets; trolleys; walking frames and sticks; stethoscopes; blood pressure kits; uniform etc as well as stainless steel instruments, bandages, and any drugs; fluids; food supplements and creams (so long as they still have 3 months left before any expiry date). Indeed any items which may now be destined for landfill or recycling, could instead be recycled on to those in need. Even school supplies can help the generations to come in these developing nations. If anyone therefore knows of any supplies or contacts, or has anything they think might be of use in any developing nation, then please do contact either the NPAC direct on 0844 8701 999 or [enquiries@npac.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@npac.org.uk) or Louise on [648@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:648@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

Alternatively any donations of raffle prizes to go towards some of the fundraising quizzes the pair are organising are sought, as are any contributions of items to give to the children in the villages where the ambulances will end up. Items such as pens, pencils, colouring books, board games, packs of cards, educational toys, large piece jigsaws, are all welcomed! Sports shoes and clothes are also always particular well received - good leather footballs are especially valued.

For a fun fact, The Gambia have sent athletes to the summer Olympics every year since 1984, with the majority of those athletes being runners. But they have never won a medal. If this ambulance service can therefore now help reduce the amount of amputations occurring through injuries, it can provide more members of the population with the opportunity to continue enjoying sport and exercise - and may yet produce that medal winning athlete for them!

You can learn about other missions and charitable work at <http://www.npac.org.uk/> and you can follow the Op Zephyr journey on social media on Twitter @OpZephyr and Instagram The Long\_Patrol

Thankyou for your support - PS 648 Louise Arthur, Team 3, Bridgwater Custody 07889 655037

Supporting National Police Aid Charity with “Operation Zephyr”, their mission to provide a functioning ambulance service in The Gambia.

Our fundraising contribution towards the project is entitled “Ambulances for Africa” and can be seen on [www.justgiving.com/AmbulancesForAfrica](http://www.justgiving.com/AmbulancesForAfrica)

## Drum & Monkey - Kenn Village Survey November 2021



It was lovely to meet so many Kenn residents when we launched our survey/consultation, on the future use of the former Drum and Monkey public house, at the Village Market in November.

The pub was sold by its old owners, Punch brewery, in 2021 as a non-viable site after 8 months on the open market with no offers received by any parties who wished to continue to run it as a pub or alternative community use.

As the new owners we bought the building to provide a new home for existing local creative design and web solution companies however we also wish to ensure that this important building can also benefit the local community.

We feel that we could create a viable way forward by converting the property into a combination of licensed cafe and office space. The licensed cafe would use approximately half of the ground floor, utilising much of the historic building.

By reducing the size of the licensed area the costs of running a cafe would be significantly less, than the previous pub offer, and combined with income from the offices would provide a sustainable option for the buildings future

A licensed cafe could operate during the daytime all week and open in the evenings, with a pub style, at the weekends along with being flexible to the community needs. (Subject to local support and successful operator)

We want to ensure that all Kenn residents have an opportunity to complete the survey before it closes on the 12th December and would like to thank Kenn residents and councillors for helping with the distribution of paper copies that can be completed and returned to the Drum and Monkey.

We would appreciate it if you could complete the survey.

The survey is available online:

<https://www.surveylegend.com/s/3q6j>

We will attend the next Village Market on 11th December to be available to chat with you and answer any questions that you may have before the survey closes.

Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to complete the survey.

Kenton & Abi, Pete & Kate

[Enquiries@breathesuccess.co.uk](mailto:Enquiries@breathesuccess.co.uk)

## Some thoughts on Climate Change from our Farming Correspondent



Cow farts are NOT the problem— Meat is NOT the problem—UK Agriculture is NOT the problem  
During lockdown last year - the cows didn't stop farting. Farmers didn't stop farming. Do you know what did stop? The unnecessary journeys. The travel. The holidays. The flights to far flung places. Industry. People. People stopped. The world stood still. And it breathed! It started to repair itself!

You will NOT help the world by eating avocado and soya that has been shipped from the other side of the world, where it's grown on land that used to be rainforests.

You won't stop climate change by wearing or using plastic or replacing your car with an electric one.

Really want to change the world?  
Eat Local. Shop local. Shop seasonally. Grow your own. Ditch the car. Get the bus. Buy a bike. Plant trees. Holiday at home. Reuse. Stop using disposable things like nappies, wipes and bags. That's how you'll save the planet.

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In 1950 there were - 10.6 million cattle in the UK  
50,225,000 people in the UK - 4 million licensed vehicles on the roads

In 2018 there were - 9.9 million cattle in the UK  
66,460,000 people in the UK - 38 million licensed vehicles on the roads

There were no records of commercial flights in the 1950s but ...  
in 2004 there were 23 million commercial flights  
in 2018 there were 38 million commercial flights  
(this doesn't include private or freight flights)

Would love to see the data that conclusively proves that cattle are the game changing contributor to global warming that the media would have us believe.

Tim Withers

At the last Parish Council Meeting on 1 November the Council agreed to contact North Somerset County Council, the Local Highway Authority, to request that they provide a 20 mph speed limit as part of traffic calming measures in Kenn Street to improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, provided there was support for the idea in the community.

The County Council have indicated that they are prepared to consider such measures on individual streets locally after they abandoned the area wide 'Quiet Lanes' proposal earlier this year.

They have indicated that Kenn Street is a candidate for such treatment provided there is support for such action within the community.

In order to establish the views of the Kenn community, the Parish Council has supported the issue of a questionnaire on which you can express your views.

Many of you will have been contacted to fill in the questionnaire in recent weeks.

When the results are processed the Parish Council will consider the position and the way forward.

We will keep you informed of progress.

## **Kenn parish council**

### **We want your views!**



**The Parish Council are considering making an application to North Somerset County Council to provide:**

### **TRAFFIC CALMING IN KENN STREET**

**To do this the Parish Council need to indicate that there is support within the community for such measures.**

**So, over the next few days/weeks, Parish Council representatives will be contacting you with a questionnaire on which you can express your views.**

**If you walk along the unlit roads of Kenn  
Please carry a torch and wear something reflective.**

**CAR DRIVERS cannot always see walkers,  
especially those in dark clothing, until they are almost alongside their car.**

## Our Monthly Missive from The Limes

I went along to the first Kenn Village Market after lockdowns back in October and was pleasantly surprised that I still recognised people. I was also quite touched by folk saying how much they appreciated my articles over the last few months, although I felt a little sorry for Margaret when one villager said my articles made KN&V worth reading. I think he was trying to be helpful and probably meant to say how much it enhanced KN&V. Sometimes things I want to say come out wrong as well. I cannot now recollect who it was which is probably just as well for everyone.

Also thank you to those who appreciate my humour. It has got me in trouble on occasions in the past so I try to be careful. Sometimes my style backfires. I was told of one person tittering over something I wrote, and I somewhat frostily replied, "That particular article was not meant to be funny".

I was also given one or two suggestions for future articles – goodness knows I need inspiration – but the ones I was given sounded a little too contentious for me at this time. As I have said before, I need all the friends I can get. For example I was thinking of saying something about Covid this month as there is still a lot of confusion and misinformation out there, even from government, let alone the politicians and media – but I've chickened out.

Anyway, I have just had a cataract operation with another due in a few days and typing is not easy. (Yes, I know I'm far too young for cataracts but as the optician sweetly put it, it has advantages if you have them done when you are younger as the body heals better). If I put my glasses on, the screen is a bit clearer for one eye but blurred with the other. On the other hand with glasses off, the screen is blurred anyway. I guess if I was really clever I'd use voice recognition software and dictate an article. Apparently that is what our local MP did when he wrote a book. I think in my case although it would help with the initial entry, I spend so much time editing things it wouldn't help much overall. You wouldn't believe the agonies I go through checking and tweaking these writings before I hit the Send button. I almost know the article by heart then.

Having started talking about cataracts I thought this month I might as well carry on and share some information and my experience about cataract treatment. Yes, I know that puts me in the same category as others who have had an operation and insist on telling you all about it but at least in KN&V you can turn over the page. I know of one very overweight lady who had an operation on her knee and keeps wanting to show me the scar and I have to keep declining and hope she eventually forgets, so I know what it is like.

Anyway, what are cataracts? They are basically a clouded area in the lens of your eye, commonly a symptom of aging although there are other causative factors. They cause misty and blurred vision, difficulty driving at night and glare. Treatment is easy, you remove the natural lens and put an artificial one in. Apparently cataract operations are the most common and most successful operations in the world. The process was developed in 1949 by a Dr Ridley in this country although attempts to cure the problem have been made before. There is some evidence that the Egyptians had a go for example. In modern times the NHS and Russia were the first to treat cataracts on a mass scale. Needless to say the operation has undergone a lot of changes since 1949.

The operation is painless apart from some eye drops that may sting and it is quite short, about 10 – 15 minutes. You are awake throughout but can't see anything apart from a bright light and you can't feel anything. If you are lucky the surgeon doesn't say too much about what he is doing either. Despite all that, when I had the first one done I felt a right wimp. Just before it started a nurse asked if I was OK. I replied, "I feel terrified".

"It's a very simple operation" she said as she squeezed my hand.

"That's what I keep telling myself".

In the blurb they give you beforehand, they say that if you want, a nurse will hold your hand throughout the procedure or they can sedate you. I just kept still and tried to relax but I did hear of one eye surgeon who when he had his own cataracts treated he chose sedation. I guess it is like the old story – there are two types of people afraid to fly: those who are just afraid to fly and those who know how the plane is built.

Anyway it is well worth having. Bear in mind you may still need glasses afterwards as the new lens can't focus to the full range like your original lens could when it was young, but by the time you have cataracts your old one doesn't anyway. That's why people often need reading glasses once they get to their 50's. After the operation it takes 4-6 weeks for the eye to settle for an optician to prescribe new glasses.

So what are the gruesome details?

Basically you have drops put in over a period of half an hour or so to anaesthetise the eye. The surgeon makes a slit in the eye to get at the lens which is in a capsule. A sonic probe of some sort goes in and emulsifies the lens and breaks it up and this is suctioned up. A new lens is slipped in and that is it. You are given eye drops to use for the next 3-4 weeks and the majority of your sight returns that day. Over the following days you should see a further improvement.

On the day you have it I suggest you have someone with you all day to maximise the sympathy level and just help with things. For example I couldn't use my mobile phone or laptop as the other eye blurred for some reason for a time so you are a bit helpless. I didn't arrange to have anyone with me (I'm a bloke) and although I was OK it was a bit traumatic when you can't see very well and I should really have organised something.

Two more things to mention. One is that nowadays there is a choice of lens technology but for some of that you have to pay. Do talk it through with the consultant beforehand and make sure you understand the pros and cons of the options. Bear in mind that although they match the new artificial lens as best they can it may not be a perfect fit so that is another reason you may still need glasses afterwards.

The other point is that cataracts are an amazing conversation starter. Just mention you are going to have them done and people who normally may not be very talkative just open up and chat away about the subject. They tell you how much it helped them or their husband or wife or someone they know, so next time you are out somewhere just say the word "cataracts" and see how the conversation opens up.

Stephen

# KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2021



## Clevedon Community Bookshop Co-operative Community Fund

Members of Clevedon Community Bookshop decided at their Annual General Meeting to allocate up to £15,000 from our profits towards establishing a Community Grant Scheme. The Co-operative Bookshop Community Fund are announcing they are open for applications from community groups to apply for a grant of up to £500 from 15th November 21 and closing on the 31st January 2022.

The application form and information on grant guidance to assist in filling out the form will be on the homepage of our website <https://www.clevedoncommunitybookshop.coop>

### Parish Council Meeting – 1 November 2021

- **20's Plenty** – Dr John Simmons, 20's Plenty co-ordinator for Churchill, attended to provide a presentation on this scheme. His presentation gave a lot of information and afterwards he answered questions from those in attendance. When asked if a survey of the village would be useful he replied he felt it would be, for 2 reasons: to provide residents with information and gather their views on the extent of a possible scheme.
- **Drum & Monkey (D&M)** Mr Kenton Mee, one of the potential D&M developers, was in attendance to discuss and gauge residents' views before they resubmitted their application. He provided details of the unmaintained internal state of the building and expressed concern that it was worsening through lack of use. Those in attendance again indicated their wish that part of the building retained a community use – licenced café or micro pub. Mr Mee advised he had made some investigations into this and observed it would need someone to run it as it was not within their business skills set. It was felt that a survey of residents would be useful, perhaps at the next Village Market. Mr Mee said he would be willing to do this and would attend the market and provide details of a survey.
- **Local Plan** It was report that the Chairman felt something had been left out of KPC's comments during the consultation for this. Following minutes available on the KPC web site: NS Local Plan to 2036 – the meeting to consider this on the 4 Dec 2018, minute 18/136. NS Local Plan to 2038 – the meeting on the 1 March 2021, minute 21/23. Following the meeting a search of NSC's web site did not find comments received to these.

### 2022 Meetings

10 January – Council Meeting  
 7 March – Ann Parish Meet & Council  
 9 May – Statutory Council  
 4 July – Council  
 5 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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*Merry Christmas!*



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