

# KENN

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## KENN CHRISTMAS MARKET AND COFFEE MORNING WITH TOMBOLA

Saturday 10th December 10—12 noon



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# NEWS & VIEWS

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1st Sotiris Papasolomontos  
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**

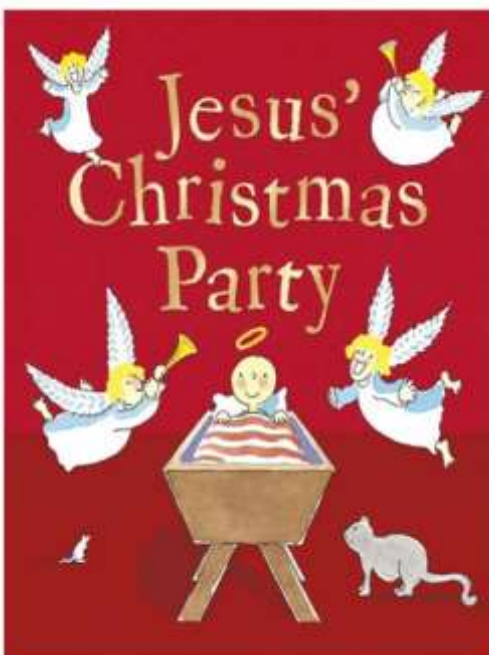


**Altar Guild Flowers**

**Could people doing flower arrangements in the Church please do so on Saturday 17th December.**

**Church Floodlighting** - Our church was floodlit in November to mark Armistice Day.

**Our Flag** flew at half-mast on 19th November to mark the passing of Mike Dowling.



**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

Many thanks, *Fran*

Dear friends,

Firstly, to say thank you for a wonderful concert in November that was such a success. I was so sorry to miss it because I had Covid, but particular thanks to Sue and Rachael for sharing their gifts and talents and providing an amazing variety of beautiful music.

Thank you too to Celia for running November's coffee morning in the church room and you will read elsewhere in the magazine that there is the possibility of making this space available as a 'warm space' in the New Year.

One of the Team Advent study groups is meeting weekly in church and we will be considering Jesus' ministry in the context of when and where he lived and how he brought hope and challenges then and still does today. As we travel through Advent it is important to focus on whose birth we are celebrating at Christmas and his message of hope and his call to action to support and help those in need in a world that is currently in such turmoil.

Please continue to support our local Foodbank this month in the run up to Christmas as the need is great. We are also trying to raise money for the Children's Society during December and our Christingle Service at the end of November was great fun as well as being thought provoking as we were reminded of children whose lives are blighted by poverty and fear, many of whom are supported by the Children's Society who fight for the hope and happiness of young people when they are threatened by abuse, exploitation, and neglect. Children's Society envelopes are available in church if you would like to make a donation. (Their online address is [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk) if you would like to find out more.)

We also had a bit of a birthday celebration for our amazing church musician Jo at the end of the service and had the chance to say thank you for all she does to enhance our services and for the joy she brings. THANK YOU JO!

We look forward to our Carol Service on December 18<sup>th</sup> when we shall be joined by a the Kenn singers, and to the Crib service on Christmas Eve at 3pm when the Posada will be returned to church and we will retell the Christmas story in a different way! The Posada has not been around the village for a number of years so I hope you are able to join in and welcome the travelling family into your home at some point.

If you know of any children who would like to be involved in the Crib service than PLEASE contact me at [franbindingkks@gmail.com](mailto:franbindingkks@gmail.com). I would love to hear from you.

Details of all our services are in this magazine, on Yatton Moor Team website

[www.yattonchurches.org](http://www.yattonchurches.org) and the national website 'A church near you' [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

Our overarching theme this Christmas is 'Follow the star' and there will be booklets and bookmarks available in church if you would like to take one which help us reflect on the power of this Christmas symbol from Christmas Eve through the 12 days of Christmas.

Finally, words from a Christmas blessing:



May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ child  
be yours this Christmas.

Love and thanks,

*Fran*



## KENN W.I.

Members of Kenn W.I. were busy people in November. There was the usual meeting followed by the AGM, a Flower Arranging Demonstration, a Coffee Morning at the Village Market and a visit to John Lewis.

At the Annual General Meeting the financial statement was presented and finances look healthy for another year. There are now 28 full members and 3 dual members. A dual member belongs to more than one Institute. The Secretary and the President also presented their reports which show that it was a very busy and interesting year. A new Committee was chosen. Edna Baber and Jenny Croxton are joining the Committee this year, For 2023 the President, Secretary and Treasurer remain the same.

The Coffee Morning at the Village Market was a great success. Together with the proceeds from the Coffee Morning in the Church Room we will be able to send £200 to St. Peters Hospice.

It was good to see so many people at the Flower Demonstration which was given to us by Natasha Stone. She gave us wonderful tips about being eco-friendly as we are doing our arrangements as well as doing some lovely arrangements herself which were raffled later.

The W.I. are also decorating a Christmas Tree for the Festival at St. Mary's Church, Yatton in December.

At the December Meeting members can bring any Christmas Cards that they wish to send to each other. Santa will also be there with his sack and everyone will go home with a gift.

Ann Holtham

Warmest wishes to all who read this mag, for Christmas and the year to come!

Many thanks to Margaret for all your hard work in keeping the KN&V going for us all year after year!

Colin and Jan Bedford



## A D V E N T S P I R A L

Light a candle in the darkness...

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December,  
from 7pm, Holy Trinity Church, Cleeve.



You are warmly invited to join us anytime between 7 and 8 pm

for this beautiful candlelit celebration accompanied by gentle seasonal music.

A lovely way to mark the Winter Solstice as we turn away from the dark and towards the light. Please let us know if you are hoping to come so we can prepare enough candles.

nickiefidgin@googlemail.com 01934 283340

### APPEAL FOR ADVENT CALENDARS

Dear Residents of Kenn,



Give yourselves a huge pat on your backs.

You are magnificent! What a fantastic response there has been to the call for advent calendars for children in families suffering hardship. When the call went out, I expected 15, maybe 20 calendars to be donated. The result to date has been a whopping **104**.

I always knew Kenn residents to be a very generous bunch of people, but this makes me really proud to live in our village. A big thank you to everyone for your donations to date and hopefully your generosity will continue as we approach the festive season, when so many of our close neighbours in Clevedon are struggling to make ends meet and who will not enjoy the same fare that we tend to take for granted, without more food gifts.

Thank you to everyone, Liz Jaehme

The collection box remains in the porch at St John's and contributions will be regularly passed on to Clevedon Food Bank.

For anyone wishing to donate direct - these are their bank details

Clevedon and District Foodbank CIO

Account Number: 41477102 Sort Code: 40-17-50

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

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

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

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Marianna Mackay 340323

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**Church Floodlighting:**  
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**with Coffee  
Morning  
and Tombola**

**Saturday 10th December 10 —12noon**

**North Somerset  
Times**

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



**MONDAYS**

**Recycling /food-waste 5th, 12th, 19th Tuesday 27th December**  
**Dustbin 5th, Tuesday 27th December**



**CLEVEDON  
SALEROOMS**



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

**Antiques, Interiors, Collectables &  
Jewellery**

**Thursday 8th December**  
**Auction starts 10.30am**

**Viewing Wednesday 7th December**  
**10.00am—5.00pm**

**Quarterly Specialist Sale**  
**Thursday 9th March 10.30am**  
**Viewing Wednesday 8th March**  
**10.00am to 5.00pm**

Catalogues can be viewed at  
[www.clevedonsalerooms.com](http://www.clevedonsalerooms.com)

**Clevedon School have a Christmas Tree & Craft Sale  
on 3 December in aid of Clevedon Food Bank.**

The charitable fundraising continues on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December with our 'Christmas Tree Sale and Christmas Market Stalls' event. Over 15 different craft and food stalls making it the go-to destination for your Christmas tree this year! All monies raised will support the festive work of Clevedon Foodbank as well as our year round in-school charitable work supporting students in a whole range of different ways. Your support in sharing the flyer and purchasing a tree would be most welcome.

This year, we will be working with St Peter's Hospice and acting as a Christmas tree shredding centre. This event takes place from 4pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January and all day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January. For a charitable donation, we can collect trees and bring them for shredding – more details to follow!

Thanks go to  
Sam, Tom and Ella's Mum,  
Clare Hibbs for this piece from  
Clevedon School.

Christmas Tree sales will  
Support Clevedon Food Bank

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 8.30am  
In the Clevedon School Car Park

**PRICE GUIDE**

5ft - £40	6ft - £45	7ft - £55	8ft - £65	9ft - £85
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COFFEE AVAILABLE CARDS ACCEPTED

ALL FUNDS TO CLEVEDON SCHOOL & Clevedon Foodbank



CHRISTMAS MARKET STALLS

**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.**

## Lunch Break

Thank you to everyone who came to our very first Lunch Break on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The hall was warm, the conversation was cheery, the cakes (made by Jean, thank you) were delicious and no one seemed to be in a hurry to leave. We were pleased to meet 2 new people who hadn't been to lunch at the village hall before, they were given a very friendly Kenn welcome, and they promised to return.

The next Lunch Break is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December  an early Christmas get together. The hall will be decorated for Christmas, Sue Parker has kindly offered to play carols on her keyboard so we can sing or listen to carols whilst the soup and cake are served 

So please come along, a very warm welcome awaits anyone who fancies coming. Christmas jumpers are optional but warmly encouraged!

Homemade soup, bread, cheese, homemade cake and, of course, tea and coffee all served at your table.

A donation of £5 per person goes towards the cost of the lunch and any leftover money is donated to the local food bank.

So, if you work from home, are retired, or otherwise free on a Monday lunchtime please pop along and share lunch with friends.

**Next Lunch Break – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 12-2pm**

**New Year Lunch Break – Monday 9th January 12-2pm**

Hope to see you there!

Sarah and Tim

### The Galvanised Bin.

Keep the packs and plastic bottle tops coming! There is a small, galvanised bin just inside the driveway at Chapel Cottage. on Kenn Street

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

From a monthly trip to the collecting point it is now weekly.  
Thank you Kenn for this recycling.

Caroline x





## Lighting up the Christmas Tree.

Christmas in Kenn will start on 16th December at 7pm when we switch on the lights on the big Christmas tree on the Village Green.



We have worked out that this is the 30th time we have held this community event. As usual after the switching on ceremony we will adjourn to our garage at Church Path Cottage to drink mulled wine and eat mince pies whilst singing our favourite carols.

We welcome back the very popular Lochrian family band to accompany our efforts.

So please come, all are welcome, to the village green at 6.55pm so that we can switch on the lights at 7pm exactly.

Robin and Marianna

078 6023 5495

## Christmas and other Messages

Merry Christmas and happy new year to all my friends and neighbours in the village  
I hope you all have an incredible festive time .  
I will be donating to children's hospice rather than delivering cards.



Take care, Heather Jenkins



Juliet Stowell wishes all her neighbours a Healthy and Happy Christmas and New Year.

Jean Fenwick sends best wishes to all her friends and neighbours for a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Readers, Contributors and Special Thanks to all who Deliver Kenn News and Views — Margaret and John.



## Advent and Christmas Services St John's Kenn

Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> 8.30am Traditional Communion

Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> 11am Advent ATIC

Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve 3pm Crib Service

Christmas Day 10am Christmas All Age Communion



Follow The Star  
THE GREAT  
INVITATION

Starts 4<sup>th</sup> November

## Kenn village hall

Pilates 10:15am -11:15am  
Pilates  
Every Friday

Book via [www.kennvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.kennvillagehall.co.uk)  
or call 07974741859

## Caring in Bristol.

As many of you will remember Kenn provided many years of support to the homeless in Bristol at Christmas through donating warm clothing, food and toiletries. The Charity can no longer accept many of these and relies on money donations to fund their vital work.

This winter is likely to see the number of homeless increase due to the rise in the cost of living. People who have just been covering their rent, food and heating bills may find that they can no longer afford the rent and will be forced onto the streets.

Caring in Bristol provides a much needed haven and guarantees a

wonderful communal proper Christmas Day meal with turkey and all the trimmings.

Please support this wonderful local Charity by making a donation via [www.caringinbristol.co.uk/donate](http://www.caringinbristol.co.uk/donate) or if you wish to post it and want a Gift Aid form please contact us.

Let's make someone else's Christmas a memorable one.

Robin and Marianna 07860235495

Starts 4<sup>th</sup> November

www.kennhall.co.uk Or call 07974731839'."/>

**Kenn village hall**

LBT

9:15am -10am  
Legs bums and  
tums  
Every Friday

Book on [www.kennhall.co.uk](http://www.kennhall.co.uk)  
Or call 07974731839

## Kenn Village Market

It was really lovely to see so many stall holders and shoppers at our November Market and when the shopping had been done our market customers were treated to coffee and tea along with delicious WI cakes.



The generous donations given for the refreshments were sent to St Peter's Hospice, the charity Kenn WI is supporting this year.

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, Andre Olsen 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 10<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 12pm.**

(Just a few of our stallholders are pictured on the front cover )

**Maggie Hobbs 876277 and Lyn Burnett 870189**

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I will be making all the usual cakes for the December market. Profits will go to the Blay Family in Ghana, to pay the Spring Term fees for the children of the late Denis Blay\*.

There will also be a range of Heaven Preserve Us jams, jellies and chutneys.

Also Christmas Mincemeat (gluten free and vegetarian, but with a good splash of brandy).

Thankyou,  
Julia Bush

\* For details of the Blay Family, supported by Kennites and the St John's congregation, contact me on 01275 873554



## BIRD NEWS

The first half of the month was extremely mild so few winter birds arrived.

Those that did soon moved on probably heading to France or Spain.

Large flocks of Redwings were in the Wemberham area on two days, on each occasion following heavy overnight rain. The first time they were with 150 Fieldfares and a single Mistle Thrush. A pair of Mistle Thrushes were in Yatton churchyard when we were cleaning out the bird boxes there.

Speaking of which neither of the boxes in St Johns churchyard had nests this year but one did have a number of ladybirds in it.

The other box was damaged and has been replaced.

I hadn't seen the local Peregrine for a few weeks but he turned up on his favourite pylon on a calm bright Saturday morning. The new pylons are being erected nearby and perhaps the disturbance prompted him to find a quieter perch. A surprise visitor in Wemberham Lane was a Black Redstart for one morning only, a Kestrel and a pair of Magpies may have persuaded it to move on. Cetti's Warbler, Chiffchaff and a Blackcap were all heard singing.

Warmer winters allow the last two species to stay rather than migrate south.

Skylarks were still passing over during the first half of the month and at least 40 were at the sea wall where a Short Eared Owl was a surprise and welcome sighting. Despite falling numbers the winter Curlew flock seems to be holding its own whilst at least 400 Redshanks were present. Dunlin were few and far between but Shelduck, Wigeon and Teal were present in high numbers..

Lapwing numbers built up and a flock of at least 200 was over the motorway by Kingston Seymour on the 24th.

Despite the low numbers of winter Thrushes, Waxwings and Blackbirds as well as Redwings and Fieldfares are still arriving in north east England so we may see more locally in a month or two after they have eaten their way south west.

The rain in the second half of the month provided ground suitable conditions for a few roosting Snipe.

Trevor Riddle.

## Bonfire Night 2022 -

Saturday 5th November - the bonfire had been growing since the Queen's Jubilee, lots of old timber from the Drum's refit, plus garden waste etc. The day was very wet and the fire seemed wet, but come dark the weather cleared up the stars and moon shone and with not too much problem became a beautiful blaze.

There were fireworks all around us, loads of people arrived and patronised the Pop Up Bar manned by Nigel and John who provided many of us with sparklers.

A lovely gathering, lots of families and all safe.



## KENN CHURCH ROOM - CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Clean water for families in Bangladesh affected by a disaster, a beehive to make a sustainable income for a Kenyan family, helping send two orphaned children in Kenya to school and a goat to provide a family in Burundi with vital nutrition.



- these are the gifts sent from Kenn's Coffee Morning to Christian Aid as part of its Present Aid appeal. We sat around choosing gifts after enjoying tea and coffee and one of Iris's delicious cakes.

There will be no Coffee Morning in December but already two are planned for charities on the fourth Saturdays of January and February - details later. Celia Andrews

## WARM SPACE

It has been suggested that the Church Room adjacent to the church car park be used as a 'Warm Space' during January February and March.

There are several schemes that will provide funding including one from North Somerset Council. Planning is at an early stage. Proposals include the room being open and hosted by two people for two days a week, 10.00am to 3.30pm.

If you are interested in hosting (and therefore being able to cut down on heating your own space) please get in touch with Rev Fran Binding, Ann Holtham or Julia Bush.

The Yellow Teapot will be out and about on

Monday 12th December, in the Village Hall from 2-30 to 4pm.

All the usual cakes and biscuits will be on the table, plus mince pies (home made mincemeat, gluten free, vegan but with a splash of brandy).

See you there. Julia Bush



Sunday 27th November

Kenn celebrated Christingle on Advent Sunday in a packed church, filled with villagers of all ages, plus friends from the Team and further afield..

It was a joyful occasion and everyone was careful with the pointy sticks and candles – thanks go to the team who prepared the Christingles on Saturday.

Towards the end of the service Jo, our musician, played Happy Birthday for herself and others in our monthly 'Happy Birthday' spot.



After the service we toasted Jo with coffee sherry, fizz, and cake made by her mum Linda followed by cards, and flowers for Jo.

Jo and Fran are pictured with their Christingles.

## The Posada in Kenn 2022.

Due to covid we have not had The Posada in Kenn since 2019.

This is a beautiful village tradition. Knitted figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey go round the village in a box on their journey round Kenn to Bethlehem.



If they come to your home, please take the couple in, light their lantern, and give them shelter for the night. Also take a picture and post it on the village Facebook page.

The next day pass them on to a neighbour or friend in the village.

In the past there was a list of children and their addresses, so you knew where to take Mary and Joseph too for the next night.  
*It is only right that we can no longer do this because of child protection.*

Here is a plan. I will send Mary and Joseph out at the beginning of December.

Between us with intuition, texting and Facebook I reckon we have enough wit to ensure the couple go to as many houses with children as possible.

I know there are grown-ups also like to be part of the tradition.

I will put my mob number in the box if you need assistance.  
If we work together on this, it will be easy to coordinate

Whoever has the Posada on the night of the 23rd of December can you please take them to the church for the Crib Service on the 24th.  
If you are coming to the service bring them along.

It is so lovely to be able to do The Posada again. Caroline xx



**Talking Point from John Croxton.....**

Whilst the benefits of the European Courts of Human Rights are clearly available to people traffickers, illegal migrants, French authorities, trade unions and 'econuts' could someone please explain the benefits to the vast majority of law abiding citizens of our great nation.

On the subject of climate alarmists I draw attention to the chilling and sinister statement by the UN: "WE OWN THE SCIENCE AND THE WORLD SHOULD KNOW IT" Melissa Fleming Sept. 2022.

That arrogant statement should alarm all of us as it explains why only the IPCC views are expressed in the media and their stated position is to 'advance the knowledge of human-induced climate change'. Totally ignoring NATURAL VARIATIONS which have and continue to have far more effects on Earth's climate - for example: the Medieval Global Warming Period some 1000 years ago when England and most of the Northern Hemisphere were warmer than today! This was followed some 400 years later by the Little Ice Age when the River Thames was frozen to such a depth that Frost Fairs were held each Winter for many years. These NATURAL VARIATIONS were clearly not caused by rising CO2 emissions but something clearly much more powerful - Nature.

Anyone with an open mind on this subject should take the time to check out the scientific facts clearly explained by Professors Tim Ball, John Christy, Roy W Spencer, Richard Lindzen and others all freely available on YouTube!

To close another quote: "If one insists on ignoring the FACTS - which one is clearly free to do so - one cannot claim to have knowledge of or understanding the problem in question".

John Croxton

**Tuesday December 6th**

Yatton Local History Society talk by Clive Burlton on the Port of Bristol: the gateway to the world

7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW.  
Contact [yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com](mailto:yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com)

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Please carry a torch and wear something reflective.**

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especially those in dark clothing, until they are almost alongside their car.**

## Our Monthly Missive from the Limes

Hello. This is Peppa dog writing this month instead of Stephen. Actually I am a bitch but you might get the wrong idea if I say that.

I think Stephen needs a month off as he is recovering from a bad cough and cold and is still feeling sorry for himself after what he calls a "big birthday" in the summer. Mark you, I don't think it was that big as he spent it driving from one end of the country to another. Sounds a bit boring to me. Apparently he doesn't like the idea of getting older but he has had 70 years to get used to the idea of this one.

Anyway I hope the nice lady who does the Kenn News and Views will let me have a few words instead. Well, I think she is nice. Sometimes Stephen gets an email (whatever that is) from her and says, "That's nice". Apparently the last one said that when some people read KN&V they turn straight to his article. Don't they know they should start at the front? Stephen suggested to her that she put his column somewhere else but she said they would still find it.

Let me introduce myself properly. I am Peppa (as in pig, not Sergeant). I am told I am a Patterdale/Lakeland cross but as I am never cross I don't know what they mean. I am also told I'm a terrier but I'm very nice really. I look like the dog in the old HMV records except I am mainly black with some white paws and going grey elsewhere. I'm very cute and most people smile or laugh when they see me. Children want to cuddle me and some grown ups let me sit on their lap. Stephen doesn't like that, he thinks dogs should stay on the floor but he can't do much about it when his friends ask me to jump up or even pick me up.

Stephen says I am his dog. Another way of looking at it is that Stephen is my master. Another way of looking at it is that Stephen thinks he is my master. It has taken a long time to train him and you don't know how hard I have had to work to let him think he is the boss. He is a big softy really even though sometimes he shouts at me when he thinks I should be doing something different or when he plays hide and seek with chocolate and I find it. He says it is bad for me but then why does he hide it where I can smell it with my super sensitive nose and jump on a table and eat it?

I also have a mistress in my life. Jean lives in a flat across the garden and often leaves her door open for me. I think she is lonely as she says I am company for her. Stephen is also lonely without me so I have to make sure I look after both of them. I don't want to leave Stephen on his own too long so I always go back to him when it is teatime. Jean lets me lie on her settee which Stephen doesn't. Stephen gives me a large cushion with big paw prints on and I'll lie on it all day if I can but Jean's settee is even better. I also get treats there. Stephen can be a bit stingy but recently he has given me some chewy thing which he says is good for the teeth. I used to have a rawhide bone but that got boring.

Actually I am a very intelligent dog. Once I have learned something I'm not like other dogs who have to do it all over again. For example I know how to run after a ball and bring it back so why do it more than once? Other dogs who do it all the time are stupid. I can also puzzle things out. I like exploring and I remember on one walk with my master when I was exploring a field and ended up on the other side of a rhine to him. Other, stupid dogs would run up and down looking silly or else try to swim across. Why get wet when you can use your head? I remembered the way I'd come and ran all the way back to where we separated and then chased after Stephen. Isn't that clever?

Speaking of using my head it comes in very useful at times. Stephen has a nice house so I don't want to scratch the doors like other dogs when I want to go anywhere. Instead I use my head and push with it against the door. If it doesn't open I use my head to knock. I'm very polite really.

.I think generally I am very well behaved. Sometimes I feel like doing strange things and then Stephen tells his friends that I am hormonal despite being "done", whatever that means.

Sometimes at night I have run off. Once I didn't get back till 3 in the morning. Stephen was not happy but he couldn't work out whether to tell me off or welcome me back. Usually if I want to go out I let him know. A hard stare often works or else I keep running to the back door and he gets the message. Once I see he is on his way I run to the door and do a couple of turns and jump up at the handle. He thinks that is cute. I learnt that trick by watching Disney cartoons as a puppy.

Stephen sometimes needs organising and I'm good at telling him what to do. I have a good sense of time and if he is late getting up I give him a woof as a reminder. Just one woof is enough and he shouts something back. I think it is "thank you".

At bed time if he is late going to bed I nudge him and when he is in bed and upstairs has gone quiet I give him a goodnight woof. He will shout something back. Sometimes its words I don't understand but he might just be saying goodnight.

In the morning Stephen doesn't feed me until after he has had breakfast. He says it is so I realise who is boss. I can cope with that but sometimes I have to remind him it's time to feed me. I just sit near him and stare without moving a muscle. He tries to ignore me but when he looks at me I know I have got him. He tries to pretend he is ignoring me when he gets up and clears the table but eventually he goes across to my doggy food and I get ready for his little routine. He calls it my only party trick but I can do far more, he just doesn't notice.

Unless I am already sitting, Stephen says "sit". I sit and dangle one front paw in the air. He fills my food bowl with a measure and puts that away. He then turns to me and waits a little. If he is in a hurry he hardly waits at all. If he is a bit grumpy or wants me to think he is the boss he waits longer. Eventually he says "Eat it up!" and I dive in. I like my food. I'm not one of those dogs who leave food lying around all day and if I visit any dogs like that I will go straight to their food bowl and help them finish it off.

I could tell you much more but I think the nice KN&V lady will say I have done enough. Perhaps another time. Anyway I have a nice life and Stephen is a nice master although he does have his moments.

Peppa

T hank you Peppa, most entertaining, Margaret

# KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2022

## Council Meeting held on the 31 October 2022

Items arising from minutes of the previous meeting were updated or considered:

- Heritage sign at the junction of Kenn St and Kennmoor Rd – Cllr Treble was still trying to progress this.
- 20mph Kenn Street – a review of the discussion following the meeting with North Somerset Council (NSC) on 4 October. Documents from information gathered on criteria etc. for 20mph zones were considered.
- 20mph Kenn St Working Party – it was agreed to form a Working Party to try to progress this project.
- Hedges/verges – Cllr Humberstone provided a quote from a local contractor for this annual work.
- Wildflower Planting it was agreed to pay the contractor's invoice for this much appreciated work.

### Planning Issues

- Advising interested parties when planning applications are to be considered at meetings – Between meetings members had deliberated on how such a procedure could be administered but felt it would be difficult to progress and be sure all aspects were covered.
- 22/P/2418/FUH & 22/P/2419/LBC Moorgates Kenn St – Proposed Replacement of existing timber windows and doors with new double glazed timber windows and doors. KPC had no objects to this.
- Changing Condition Status of North Somerset Levels & Moors SSSI's – NSC had provide a copy of this new document. It was felt there was a need for this with the increasing impact of storm water. Especially with the large housing developments proposed in Nailsea and no improvements to the disposal of foul water.
- Clevedon and District Community Land Trust – details of this had been supplied. It was thought their aims were worthy but they may encounter problems.
- Highway Improvements – NSC had provided details for Parish Council to report issues.
- EV Charging Points – Information on a company that are building a network of EV charge points across the UK that are robust, reliable and easily retrofitted using existing infrastructure. Helping local authorities install at pace and scale. They are backed by the government's Charging Infrastructure Investment Fund (CIIF), so have access to significant cash reserves to fully-fund EV charging network deployments UK wide and were looking for area to make installations
- Finance – Grant Application Policy & Grant Application Form – this was considered and approved.

## 20 MPH Working Party met on the 2 of November 22 to consider the following:

- 1) Difference between: 20mph Limits (Signing & lining only, used where speed limits are at or below 24mph, self-enforcing) and 20mph Zones (Physical traffic calming (speed humps, cushions, chicanes) used where speeds are over 24mph, up to 30mph)
- 2) A document prepared in relation to Kenn's situation arising from the above DfT document. Some points discussed: Kenn is not part of a strategic network, there is a strong case for a 'Zone' with the inclusion of Kenn St and Duck Lane, which are residential roads. Agreed a document for the Parish Council to approve and consider completing their part for forwarding to NSC.

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### 2023 Meetings

9 January – Council  
 6 March – Ann. Parish Meeting  
 6 March – Council (after A.P.M.)  
 4 May – Council Elections  
 15 May – Statutory Ann. Council  
 3 July – Council  
 4 September – Council  
 6 November – Council  
 The meetings will be held at 7:30pm  
 in the Village Hall – agendas on the  
 noticeboards before the above date.



*Merry Christmas!*

