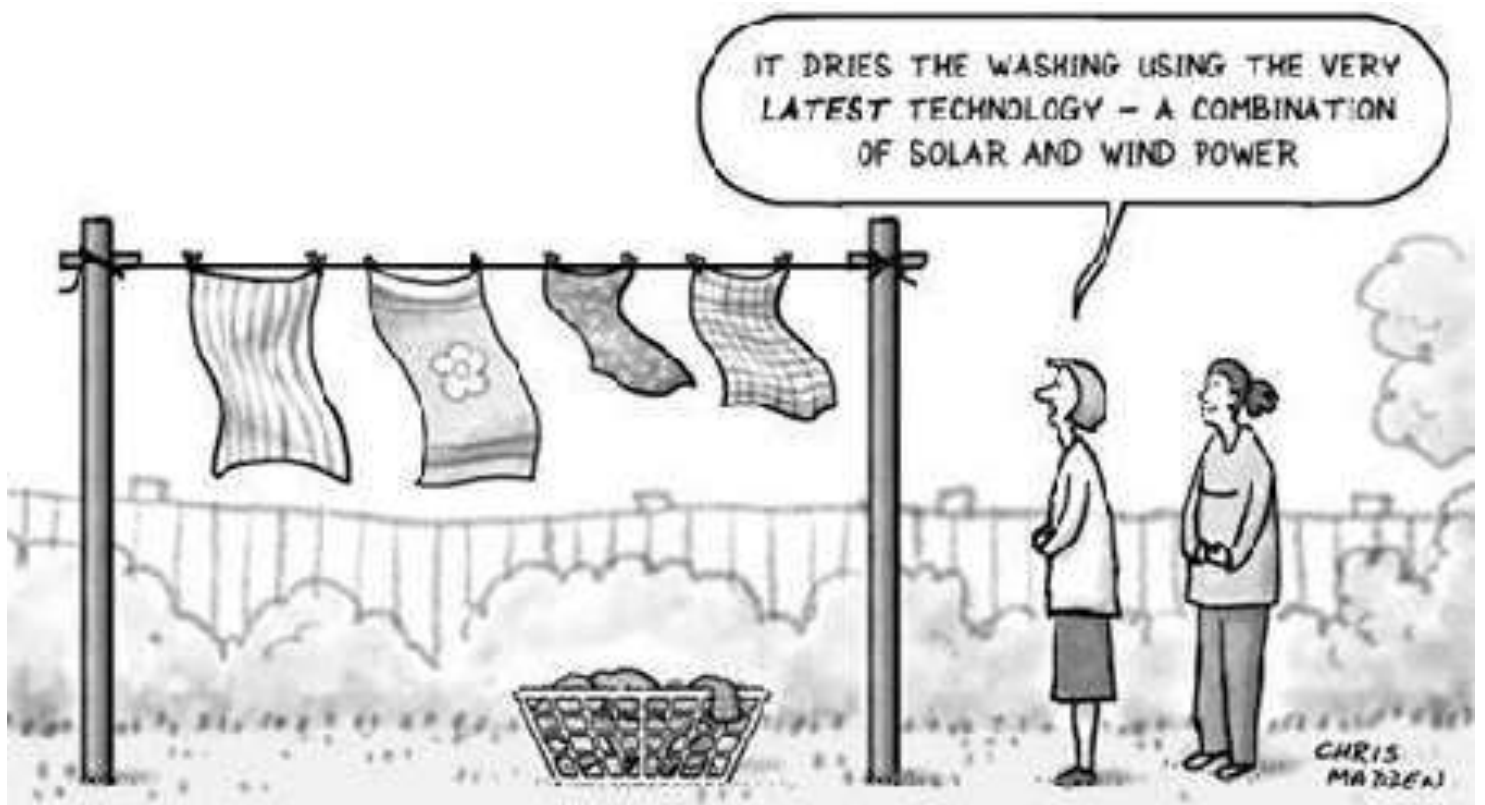


KENN

ISSUE 354
FEBRUARY
2018



NEWS & VIEWS

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February

1st Tim Taylor
2nd Katy Hill
4th Beth Stowell
9th Sizzle Summerell
10th Win Cole (100)
11th Alexis Papasolomontos
14th Richard Dyer
15th John Andrews
16th Marianna Mackay
17th Jeff Naish
 Julian Gale
18th John Panteli
21st William Cheek
22nd Polly Summerell
 Lizzy Dyer
23rd Lorraine and Jonathan Allison W.A.
25th James Griffin
 Rebecca Stowell
26th Amelia Ann Bone

Church Floodlighting

St. John's was floodlit for our service of Evensong on Sunday 21st January.

St John The Evangelist, Kenn Altar Guild for February



Jan Bedford, Sara Thole and Maggie Hobbs



Ian & Jo Stobart

We would like to thank everyone very much for all the cards and good wishes we received to mark our wedding.

It was lovely that so many of you were able to come and share in the service with us. We had a wonderful time!

An especial thank-you for the hugely generous presentation you made to us.

We have booked a special family holiday this summer to Sri Lanka for the five of us and will put your gift towards that.

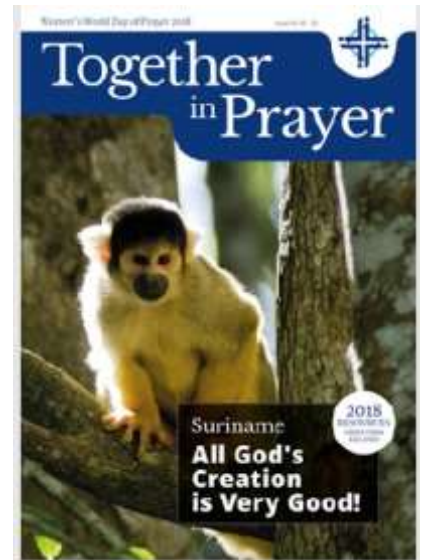
Thank you again. Jo & Ian

Our flag was flown at half-mast on Tuesday 9th January for the funeral service at St. John the Evangelist, Kenn (followed by cremation) of Cliff (Harold Clifford) Edwards

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FRIDAY 2nd MARCH**

7.30pm at St John the Evangelist, Kenn

**Theme - Women of Suriname on
"All God's Creation Is Very Good"**
Volunteers contact Celia Andrews please
01275 877806

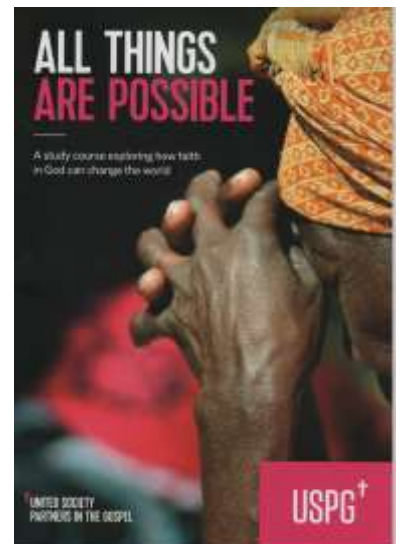


Lent Course 2018

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

**5 weeks starting Monday 19th February -
led by Celia Andrews**

**2.15 pm—for venues see weekly pew sheets or
Phone Celia on 01275 877806**



LENT LUNCHES

**The Wednesday Lent Lunches at Cherry Tree House, Kenn Street
begin on Ash Wednesday 14th February
and continue every week.**

**They run from Noon to 2.00pm and include soup and cake,
tea and coffee.**

Donations go to Christian Aid

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Two Proud Great Grand Mothers - Thelma with Violet and Barbara with Ezra

Snapped at Nigel and Tina Middleton's Family Christmas Party



Thank you - Doris Edwards and other members of Cliff's family, would like to thank all Cliff's friends in the village for their support over the past few months.

Doris is very appreciative of the love expressed by the cards and messages which she has received.

God Bless

January Coffee Morning

John and Grace were delighted to welcome everyone on Saturday 27th January to the Church Room for a most enjoyable Coffee Morning.

Thanks to everyone who gave towards the cost of our Church Christmas Tree with some left over for Church Room supplies

Coffee Morning in The New Room on Saturday 24th February

10.00am—12 noon

This coffee morning will raise funds for Weston Hospital Scanner Appeal

Everyone Welcome

BIRD NEWS

A Woodcock in Littlewood was a welcome surprise. It was the first seen there for over two years. Nearby Little Grebes were on Blackditch and a Kingfisher was seen regularly there. Around 30 Mute Swans grazed the fields by Claverham Drove and Goosanders were on the Blind Yeo downstream from Kenn Pier.

The YACWAG Kenn Moor reserve field (on the edge of Yatton) held 30 Snipe and a couple of Jack Snipe. Two Tawny Owls were calling in the Duck Lane area.

Bird numbers on the estuary by the Kingston Seymour sea wall built up with 3,000 Dunlin and 2,500 Lapwings at high tide. There were also good numbers of Curlew and Redshank with a pair of Peregrines also in evidence. A few Knot were also spotted, they are not regular on this part of the Estuary. Ringed Plover, Grey Plover, Turnstone, Oystercatcher and Snipe were all recorded in small numbers making quite an impressive suite of wading birds.

At Clevedon there is a Black Redstart that feeds from the rocks by the pier.

Kingfishers also featured at Wemberham Lane, Yatton, with a pair of Stonechats but just a single sighting of the pylon sitting Peregrine. Little Egrets were feeding in the rhynes and ditches when the water level was low.

Bird song will increase now with longer daylight hours as our resident birds stake out their breeding territories.

Trevor Riddle (01934 835208)

Thanks to Higgy for this Stonechat photo



Book Group.



As mentioned in January issue, after eight years we are now considering the format of the Book Group.

We will continue to set ourselves a book to read. The allotted time to read the book is now two months. So, every other month we will meet to discuss our chosen book.

In the intervening months we are still going to meet. At this meet each of us will bring the book we are currently reading to share with the group.

The only way to see if this will work is to do it, so here goes.

We are to meet on the 29th January to discuss 'Defying Hitler' By Sebastian Haffner. We will also continue to discuss our last book 'The Cleaner of Chartres' by Sally Vickers. Not everyone had finished it last time.

Then on the 26th February we will meet to share the book we are currently reading. Stephen, the new Land Lord at The Drum has said we can have a shelf in the snug for the book group. We will leave a collection of books there that we have already read. This will give the curious a flavour of our reading to date. The space will also advertise the date and book for the next book group. People are welcome to dip in and out.

Book group

*Kenn Supper Club. Drum and Monkey
Always on the 3rd Wednesday of the
month.*

*Our next get together will be on
Wednesday 21st February 2018*

at 7.00 for 7.30pm.



*The menu and service improves every time.
Everyone is welcome*

Thank you, John and Grace for organising this for us.

Please contact John and Grace Griffin. Tel 872948.



KENN W.I.

Who knew that gum disease is linked to heart disease and that only 10% of the population realise that gum disease increases the risk of a stroke?

This rather startling piece of information was revealed during the W.I.'s deliberations on the resolutions that have been proposed for the Annual General Meeting later in the year. There were five resolutions that we could choose from and this one asking the government to raise awareness about the importance of oral health and the impact it can have in preventing life-changing acute and chronic health conditions.

This resolution received overwhelming support as members felt that it is a resolution that we can all do something about. The other one that we chose was one asking the government to give mental health the same importance as physical health – although we did wonder how the NHS would find all the trained staff that would be needed.

The other three resolutions were very worthwhile but not something that we could influence in any way. One called for a positive body image in a digital age, another to stop Female Genital Mutilation and the third to raise awareness of modern slavery in the UK.

At the meeting in January we were delighted to welcome two new members and hope that they will enjoy their time with us. We are always delighted to see people as prospective members or as visitors. The meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

There will be a speaker from the Leg Ulcer Clubs at the February meeting and we hope to present him/her with money that has been raised by the W.I. at the Village Markets and the Coffee Mornings in the Church Room.

Before that, however, members and their friends will be enjoying lunch at Carriages on 31st January. We do all enjoy eating! If you do too, come and join us.

Ann Holtham

Hairdressing in the comfort of your own home

I specialise in: Foil Highlights / Foil Low lights / Full head colour & Ombre
Cut & Blow Dry's / Wet cut's - Perms – Alkaline & Acid

Contact Liz-07792971460

(Please leave a message, if I don't pick up I will get back to you)

Useful Numbers:

Village Hall Booking Secretary:
Lyn & Nigel Burnett 01275 870189

St John the Evangelist Priest in charge:
Revd Warren William 01934 833608

Churchwarden:
John Ball 874077 - Mobile 078 1667 1304

Village Flag Flying:
Marianna or Robin 340323
Chris Taylor 872781

Altar Guild Secretary:
Marianna Mackay 340323

Church Floodlighting:
David Pugh 874278

North Somerset Council:
01934 888 888
out of hours:
01934 622 669

News & Views:
Margaret Ball 01275 874077
Email: Margaret.john@btinternet.com
Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



Will be held in Kenn Village Hall on Saturday,
10th February - 10:00am till midday.

Recycling - 6th/13th/20th/27th

Dustbin - 6th/20th

Green Waste - 13th February



North Somerset Times



Don't forget that copies of
this local newspaper are
freely available in the bar of
the Drum and Monkey from
Wednesday afternoon

**Kenn Women's
Institute**

Kenn Village Hall, 7:30pm

Wednesday 14th February - Visitors Welcome



Clevedon Salerooms

FINE ART AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

Tel: 01934 830111

Email: info@clevedon-salerooms.com

Antique, Interiors, Collectables & Jewellery

Thursday 8th February 10.00am

Thursday 22nd February 10.00am

Viewing at Saleroom

Wednesdays 7th/21st February 10am - 7:30pm

Morning of sale from 9am

Quarterly Specialist Sale
Thursday 15th March 10.30am

Viewing at Saleroom

Tuesday 13th March 2pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 14th March 10am - 7:30pm

Morning of sale from 9am

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

What's on in Kenn — February

Monday 5th February Monthly Lunch at St. John's Church 12.00—2.00pm

Thursday 8th - Meeting Place at Kenn Church Room - 11.00am

**Saturday 10th — Kenn Village Hall - 10-12noon
Village Market and Coffee Morning**

Tuesday 13th - Drum and Monkey - VILLAGE LUNCH

**14th February - Ash Wednesday weekly Lent Lunches commence
12noon—2.00pm at Cherry Tree House, Kenn Street — Everyone Welcome**

Wednesday 14th — Kenn Village Hall - Kenn Women's Institute - 7.30pm

Wednesday 21st - Drum and Monkey 7.00 for 7.30pm - Kenn Supper Club

**Saturday 24th — Kenn Church Room - 10-12 noon
Coffee Morning - Proceeds to Weston Hospital Scanner Appeal**

Saturday 24th February 'A Bit of Barlow' Cabaret The Drum and Monkey

Monday 26th at The Drum and Monkey - 8.00pm - Book Group

Happy 100th Birthday Wishes to Win Cole.

Congratulations Aunty Win on reaching your 100th Birthday on the 10th February.

Best wishes from all of the family and may you continue to enjoy good health.

Aunty Win was born in Kenn and has supported events in Kenn. She still enjoys reading the Magazine each month.

She is able to look after herself. A very lucky lady.

Irene Stowell

Meeting place.

If you are at home with small children you are very welcome to join us for coffee and a chat.



This is a small but consistent group.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month. In 'The New Room' at the top of Kenn Street, starting at 11.00am and lasts for up to an hour.

The next group will be on Thursday 8th February 2018 at 11.00am.

Julia 873554.

Caroline 343133.

**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.**

YATTON MOOR TEAM MINISTRY - FEBRUARY SERVICES 2018

1st Sunday 4th February THE PRESENTATION of CHRIST – CANDLEMAS WHITE

8:30am *Holy Communion at Kenn* - Candlemas*
 9:30am Parish Communion at Yatton - Candlemas
 9:30am Holy Communion at Cleeve
 11:00am Informal Communion at Claverham
 11:00am Candlemas Family Service at Kingston Seymour
 6:00pm Evensong at Yatton*

2nd Sunday 11th February THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT GREEN

8:00am Holy Communion at Yatton*
 9:30am Parish Communion at Yatton
 9:30am Holy Communion at Claverham
11:00am *Holy Communion at Kenn*
 12:00pm Holy Baptism at Yatton
 3:30pm Plough Service at Kingston Seymour followed by tea

2nd Wednesday 14th February —ASH WEDNESDAY PURPLE

11.00am *Holy Communion at Kenn with imposition of Ashes*
 7.30pm Team Communion at Yatton with Imposition of Ashes

3rd Sunday 18th THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT PURPLE

9:30am Parish Communion at Yatton
 9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve
 11:00am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour
6:00pm *Evensong at Kenn**

3rd Wednesday 21st February

11.00am *Holy Communion at Kenn*

4th Sunday 25th February THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT PURPLE

8:00am Holy Communion at Yatton*
 8:30am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour*
 9:30am Parish Communion at Yatton
 10:00am Café Celebration at Court de Wyck School
11:00am *Plough Service at Kenn*
 12:00pm Holy Baptism at Yatton
 6:00pm Edge Youth Group at Yatton

* Book of Common Prayer (1662)

Yatton Methodist Church
LATE NIGHT WORSHIP - 6.30pm Sunday 4th February
Everyone welcome
(previously held on Friday nights)

Thank You

"I would like to express my thanks to everybody who has enquired after me, passed on good wishes and sent cards during my recent illness.

I especially want to thank my Auntie Margaret, Chris Taylor and my cousin Sarah (Clark) for driving me to appointments, my cousin Jill (Butland) for taking and picking up my kids from school and much more, the Jaehme family for having my kids to play and Jenny Pascoe for dressing my wound, answering my concerns and baking delicious cakes for us.

You are all truly amazing.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart".

Clare Stowell-Hibbs

Clare rings the bell on the completion of her treatment.



Best wishes for the future Pearl Ferris

Pearl Ferris has moved from her home at Kenn Pier to a newly refurbished bungalow in Clevedon.

Pearl was born and brought up at Kenn Pier and was Christened at St. John the Evangelist Church and attended Kenn School.

She was married to her late husband, Ken for 58 years and together they raised three children.

Pearl loved her garden and enjoyed feeding flocks of birds with a very wide range of various seeds, peanuts and suet!

Her friends and neighbours wish Pearl 'all the best' in her new home and hope to keep her in touch with happenings in Kenn.

John Croxton



Kenn Village Market and Coffee Morning

The next market will be on

Saturday 10th February 10-12pm.

You are sure to find something to your liking, and all served with a friendly smile!

We hope to see you there.

contact either Lyn (870189) or Maggie (876277)

Harold Clifford Edwards

8th January 1923—19th December 2017

Cliff passed away just a few weeks short of his 95th birthday. He had made the arrangements for his funeral service at St. John the Evangelist, Kenn with Revd John Andrews officiating.



Cliff was born in Islington, London, one of five children. A bright child, he won a scholarship to Regent Street Polytechnic, joining the technical staff at a local power station. When war broke out he moved to GEC and joined the Home Guard. Being **in a 'reserved occupation' he could have stayed at home, but** But Cliff wanted to play a larger part and volunteered for the Royal Navy. He often said he joined up **"when they were needing them, not when they were feeding them."**

He was offered the chance of officer training but chose to serve in the ranks as an Able Seaman. He had a distinguished war record serving in many theatres of war in Europe and Africa, sometimes on the very risky minesweepers, and was much decorated.

John recalled that it had been an honour to invite Cliff to read out the names of the fallen at the Remembrance Day services in our Church.

Despite the dangers and the undoubted hardships Cliff loved his time at sea which led to the best thing that could have happened to him, meeting up with Barbara, the sister of a fellow sailor. Friendship was formed and love blossomed and Cliff and Barbara wed in July 1946. They were blessed with two children Rosanne and Howard. After a time in Glasgow, they moved to Basingstoke where he worked on the scientific staff at The Atomic Weapons Research Establishment in nearby Aldermaston; his work covering laser technology and submersible craft.

Cliff retired in 1983 and later moved to Kenn with Barbara to be near his family who lived in Clevedon. Cliff was active in Village Life, Parish Council, the Church, **contributing to News & Views and much more. After Barbara's passing in 1995,** Cliff was supported by those around him, family, neighbours and friends from the church,

In recent years, when he was becoming frail the family did everything they could. Doris proved a great friend as well as a sister; Howard visited twice a week and Cliff took great delight in cooking for him; and Thursdays was a very special day for it was then that granddaughter Lucy took him out shopping and for a coffee and chat in Clevedon.

We send our deepest sympathy to his extensive family.
The flag was flown at half-mast for his funeral.

A Note of Thanks from Grace Griffin to the Bristol Eye Hospital (BEH) and the NHS

In October 2017 I had an appointment at Bristol Eye Hospital at the Cornea Clinic. I saw two consultants; Mr Gunn and Mr Darcy. They both agreed that something could be done to help my eyesight and offered me a cornea graft in my right eye.

I was born with eye problems and was unable to attend an ordinary local primary school. I was sent to board at Bristol School for the Blind at the age of 7 and was registered as blind from that time. In 1947 I went to Chorleywood College for partially sighted and blind girls in Hertfordshire. I remained there until the age of 16 having gained five "O" levels. Of course all my education was taught and written in Braille.

I then went to work for my father's business in the office until my marriage to John in 1959.

I was a patient at BEH 75 years ago aged 5 and received treatment which helped my condition a little. When I went to Chorleywood College I was sent to the Middlesex Eye Hospital in London and received further treatment which helped a great deal. From then onwards my eyes gradually improved and I was taken off the Blind register at the age of 16. I was able to obtain a driving licence in my early 20s and lived a reasonably normal life with the aid of glasses.

It wasn't until my 70s that my sight began to deteriorate again and gradually day to day life became more difficult. When I was offered the operation last October I jumped at the chance without hesitation.

I went to the BEH on Thursday, 11th January feeling somewhat apprehensive, but was immediately made to feel more relaxed by the kind, caring, professional attention I received from all the doctors and nurses. The operation took place in the morning and by the evening I was sat up eating a bowl of soup and sandwich with no pain or discomfort in my eye at all! The next day when the bandage was taken off I could see amazingly clearly with my right eye.....I could not believe it, after all the years of partial sight. It was a great relief, but there is still some way to go yet as the cataract has still to be removed in about 12-18 months time. My consultant Mr Darcy hopes to operate on my left eye sometime in the future.

I cannot speak highly enough of the way I was treated at the BEH. It is a wonderful NHS hospital. The staff gave me their utmost skill and gentle care with every consideration. It is my one wish that I will be able to thank the family of the donor of the cornea. This operation has changed my life. I plan to pass this article to the family via BEH.

I would like to also thank all friends and neighbours in the village for their kind messages and cards..... Life is good! Grace Griffin

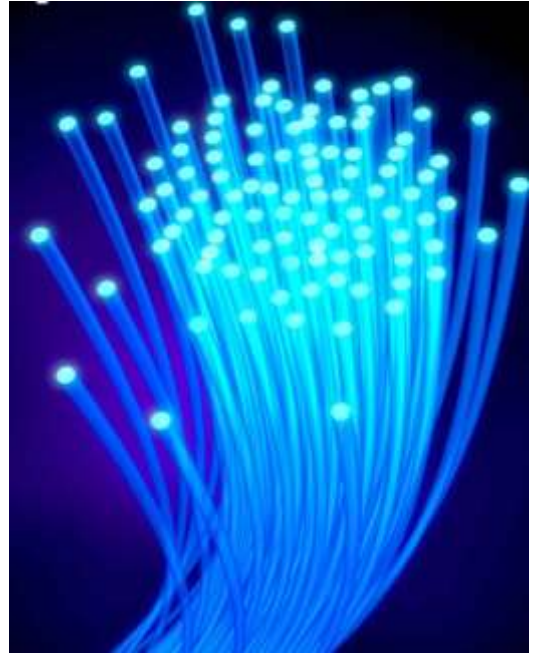
Broadband Update

BT Openreach planners have now prepared two schemes.

One of these is ONLY covering properties that expressed interest when the village Broadband Committee asked for input from you all.

The second covers more properties BUT we are warned that this will cost more.

The information was discussed at Parish Council, but their view was they would not address any request for funding until such time as a request was received. They would not try to pre-empt anything or add to the precept at this stage.



We have now requested that BT provide the following information -

The method of construction to be used - overhead or underground

Whether the supply would go to the premises or just to the boundary (like other operators)

A map of the area that is proposed to be covered.

A link has been forwarded to us by a concerned villager
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/diy-broadband-providers-57k2xx7vs?shareToken=fece791326d7d5229fd8f0fbc8145532>
indicating a DIY scheme

We did look at this approach 2-3 years ago and in fact talked to one of the pioneers in this field. We also had discussions about putting transmitters on the Christ Church tower.

We didn't pursue these options as we were concerned that an early implementation by BT or others, indicated by Connecting Devon and Somerset, could have undercut us and we could lose a lot of money.

We also believed we would get fast broadband a lot sooner

More news as we get it..... The Broadband Committee

Neighbourhood Watch

Received 2nd January, 19th January and 22nd January



During the early hours of 18 January a burglary occurred at Claverham Road, Yatton. Access gained into the property through a garage and then an integral door to the property forced open. Items stolen include computer equipment, bank cards, cash and a rucksack.

Overnight 17-18 January a vehicle parked at Westaway Park, Yatton was broken into. It is thought that the vehicle had been left insecure. A drill, cables and in-car dvd player stolen.

MONTHLY OVERVIEW – December - the Yatton beat area (AN003)

156 calls from your beat area - 31 reported as crimes, 4 dwelling burglary (+1 attempt)

1 Non dwelling burglary - 1 criminal damage - vehicles - 6 theft from motor vehicles

1 theft of pedal cycles — 2 theft from shops - remainder miscellaneous

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) - 5 reports relating to litter, damage to bird boxes in Strawberry Line cycle path. Action being taken by local staff.

Beat Surgery - 17 February at Yatton Precinct from 10-12noon.

If you have information about suspicious incidents or activity please telephone the police on the general number 101 or contact via the website link

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

Monthly Lunch at St John's Kenn.

Monday 5th February - 12.00 -2.00pm.

£5 per head will buy you a three-course lunch.



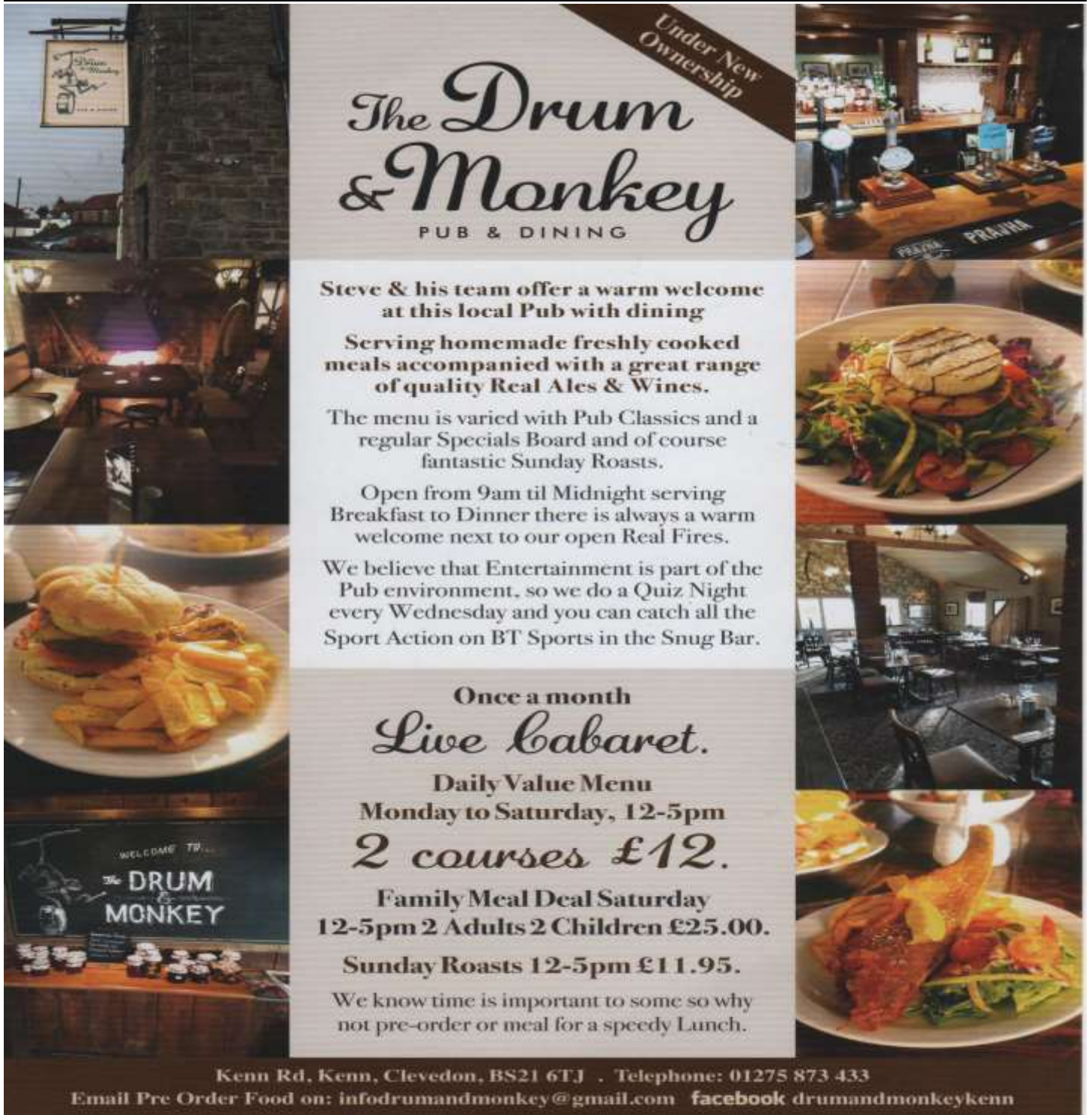
Everyone is welcome to this monthly lunch and you can bring a friend.

All offers of main dishes and desserts gratefully received.

Over the five lunches in 2017 we raised £430 pounds. £215 will go to Friends of Clevedon Cottage Hospital and £215 to Church funds.

For the next six months we will raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

From Ash Wednesday — 14th February you will all be welcome at Cherry Tree House, Kenn Street, where Celia and John Andrews will entertain you at their Lent Lunches. Proceeds to Christian Aid.



Under New Ownership

The Drum & Monkey

PUB & DINING

Steve & his team offer a warm welcome at this local Pub with dining

Serving homemade freshly cooked meals accompanied with a great range of quality Real Ales & Wines.

The menu is varied with Pub Classics and a regular Specials Board and of course fantastic Sunday Roasts.

Open from 9am til Midnight serving Breakfast to Dinner there is always a warm welcome next to our open Real Fires.

We believe that Entertainment is part of the Pub environment, so we do a Quiz Night every Wednesday and you can catch all the Sport Action on BT Sports in the Snug Bar.

Once a month
Live Cabaret.

Daily Value Menu
Monday to Saturday, 12-5pm
2 courses £12.

Family Meal Deal Saturday
12-5pm 2 Adults 2 Children £25.00.

Sunday Roasts 12-5pm £11.95.

We know time is important to some so why not pre-order or meal for a speedy Lunch.

Kenn Rd, Kenn, Clevedon, BS21 6TJ . Telephone: 01275 873 433
Email Pre Order Food on: infodrumandmonkey@gmail.com facebook [drumandmonkeykenn](https://www.facebook.com/drumandmonkeykenn)

What's on at The Drum

Tuesday 13th February 12.00 - 12.30 Village Lunch

Wednesday 21st February 7.00 - 7.30 Supper Club

Monday 26th February 8.00'ish - Book Group meet

Every Wednesday Night is Quiz Night starts 8.30pm



Burns Night

Saturday 3rd February
7.15pm for 7.30pm



at Kingston Castle
(Sometimes known as the Village Hall,
Kingston Seymour)

3 Course Supper
Piper
Ceilidh

Dress Code: 'fairly formal with a touch of tartan'

Tickets : £18
From: Sue Thomas (833593)
Judy Seward (832612)
Anita Simmons (838864)
Church Office (832184)



Tables of 8, 10 or 12 can be arranged if requested
but no need to make up a table

In aid of 'All Saints' Church Roof Fund
Parish of Yatton Moor Registered Charity No. 1182177



AMPLIFY in CONCERT Fundraising for VINE COUNSELLING SERVICES

With Special Guests Sister Sing
Churchill Academy BS25 5QN

Saturday 24th February 2018
at 7.30pm

Tickets - £12 adult, £8 child (under 16) from
www.ticketsource.co.uk/vine-counselling-services
OR from St Andrews, Congresbury Church office,
OR the Vine office 01934 876377

email - vine.counselling@hotmail.co.uk
www.vinecounselling.org

Cash bar available & raffle

YATTON
LOCAL
HISTORY
SOCIETY



AGM

with refreshments, followed by

1830 KENN EXECUTIONS

STEVE POOLE

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6th
8 pm

Yatton Methodist Church
EVERYONE WELCOME

COME AND SING

in the NEW YATTIES YOUTH CHOIR



Have fun &
make new friends
Ages 11 - 18

Come to our rehearsals in
The Chapter House
St. Mary's Church, Yatton.
Fridays 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Phone or Email for details
07875 417476
rachel.branston@gmail.com

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2018

KENN PARISH COUNCILLORS

Sheila Naish Chairman	Tel: 07808 920 962
Stephen Brain Vice-Chairman	Tel: 07773 211 394
Wilf Bessant	Tel: 01275 872 406
Jon-Paul Humberstone	Tel: 07990 690 060
Cheryl Quinn	Tel: 07500 048 684
Hartley Staples	Tel: 01275 340 771
Robert Treble	Tel: 07831 316 760

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCILLORS

Jill Iles 01934 830430 / 07976 202838
 Judith Hadley 01275 563640
 You can speak to both at Yatton Library from 10am-12noon, fourth Saturday of each month

2018 MEETINGS

5 March – Annual Parish, followed by
 5 March – Council
 14 May – Statutory Annual Council
 2 July – Council
 3 September – Council
 5 November - Council

Agendas will be on noticeboards
 3 days before the meeting.

Fly-tipping, potholes, damaged signposts, footpaths etc report these and much more to the North Somerset Council's Area Officer at Yatton Library every Friday, 10:30 – 12:00
 No appointment is needed, just turn up.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 8 JANUARY 2018

Local Public Footpaths – A resident reported that the sign was still down on footpath LA10/3/10 and the bridge was in a dangerous state on LA10/4/10, near Whitehouse Farm.

NSC Councillor Jill Iles reports:

- The Mill Farmhouse application – Has gone to appeal challenging the refusal grounds that it did not have residential use, only business use. Another planning application has been submitted for the site.
- B3133 verge clearance – She was still following this up with the Area Officer.
- St Modwen's – Still no progress on the outline application.
- General Data Protection Regulations – NSC may be providing a briefing on this complicated topic.

NSC Liaison Officer report:

Matt had followed up the Clerk's request to enquire if the planned gully cleaning had been carried (junctions of Barns Ground and Colehouse Lane) as there was still a large pool of water there when it rained. He reported the work had been delayed but would be carried out soon.

Poplar tree on The Green:

The Chairman reported on various investigations relating to a resident's concerns about the condition of this tree. NS Council had checked the tree and stated it was healthy and needed no attention. It was considered the Parish Council had done all it could over the years but always received the same reply from NSC, who owned the tree. Therefore, felt they could do no more unless the situation changed.

Broadband reports:

- Gigaclear Survey – Contractors had been seen in the area carrying out possible route surveys. When the results are ready they would call a meeting to set out the options and enquire if anyone is interested in signing up.
- British Telecom – It was thought they would also be contacting the village in the near future with costings proposals and enquiring if the village would like to make a contribution

Highways, verges and hedges reports:

- Verge Maintenance on the motorway bridge – the requested removal of encroaching vegetation on the pavement had been followed up again with the Area Officer. He had replied that it was still on the active list but, as it was not high priority, it may be awhile before the worked would be carried out.
- Railway bridge on Colehouse Lane – the Clerk had made enquiries regarding the current situation about the road subsidence that had occurred on the western side of this structure. The Highways Officer was monitoring it and 'Slow' signs had been located on site to advise motorists to take care.

North Somerset Council Local Plan 2036 – In this proposed new communities in North Somerset will help deliver the housing, jobs and infrastructure needed to 2036. Along with the Joint Spatial Plan which sets out the overall amount of new homes and business development and where it should be located across the West of England area, also important schools, transport, community facilities and green spaces needed to support that growth.

The Parish Council agreed to comment on the adverse effect of the lack of infrastructure for current developments.