

The Carol Service 'Cloth for the Cradle'

6.00pm Sunday December 17th St John the Evangelist Church Kenn



The Crib service - Christmas Eve—3.00pm at St John's, Kenn

A delightful film called 'The first Noel'

Suitable for **all ages** with carols and Christmas snacks

A chance to get together with family, friends and neighbours for half an hour to think about the story behind the festivities.



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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 16th December.

Carol Service at 6.00pm Sunday 17th December

Cleaning — Everyone to help please

Kenn Village Flag was flown at full-mast on Sunday 12th November to mark Remembrance Sunday and our **Church Floodlighting** marked Armistice Day.

Thank you: Thanks go to Robin and Marianna Mackay, ably assisted by Chris Taylor, for flying our flag and to Dave Pugh, who looks after the church floodlighting to Jo Manning our organist and so many others for their efforts in 2023.

If you would like our church tower floodlit for a special anniversary, or perhaps a celebration, please contact Dave on 01275 874278 - a donation towards costs will be appreciated.

Jo Manning with her Christingle



Dear friends,

It's December and I can't believe it!! We've already had our Christingle with sparklers as well as candles and with over 40 of us had great fun.

The Posada will begin its journey around the village, this year with the addition of a flock of sheep, all named individually! Soon we begin preparing for our carol service this year called 'Cloth for the Cradle' which is on Sunday 17th at 6pm with readings, carols, more candles, and we'll be joined by Kenn singers, all followed by mulled wine to toast the Christmas season together. Perhaps you'd also like to come along with family to watch a delightful film called 'The First Noel' also with some carol singing and festive nibbles on Christmas Eve at 3pm. A chance to have entertainment laid on for the afternoon of a busy day and keep the children entertained!

Sadly, this will be my last Christmas at St John's as I shall be retiring on my 65th birthday and my last service will be on Sunday 11th February. . This is a year earlier than planned but unfortunately the nature of my role, which is now different from the post I applied for because we are in a Vacancy and will be losing a full-time staff member, combined with an increased need for me to travel to Bath to help support my family, means that my current load is unsustainable Something had to give!

I have made some great friends in my time here. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with a group of people who love their community and strive to do their best for everyone. Kenn is so fortunate to have such an amazing team and I'm sure the village will continue to support them.

Christmas is a season of goodwill, hope and light which are so much needed in our world. The following poem was written as the result of a conversation between the poet Wendy Cope and an eight-year-old girl about Christmas. The little girl began by saying: "If you don't have a real tree, you don't bring the Christmas life into the house." The poet, inspired by the term 'Christmas life', goes on to explore what that means.

*Bring in a tree, a young Norwegian spruce,
Bring hyacinths that rooted in the cold.
Bring winter jasmine as its buds unfold -
Bring the Christmas life into this house.*

*Bring red and green and gold, bring things that shine,
Bring candlesticks and music, food and wine.
Bring in your memories of Christmas past.
Bring in your tears for all that you have lost.*

*Bring in the shepherd boy, the ox and ass,
Bring in the stillness of an icy night,
Bring in the birth, of hope and love and light.
Bring the Christmas life into this house.*

I hope that this season, when we celebrate Christmas life remembering Jesus' birth, will bring you 'hope and love and light.'

Wishing you a wonder full Christmas life and a blessed New Year,

Fran

The Posada in Kenn 2023.

We have 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.

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 who 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.

Caroline xx

Kenn Singers - Christmas 2023

Fran Binding has asked our ad hoc Kenn Singers group to sing a few Christmas carols as part of

**Kenn Carol Service at St John the Evangelist
6pm Sunday 17th December.**

This is an open invite to any villagers interested in singing with our merry group. Please email me if you're interested in joining us at suzyjeg@hotmail.co.uk

First look at the songs on Monday 4th December after our Village Lunch Break at the Village Hall. Then two more rehearsals here in Duck Lane, 10-11am Saturday 9th and 16th December. Look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Sue Parker



Lunch Break



**Christmas Lunch Break will be served on
Monday December 4th from 12.30.**

The hall will be warm, the village piano will be uncovered ready for carols, and the soup, bread, cheese, home-made cakes, tea, and coffee will be ready.

A suggested donation of £5 goes towards the cost of the lunch and any leftover money is donated to Clevedon Foodbank.

If you're free on the first Monday of every month, please pop along to the Village Hall, a warm welcome awaits.



Christmas Lunch Break Monday 4th December



**1st Lunch Break of 2024 -
Monday 8th January (2nd Monday) 12.30 - 2.00pm**

Sarah and Tim

The Blay Family in Ghana - A Big Thankyou

to everyone who has bought cakes, munched refreshments and donated money to support the Blay Family during 2023.

Like families all around the world, the rise in their cost of living has hit them hard this year.

I plan to continue supporting them until the children have left school.

If you would like to make a 'Christmas donation' please contact me.

Yours Thankfully,

Julia Bush 01275 873554

Hello Mummy,

I am glad to hear from you. Everyone is doing great I hope everyone is good too.

The weather here is not bad still raining with just a little coldness. Now am back on the working site hopefully we will be done soon. I believe the Church has received new priest by now we are also preparing for Advent. The money has been received please extend my greetings to everyone .

Take care. Have a great week. May God bless you and everyone for us.

Best Regard, Michael Blay.

Christingle - St John's Church, Sunday 26th November,

So many people, three generations of Callow, some children, visitors from all the churches in the Team as well as our usual congregation... As ever Jo played some stirring songs which we sang with gusto. Not only Christingles this year but also Sparklers.....

An amazing atmosphere, such love and joy and raising money for the Children's Society, followed by hot drinks and cookies.

Thanks go to everyone who helped and shared the occasion.

(Children's Society envelopes will be in church till the New Year- plenty of time to donate.





**Community Carol Singing
Plus
Kenn Christmas Tree Light Up
Plus
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
December 15th - 7pm Village Green**

We would love you to join us on Friday December 15th for the switching on ceremony of the Kenn Village Christmas Tree Lights on the village green.

We will be singing along to our favourite Christmas Carols accompanied by the Lochrian Family Band.

As usual we will be serving our delicious Mulled Wine and warm Mince Pies.

This year we will making a collection in aid of the Marmalade Trust (see separate article). Please remember to bring some cash with you!

Robin and Marianna, Church Path Cottage

The MARMALADE TRUST was set up in 2013 to combat loneliness. With the breakdown of communities and families, Loneliness has become more and more prevalent. It has helped many thousands of people to overcome their feelings of loneliness.

Their most long-running project is their annual Christmas Cheer Lunch in the Bristol, South Glos. and the North Somerset areas for our 'Marmalade members', older and vulnerable people who would otherwise be by themselves on Christmas Day.

We feel this is a really worthwhile Charity serving our local area and so we will be donating all of the collection from the event on 15/12/23 when we switch on the Christmas lights.

If you want further details go to www.marmaladetrust.org

Robin and Marianna

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.



An amazing amount of £170.45 was generously given for refreshments which was sent to Breast Cancer, the charity Kenn WI is supporting this year.

Looking forward to our December market, our stall holders will have plenty of ideas for Christmas presents so please come along and of course the village hall will be looking very festive.

As usual we will be holding a **Tombola** with prizes for all ages.

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 on
Saturday 9th 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

New Neighbours.

We would like to welcome our new neighbours in Kenn.

They are Dickie and Margaret Howett who have moved into
'Westonwood'.

We hope they will be very happy in our village.

Robin and Marianna.

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**with Coffee
Morning
and Tombola**

Saturday 9th December 10 —12noon

**North Somerset
Times**

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



MONDAYS

Recycling /food-waste 4th, 11th, 18th, Wednesday 27th December
Dustbin 4th, Wednesday 27th December



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10.00am—5.00pm

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BIRD NEWS

A Barn Owl was heard by Jo Manning in the Duck Lane area but a Tawny Owl by the motorway bridge was dead. Bryan Thompson checked it but found it to be unringed so we don't know its history, very likely to be a local bird.

After a dearth of Blackbirds, lots, mostly males, appeared mid-month many no doubt winter visitors from the continent.

Similarly Song Thrushes started singing with several at Cadbury Hill and a particularly strident male by Stowell's in Wemberham Lane. Fieldfares and Redwings arrived in fairly small numbers.

There were a few Kingfisher sightings but they seem to be scarce generally.

Snipe and Jack Snipe were roosting at the YACWAG Kenn Moor Reserve and a Woodcock, a much rarer cousin, flew over the road by the Cadbury Garden Centre at dusk.

Nearby 20 Siskins were at Cadbury Hill. Buzzards appeared on bright days but three Peregrine Falcons together at the Kingston Seymour sea wall was exceptional. They almost certainly comprised a local pair with one of their young from last year and a pile of feathers indicated that they were sharing a kill.

I was more pleased to see one perched on one of the new T pylons. This is the first local record of this that I am aware of, it seems to have taken them two years to accept these different perching posts.

Two Great White Egrets were seen from a train at Backwell but a field with cattle at Kingston Seymour held 16 Egrets, eight each of Little and Cattle Egrets.

Trevor Riddle (01934 835208)



Dear Villagers, Friends and Neighbours,

What a magnificent group we all are!

Once again you have risen to the challenge for donating Advent calendars and as of 27 November you have donated 72 calendars plus 3 selection boxes. What a wonderful effort from everyone. Thank you so much!

There are still a few days to go to 1st December, so if you want to contribute to this total you still can.

As we move into December, the Foodbank have asked for donations of other Christmas goodies such as cheese crackers, stuffings, cranberry sauce or jelly, Christmas cake, Christmas puddings, or any other festive food tinned or bottled.

Christmas can be a particularly hard time for families with a very small budget for food and treats, so please dig deep into your pockets of generosity and help those who need our help.

Wishing you all a happy, peaceful and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Thank you once again,

Liz Jaehme

The Yellow Teapot

will be just a little bit festive on

**Monday 11th December,
in Kenn Village Hall
from 2.30 - 4pm.**



A bit early for mince pies, but seasonal treats, tea and coffee will be on the table.

See you there :)

Julia Bush



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

Sunday Services at St. John's Kenn And All Saints' Kingston Seymour December 2023

December 3rd

8.30am St John's Traditional Communion

11am All Saints' All Together in Church for Christingle

December 10th

8.30am All Saints' Traditional Communion

11am St John's All Together in Church

December 15th

7.30pm All Saints' Carol Service

December 17th

11am All Saints' Holy Communion

6pm St John's Carol Service

December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

3pm St John's Crib Service

5pm All Saints' Crib Service

10pm All Saints' Christmas Communion

December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

10am St John's Christmas Communion

December 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE

10am Holy Trinity Team Communion

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INSPIRING WOMEN

KENN W.I.



November has been a very busy month for the members of Kenn W.I. We have enjoyed a Birthday Lunch, our meeting, a Flower Demonstration and coffee in the Village Hall.

The Birthday Lunch was held at Mendip Spring Golf Club on 6th November when Kenn W.I. was 70 years old. We all enjoyed a lovely lunch and were very pleased to welcome the County Chairman, Sue Murphy and other guests.

Our meeting took place on 8th November when it was also the Annual General Meeting and a new Committee was elected.

Caroline Holden stood down from the Committee as she is extremely busy with her PhD and we thank her for all that she has contributed. Happily she will remain a very active member. Irene Stowell has also had to stand down for health reasons.

We are pleased to welcome new members on to the Committee. The President will remain as Diane Woolf and she will allocate jobs later.

At the meeting we were delighted to hear the remainder of Alison Soars' fascinating talk about emigrating to Australia in the 1850's

The W.I. did the refreshment at the Village Market on November 11th and was thrilled to raise £170 for Breast Cancer in donations. During the market there was a two minute silence to mark Remembrance Day and the W.I. brought a Poppy Wreath which was later taken to the Church.

The Flower demonstration on 15th November was a triumph. Our demonstrator showed us some wonderful arrangements which were later in the draw, so several lucky ladies got to take them home. It was Sarah's first demonstration and we were all spellbound with her arrangements. She will be much in demand in the future.

If all of that appeals to you, please come on join us. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday afternoon of each month at 2p.m. We would be so pleased to see you.

Ann Holtham

Charity Quiz Night - KENN VILLAGE HALL Thursday 7th December 19.00

Our Carers Charity Fundraiser Quiz is on Thursday 7th December @ Kenn Village Hall.

It is a fundraiser quiz, where we are raising money for Unpaid Carers within North Somerset.

The cost is £7.00 per person, which includes quiz entry, and a hot meal.
The meal being cooked is a chilli.

All hot drinks are included, but you can bring your own bottle (alcohol) if desired.

It is a maximum of 6 people to a team.

The quiz will start at 7pm, with a break in between for food and then the quiz will continue.

We also have a raffle which we will be drawing at the end of the evening. You will be able to buy tickets on the night, it is £1 per strip.

All money raised this evening, will go straight back into our service to support carers.

To create a team please email carersupport@alliancehomes.org.uk

or if you do not have email - please contact myself -

Hannah Lewis on 07891415270 or 07584024729.



**If you walk or cycle 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.**

Advent and Christmas Services St John's Kenn

Sunday December 3rd - 8.30am Traditional Communion

Sunday December 10th - 11am Advent ATIC

Sunday December 17th - 6pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve - 3pm Crib Service

Christmas Day - 10am Christmas All Age Communion



Tuesday December 5th - Yatton Local History Society

talk by Andre Coutanche on Lundy Island 1925-1969
7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW.

Contact yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

Nickie's New Labyrinth!

Thanks to the generosity of those who responded to the appeal for funding to purchase a small, portable labyrinth we have now reached the £1500 target and Nickie will be able to acquire the labyrinth she wants sometime in the new year. She will then be able to take it to places her large, canvas one won't go. Thank you! The 20+ mile sponsored walk was certainly worth the effort and it was great to reconnect with Othona retreat centre over the 2 days we spent on the Dorset coast.

Nigel & Nickie

The Lighthouse School in Gaza City

On November 17th, the fantastic sum of £1,330.00 was raised at Kingston Seymour Village Hall for the Lighthouse School in Gaza City (which Fran told us about last month).



Rev. John and Janet Angle presented a wonderful profusion of photos, videos, Palestinian goodies and a selection of unique dresses.

A massive thank you to all those generous folk who donated cakes and raffle prizes and also donated money.

A big thank you to Rev. John and Janet for their inspiring work in Gaza City over a period of 20 years. We all feel truly informed about life there.

These funds will be used when the war is over, to help rebuild the lives of the school and its teachers.

Sue Lang.

Christmas and other Messages

Merry Christmas and Happy New year to all in Kenn Friends and neighbours.

Best Wishes

Heather Jenkins



Juliet Stowell wishes all her friends and neighbours a very 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.



Charity Christmas Party/ Disco

Saturday 9th December.
7.30pm — late
Kenn Village Hall .

Tickets available from Heather
07773253978

Please do
send me a
text -

£8 each



KENN CHURCH ROOM CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Christmas gifts from Kenn are on their way to people world wide who will really appreciate them.

People attending the Coffee Morning for Christian Aid's Charity Gift appeal chose the gifts they would like sent with the money raised and these were:

Seeds Of Hope gift for a farmer in Sudan; Clean Water to give a disaster struck family help to access clean water each day; Four vulnerable Kenyan children helped to attend school each day; Health care essentials; Antibiotics for people in conflict zones; Chickens for families in Kenya; A goat to feed and provide income for a Burundi family.

Thank you cards will be displayed later.

There is no Coffee Morning in December but anyone wishing to host the one on January 27th should contact Celia on 01275 877806

Our Monthly Missive from the Limes

“Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat”. So says the old song. (For younger readers who haven’t come across it, the full words are: “Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat, please put a penny in the old man’s hat. If you haven’t got a penny a ha’penny will do, if you haven’t got a ha’penny God bless you”).

Also not only is Christmas coming but so is a reminder from our editor that its time to get writing again. This month I thought I’d pre-empt her but before I do that let me thank the two people who told me this month they read my articles. One of them even said she enjoyed them.

Last month I recycled a couple of past KN&V articles at a Poetry and Prose evening. It was a little embarrassing as for the next couple of days people said “I saw you at the Poetry and Prose evening,” and you haven’t a clue who they are.

Anyway this month I thought I’d do the reverse and the following is the script of a talk I gave at my church Luncheon Club, so do bear that context in mind. Most of the diners were very elderly but with a little mental adroitness you can still apply it to your situation whatever your age.

Here goes: “When I mentioned to my kids that I had been asked to give an epilogue they said “What is an epilogue?” I can’t say I was impressed. For anyone in their mid-forties not to know what an epilogue is seemed a poor reflection on their education.

“When I explained what it was they said “Oh it’s a God Slot”, which is probably a more accurate descriptive term, but as I pointed out to them ‘epilogue’ sounds more cultured and I prefer that term.

“On the basis that most of you don’t have a clue who I am let me introduce myself. I am Stephen Brain and a member of this church. I used to be a beekeeper and people seem to typecast me with that hat but for a variety of reasons I have downsized and I don’t have bees anymore myself, although I still have stocks of honey. I also still teach on our beekeeping courses, take candidates for exams and fellow beekeepers still ask my opinion from time to time so I am still sort of active.

“I must also say that I have spoken here before but it was quite a few years ago. I gave a talk on beekeeping and after the meal and before I spoke I put on a bee suit in order to add a bit of realism and authenticity. After the talk I took it off and returned to my table and someone said, “You’ve just missed a talk on beekeeping!”

“This time I’m not talking about beekeeping and certainly not dressing up.

“So why have I down sized my beekeeping? Quite simply life has moved on. I have done it for over 30 years.

“What I have found it that as you go through life your interests and habits do change. What you do in your twenties or thirties is not necessarily the same as forties or fifties or later and it probably reflects the fact that we are not the same people as we were a few decades earlier. Of course other factors come into play such as health or jobs or family. What it does mean is that life is subject to constant change. Some of us like that and see it as a challenge they can rise to and others hate it and don’t want anything to change.

“I have friends who, every few years took up a new interest. It wasn’t as if they dropped the previous interest although occasionally that did happen but each new interest was pursued in depth and so they became highly proficient in a number of different areas.

“In my case, a few years ago some friends persuaded me to take up a musical instrument again. I had last played it at school, which you will appreciate was a long time ago. When I went to university I dropped it because I was nowhere near the standard that those doing music courses were and then life and family took over. It was only in my mid-sixties when life had changed that I went back to it.

“With discipline and practice I have done quite well but I do envy those who have decades of expertise under their belt and can play pieces I can currently only dream of and I think if only I had found a way to carry on when I was younger or found a way to go back to it earlier. It is only too easy to regret the past and missed opportunities and at times I feel frustrated at the opportunities my grandchildren have and which they don't appreciate.

“Of course there are reasons why things didn't happen in the past and one juggles those good reasons with a realisation of how much better I would be now if I had been playing seriously for longer.

“You have probably heard the expression “You are not too old”. We often say it to someone when discussing some change of direction in life. I thought the expression had been around for years, and that may be true, but there is a slighter more detailed expression which I looked it up recently. It was in a 1992 book “Live Your Dreams” by Les Brown. The quote he had was:

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream”.

“Les Brown then recounted this conversation: “A gentleman nearing retirement age once approached me after I'd given a speech. He said, “You know, that was real great motivation for the young guys, but I've done all my work. There is nothing else for me to do.” “I replied, “Oh yes, you have a lot to give.

The fact that you are still here on this planet means that your business is “NOT DONE.”

“That is a powerful quote. In fact it could almost have come from the Bible but it didn't. I think it should be heeded by everyone and especially us more mature people. We can so easily get stuck in a rut. Even worse, as we get older (and I bet even now) we can think we have nothing new to do or anything to offer.

“It doesn't have to be true. My music teacher has one pupil learning saxophone in his 80's, which is older than some of you.

“Obviously I'm not suggesting you take up karate or motorcycling but why not look at something new you can do? I can tell you it will also keep your children on their toes if you do something different. I shocked my grandchildren the other day when I sent them pictures of a record evening I'd held.

“I used to run a Seniors group in this church and we did a little series seeing what the Bible said about old age. Nowhere does it give a cop out and say now you are old you don't have to do anything or have anything to contribute! In fact it expects us to bear fruit in old age.

“Whether you are a Christian or not, God has a plan for your life and assuming your heart is beating and blood is flowing round your body – which it should be after a good lunch, then he hasn't finished with you on this earth. If you are not in that plan you are never too old to become part of it.

“Finally, if you want to learn Beekeeping we are running an Introduction to Beekeeping course over the winter, although it books up very quickly. If you want to learn an instrument I can put you in touch with a music teacher, I know a karate teacher, but if you want to take up motorcycling you are on your own”.

Stephen

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2023

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2024 Meetings

- 17 January – Council
 - 04 March – Annual Parish Meeting followed by Council
 - 13 May – Statutory Annual Meeting
 - 01 July – Council
 - 02 September – Council
 - 04 November – Council
- The meetings will be held at 7:30pm in the Village Hall – agendas on the noticeboards before the above date.

Parish Council Meeting on 6 November 2023

Discussions took place during the meeting and actions taken on the following items:

- **St Modwen Development Site** – North Somerset Council (NSC) Councillor advised there was not much progress so far on the recent planning application.
- **Kenn Road up toward the Motorway Bridge** – concern about the litter and overgrowth. Efforts were being made to get this cleared.
- **Christmas Lights and Tree** – agreement for the purchase of this and to cover the cost of the electric for the festive period.
- **Heritage Sign on Kennmoor Road** – unexpected problems encountered relating to the fixings.
- **20 MPH Kenn Road** – NSC are developing a new system for recording, prioritising, testing, consulting, designing, delivering and monitoring all transport improvement requests received. Kenn's request was added to their Schemes at Stage 1: Long List in November 2022. It is one of over 900 scheme requests (internal officers, ward members, town/parish councils) recorded in this new process. NSC advised the Kenn 20mph scheme has passed through Stage 1: listing and passed to Stage 2: the Policy Checker. Now in Stage 3: Officer Assessment awaiting evaluation and prioritisation. It is hoped to undertake this within eight weeks. But the volume means a high proportion are unlikely to be get funding for ultimately delivery/progressing.
- **Hinkley Connection Project** – Representatives will be attending the January 24 meeting.
- **Planning Application** – three had recently be received and were considered:
 - Yeo Bank Business Park, Kenn Rd; Phase 2, six offices in two blocks.
 - Kennmoor Rd; proposed retention of vehicular access for agricultural vehicles use.
 - Duck Lane; single story front porch.
- **Also considered** – NSC's consultation on Biodiversity Planning Document, Highway improvements info, Bristol Airport's new public transport interchange & multistorey car park.
- **Fly tipping** – All householders and businesses have a duty of care to ensure waste that they produce is disposed of correctly. Poster giving details to be displayed on the VH noticeboard.



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