

# KENN

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NEWS & VIEWS

**Birthdays and Anniversaries in February**

1st Tim Taylor  
2nd Katy Hill  
4th Beth Stowell  
9th Sizzle Summerell  
11th Alexis Papasolomontos  
15th John Andrews  
16th Marianna Mackay  
    Fran Binding  
17th Jeff Naish  
    Julian Gale  
21st William Cheek  
22nd Polly Summerell  
    Lizzy Dyer  
23rd Lorraine & Jonathan Allison W.A.  
25th James Griffin  
    Rebecca Stowell  
26th Amelia Ann Bone

**St John the Evangelist, Kenn**

**Altar Guild for February**



**Jan Bedford and Maggie Hobbs**

**Our Flag was flown to celebrate both Christmas Day and New Year**

As at 29th January it has not been flown—a quiet month.

**Celebrations in Kenn**

The church tower was floodlit to celebrate the New Year, and John Griffin rang in the New Year on our single church bell.

**Bell Ringing at St John's** - following the passing of Mike Callow last year and Geoff Marchant now being in care - our bell has been hanging idle—except of course when John Griffin pulls the rope.

However, on Sunday 28th January, we were delighted to welcome Eleanor Marchant, Geoff's wife who welcomed everyone into church with her bellringing - we appreciate that she cannot ring at every service, but it was a joy to hear. Thank you Eleanor.

Just a thought, several people have moved into the Village and area in the past few months.

Are there any Campanologists out there who might like to come along and exercise the bell ?

If so please contact the Churchwardens  
Julia Bush 01275 873554 or John Ball 078 1667 1304

Dear friends,

I shall be moving to Bathford near Bath to be near my family in the middle of this month as I retire on my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

My last working day will be Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

I leave with very mixed emotions, that I know many of you will be familiar with, as I finish working after 40+ years first in teaching then ministry.

When I started planning for retirement it was supposed to be at 55 but when I was ordained then that goal soon evaporated! I am very grateful for both my time in education and in parishes and for me the most important aspect has been the variety of people I have met and become friends with, of all ages.

I still hear from some pupils I taught decades ago in Bridgnorth in Shropshire, now with their own children, and have kept in touch with some folk in all the parishes I have had the privilege to work in and with.

This letter is a simple, but heartfelt thank you to the new friends I have made in my time in the Yatton Moor Team and especially those in Kenn and Kingston Seymour who include many who are not regular church goers but have enriched my life, and from whom I have learned a lot.

Thank you for sharing the journey with me and I would like to end with a blessing written by Ruth Burgess a leader in the Iona Community of which I have been an associate for many years.

Walk well your journey  
In peace and in justice.  
May you be wrapped  
In the shawl of God's loving.  
May you be cherished.  
May you be blessed.

With love and thanks,

Fran



# Lunch Break

The first Lunch Break of the year was really popular, and it was lovely to see so many guests arriving for homemade soup, bread, cheese, homemade cake and tea and coffee. As usual Pullin's provided the bread which we're very grateful for, and it tastes delicious! The hall was warm, welcoming, and full of chat and laughter. Thank you to everyone who came. We took another donation of £110 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. A suggested donation of £5 goes towards the cost of the lunch and any leftover money is donated to Clevedon Foodbank.

**Next Lunch Break - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 12.30 - 2pm (March - Monday 4<sup>th</sup>)**

**Sarah and Tim**

**Saturday - 10th February**

**10.00am-12 noon**



**Books, Stalls, Produce, Coffee and Cakes and the chance to chat with your friends and neighbours.**

**Contacts - Maggie 876277 and Lyn 870189**

A wide range of HPU Preserves will be available at the Kenn Market, including **New Season's Seville Orange Marmalade**.

Also, as there was no market in January there will be jars with shorter than usual 'sell by' dates at bargain prices.

Heaven Preserve Us items are in recycled jars, and some of the jams and chutneys involve very low Food Mileage (Ingredients grown in Kenn Street).

Thankyou, Julia Bush



Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Following on from all the Christmas and New Year celebrations we're now in the lull of January and getting the bills for the festive period.

This is the time when our purse strings are pulled a little tighter and so we can be inclined to forget about the local charities.

Unfortunately, this is also the time when families struggle even more so to make ends meet and so rely on the Foodbank rather more heavily.

Our weekly contributions to the Foodbank are vital to help support these families.

Everything which is donated goes out to help those people very quickly.

So I'm appealing to everyone reading this item to donate at least one item of tinned or bottled food (or cleaning materials) to the Foodbank box in the Kenn church porch or the front porch of Carpenters Farm in Kenn Street.

I take all donations to the Clevedon Foodbank on Friday mornings, and I would be happy to take whatever you could donate on your behalf.

Thank you to everyone who can donate something.

Best wishes,

Liz Jaehme



## The Yellow Teapot

The Yellow Teapot will be on parade in Kenn Village Hall on

**Monday 19th February from 2-30 to 4pm.**

All the usual candidates, cakes, , biscuits including Gluten Free and Vegan, tea, coffee. Yum.

Endless chat of course.



Julia Bush

# Christmas party update - from Heather Jenkins

Since my last post last month I have had more donations . Which is fantastic . Thank you

I am now up to £1,560.00.

I have had correspondence from The Children’s Hospice and from Prostate Cancer UK - Prostate Cancer’s second cheque has not yet been cashed.



## Yatton Local History Society

Tuesday February 6th - 7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW.

Yatton Local History Society talk by Samantha Ball on Weston Playhouse

Contact [yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com](mailto:yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com)

Details about the History Society and its talks are on the website.

Marianne Pitman

## BIRD NEWS

The cold weather mid month brought lots of Lapwings, escaping the even colder weather further north. 350 flew south west over Yatton on the 15th.

In the days before TV weather forecasts, country folk seeing such movement would know that cold weather was on the way. 200 Lapwings were on a big stubble field at Wemberham along with 800 gulls a few days later.

The area also produced four Green Sandpipers, a Redshank and a few Snipe the latter two species being traditional cold weather birds there.

At the beginning of the month the YACWAG field on Kenn Moor held 31 Snipe and a Jack Snipe. Numbers were down from last month no doubt due to the high water level.

Littlewood by Claverham Drove had a Green Woodpecker, a Treecreeper and 25 Siskins on the 6th and a Kingfisher was on the Black Ditch.

A remarkable 40 Siskins were feeding on Alder seeds along the Strawberry Line (24th) - the next day I could only find half a dozen in a feeding flock, with Great, Blue and Long Tailed Tits, a Chiffchaff and a couple of noisy Goldfinches. Nearby Barn Owls were recorded on Congresbury Moor.

A bright morning persuaded a couple of Cetti's Warblers to sing, while Water Rails called and a Bullfinch showed well. Song Thrushes were also singing there as were Greenfinches, hopefully now recovering their numbers.

Trevor Riddle (01934 835208)

# Burns Night

Saturday 10th February  
7.15pm for 7.30pm



Kingston Seymour  
Village Hall

3 Course Supper  
Piper  
Ceilidh

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

Tickets : £25

From: Sue Thomas (833593)

Judy Seward (832612)

Sue Lang(835939)

Church Office (832184)



Make up a table or just come along and be part of a  
group

In aid of Church General Fund  
Parish of Yatton Moor registered charity no 1152177

## STORIES FOR CHANGE

What is it like to be a refugee?  
Personal stories with Tahmina and Ali



Holy Trinity Church

Main Rd, Cleeve BS49 4PN

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 6pm

Stories from Pakistan & Sudan from  
Michael Loader

Light bites by Reem

Free event. All welcome.

An evening of stories, song, music, food & hope!

## Kenn's contribution to the Children's Society 2023

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who contributed to Kenn's donation to The Children's Society, starting with our Christingle Service at the end of November and carrying on until the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

I was able to send £170 pounds to this very forward thinking charity, which has sometimes come under fire for putting the safety of disadvantaged and mistreated children and young people first.

Remember 'It's never too late to Donate'

Details are on line.

Thanks again,

Julia Bush





## KENN W.I.

January is Resolutions month when the W.I. chooses which Resolution it would like to go forward to the AGM at the Albert Hall. Marion Hulance introduced each Resolution with a Power Point presentation and we all took part in the quizzes at the end before we voted. All the Resolutions were interesting ones and the votes were 1. Dental health matters, 7 votes. 2. Impacts of poor housing conditions, 10 votes. 3. Say 'No' to gambling advertising, 5 votes. 4. Improving outcomes for women in the criminal justice system, 0 votes.

These results have been sent to W.I. House in Keynsham.

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to fellow member Madeleine Crawley who is moving with her family to another part of the country. We shall miss her.

Kenn is to be the hostess Institute at the next Group Meeting which will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Our speaker will be Celebrant Julie Bisacre and the competition is entitled 'Four Weddings and a Funeral' in any medium.

A very useful and helpful Craft crochet meeting was held on 25<sup>th</sup> January when Debra paid us a return visit to see how we had fared with the work that she set us at a previous meeting. She was able to tell us individually where we could improve our work and give tips for future endeavours. She also brought with her some exquisite work that she had done.

As soon as the weather is suitable Jenny Croxton will lead us in another walk and in March Edna Baber is going to teach us some craft skills for Easter.

An outing was discussed and the suggestion was made that we should go by coach to Taunton and have a train ride to Minehead, spend time there and then return by coach to a Garden Centre for tea.

Members were asked for further suggestions and a decision will be made.

At the February meeting Hilary Landers will give a talk entitled 'A woman in a man's world'. If you would like to hear her, please come along at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. We shall be so pleased to see you.

Ann Holtham

Useful Numbers:

**Village Hall Booking Secretary:**  
**Lyn & Nigel Burnett 01275 870189**

**St John the Evangelist:**

**Priest in charge**  
**Revd Fran Binding 01934 830120**

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office@yattonchurches.org

**Churchwardens:**  
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**Altar Guild Secretary:**

Marianna Mackay 340323

**Church Floodlighting:**

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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



**Saturday 10th February 10-12**

**North Somerset Times**

Don't forget that copies of this local newspaper are available in the Church Porch from Wednesdays.



**FEBRUARY WASTE COLLECTION - MONDAYS**

Recycling and food waste - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th February  
Dustbin 5th and 19th February



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

Antiques, Interiors, Collectables &  
Jewellery

Quarterly Specialist Sale

Thursday 1st February 10.30am  
Viewing Wednesday prior 10.00am-5.00pm

Thursday 14th March 10.30am  
Viewing Wednesday prior 10.00am-5.00pm

catalogues can be viewed at

[www.clevedonsalerooms.com](http://www.clevedonsalerooms.com)

## Yatton Music Society Spring Concerts.

Looking forward to the lighter nights with the colour and smell of Spring in the air, the Yatton Music Society is delighted to host its Spring series of live quality music at St Mary's Church.

The programme for the season will commence with a candlelit concert by the Bristol Ensemble, followed by a wind quintet, violin and piano, organ recital, flute and piano.

The first concert of the season on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** will be 'Vivaldi by Candlelight' performed by the Bristol Ensemble led by Roger Huckle. Music will include Vivaldi's four seasons, Pachelbel's canon, Albinoni's concerto for oboe etc. The Church will be lit by candles to create a wonderful atmosphere for beautiful music.



The second concert is on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February** and will be an evening of sparkling music by the brilliant Rockhampton Wind Quintet, with flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon and horn.

Concerts start at 7.30pm at St Mary's, ticket prices are £10 and the audience is assumed of a warm welcome, refreshments and wonderful music.

Details of these and future concert and can be found on the society's website [www.yms.org.uk](http://www.yms.org.uk)

**Saturday, February 3,**  
**Bristol Ensemble 'Vivaldi by 'Candelight'. 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Yatton,**

**Saturday February 24**  
**Rockhampton Wind Quintet. 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Yatton,**  
Tickets £10, Students over 16 £5, accompanied children free,

details: [www.yms.org.uk](http://www.yms.org.uk)

## KENN CHURCH ROOM - CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

Julia Bush reports that the January Coffee Morning raised £135.00 which means she has sufficient to pay the Blay family School Fees for February - (She will be baking Simnel Cakes for Easter.)

Many thanks to all who attended and enjoyed some delicious cakes, coffee and chat.

Margaret Bessant has kindly agreed to host the next Coffee Morning on Saturday 24th February from 10.00–12 noon  
The charity will be Dementia UK

*Celia Andrews is always pleased to receive volunteers to host the monthly coffee mornings—contact her on 01275 877806*

The United Benefice of Yatton with Kenn and Kingston Seymour,  
Cleeve with Claverham

All Saints' St. Barnabas St. John's St. Mary's Holy Trinity

Many thanks go to Mike Cooke who has shared with us his article which appears in the current Winter issue of St Mary's Magazine.

### Winter 2024 Foreword

Winter. The trees are asleep and the days cold. Yet there is a warmth that refuses to die away because we find meaning and hope in our lives as we meet for worship and linger over coffee. Faces light up when we see each other. We are sustained by prayer, song and glimpses of God.

We are nourished listening to God's word and by meeting around a table to share bread and wine in memory of Jesus, who is with us.

Change is coming. We say goodbye to Fran Binding and Nigel Thomas, the priests currently responsible for our churches, and we wish them well in their next steps.

A brochure ('the profile') has been written to describe our five churches to a prospective rector. They will look us up and see what else they can find out. The reality needs to match the brochure well enough that we begin the new relationship of priest and people with openness and honesty.

An advertisement will be placed in the lifetime of this magazine issue.

Now is the time to pray for someone to read it and to be excited by the thought of coming here, for them to be right for us, and for us to be ready for them.

We have been sustained and even grown in our period of waiting, so let's be patient.

It's important to get the right person, not just the first person who applies, so pray for those who will be interviewing and making the decision.

Remember this person will oversee five churches and won't just be 'our vicar' for one or two churches.

We look for new growth and fruitfulness across two parishes, which will mean that each of us keeps using our gifts and time well.

We may continue with everything we are now doing, or some things could even be set aside to make room for fresh mission.

Change can be disturbing, but spring is always welcome after winter.

Mike Cooke



## Kenn Village Hall Committee Meeting Monday 15th January

Margaret Ball welcomed everyone to the meeting on a bitterly cold night.

She thanked Sarah Clark, who was retiring from her positions as Secretary and as Treasurer after many years of service.

Sarah was presented with a potted Bay Tree for her garden and a card signed by members of the Village Hall Committee containing many messages of appreciation for all the care she has shown to our beloved Hall.

Sarah took over the role of Secretary in 2005 when her aunt, Ruth Dyer asked if she would just do it "for a year or so" - 19 years on.....

She was Bookings Secretary 2011 – 2016 and became the Treasurer in 2016. A position which she filled with efficiency, an enormous amount of energy, and enthusiasm.

There was applause as Julian Gale was welcomed as our new Treasurer and various papers passed to him by Sarah.

Plans for the future were discussed - completing the insulation of the walls, south-side when the weather improves, updating the cooking facilities in the kitchen, revamping the village website, hall heating etc.

Jan Bedford noted, with thanks, Nigel and Lyn as Booking Secretaries and John Hayden and John Ball, in fact all those present, who do so much without payment.

**Pop-Up Bars** - these occasional events are growing in popularity - On Friday 26th January, the Skittle Alley was opened up and John and Nigel welcomed around 50 people, mostly from the village and mostly able to arrive on foot.

Wine, cider, beer and soft drinks were consumed, conversations buzzed, the skittles were regularly knocked down and the champion of the evening—after an intense knock-out finale was Abbey Porch, just ahead of father-in-law Phil.

A most enjoyable evening.

Proceeds from the bar are used to help pay Hall Expenses - so come along next time and support our Village Hall.

Margaret



## From The Limes .....

Thinking about what to say this month and coming up with not very much I started pondering on the title our esteemed editor gives to my rambles. Let me say I did not coin the phrase “Monthly Missive from the Limes”. It implies you will get something every month – (no pressure there) – and that what you get is worth reading – which may be a matter of opinion.

Anyway I thought here goes, this month you will get something from The Limes itself and you can share in my ups and downs, and if you feel like giving me sympathy for the downs it will be gratefully received.

It has been a very wet winter and now at the time of writing we are (hopefully) finishing a cold spell. I was outdoors this morning and it was bitter, and typing this article this afternoon my fingertips still haven’t recovered. I’m also trying to keep warm and for reasons I’ll come onto later I’ve been running a fan heater in the kitchen which is where I tend to spend my time. It’s nothing to do with being the kitchen I hasten to add, but it’s usually the warmest room in the house as well as the largest and has a table I can work on. The fan heater is extremely old but has survived all our other heaters and in fact came with Heather when we got married. The fact that this year would have been our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary gives you some clues about its age.

A few days ago I noticed an “aroma” in the kitchen. It smelt like gone off fish and the fan heater was extremely effective at blasting the smell around the house. At first I thought it was from when I cooked some fish fingers but although my cooking is basic it’s not that bad and cooking smells quickly go.

Anyway I had a sniff around the kitchen and just could not find a source for the smell. After a week I was getting desperate and about to give the dog a good sniff when I realised the smell was worse when the fan heater was on. Sniffing that gave no results other than a hot nose - and then for some reason I unplugged it and saw the socket was charred and the insulation on the plug all burned.

It was clearly the source of the smell. Only a small part but a large effect. There’s a moral there somewhere. The other moral is that I knew the socket was a bit iffy and I should have sorted it years ago. Anyway I replaced the socket and the plug and the heater is quite happily whirring away as I type.

Mentioning weather brings me thoughts of the garden. It has been difficult to do much outdoors and the excuse that it is too cold is very effective. The lawn has not been cut for ages. We had wet weather in November and December and so the cuts I wanted to do before winter never happened and certainly won’t happen for a few more weeks.

I suppose I could borrow a sheep or a lamb but it would need too much fencing for the main lawn although it would work in the orchard. Some of you know we raised lambs many years ago.

Quite often we see deer in the field behind, happily munching away and I wonder if they could be asked to do some selective eating of my grass but that's probably rather ambitious and it might be best if they stay in the field. You may be interested to know that we have more wild deer than in the Middle Ages and they can be a bit of a pest. Unfortunately because of the many restrictions on shooting it is difficult to control their numbers, which is a pity as they are a good food source.

That reminds me of a story I heard many years ago of a restaurateur in London being fined £400 for catching and serving pigeons to customers. Apparently it was not allowed. When you consider this could be a great solution to the pigeon problem in towns and cities, the ability of government to avoid neat solutions is depressing.

The few fallen apples left in the orchard have survived on the ground, much to my surprise. I think from time to time the dog may munch the odd one or two on the basis that an apple a day keeps the vet away but I've not see them dwindle significantly. The other day with friends and professional help we pruned the apples and pears and now have a large bonfire pile. We'll have a go at lighting it next week and will try not to annoy the neighbours. I don't want to leave it until it is too dry however or it will go like blazes (ha ha) and scorch any trees nearby. Smaller is better in this case.

I have other trees in the orchard – plum, damson etc and we'll prune them later in the year once they are growing. I do try to keep the trees in good order and productive. Its blindingly obvious I can't eat all the produce however and the bulk gets given away across the area. I have good friends who help pick and distribute the crop each year but extra help is always welcome. I'm told that last year 60lb of grapes from my vine and 150-200lbs of plums were given away. I've no idea about apples and pears, they just seemed to go on for ever. We also had some walnuts but they weren't a great crop.

A fruitful crop was rhubarb. Being low-lying here, my rhubarb can rot and a year or so back I was given a couple of rhubarb crowns to replace some that had died. This year they were amazing and so prolific that in the end I had to stop picking earlier than I normally would. They were also crowding out my gooseberry and blackcurrant bushes so I will need to address that this year and might have to move them.

Just before I close you will recall I mentioned my fan heater. Usually the kitchen is kept nice and warm by the Aga. Sometimes I even cook on it. Unfortunately over Christmas I noticed a smell of oil and it turns out I have an oil leak so have turned it off. My usual heating engineer was tied up so I was referred to a local heating company. I have never had a good experience from this particular outfit and I wasn't very hopeful this time but I tried. A rather bored sounding man at the other end of the line took my details and said "We'll come on Wednesday". Needless to say no-one turned up and no message or apology received. I'll get the leak fixed elsewhere but am not impressed. In the meantime I'm probably saving a fortune on heating bills.

Stephen



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

## Sunday Services at St. John's Kenn and All Saints' Kingston Seymour February 2024

### February 4<sup>th</sup>

8.30am St John's Traditional Holy Communion

**11am All Saints' Confirmation Service with  
Bishop Mike Hill**

### February 11<sup>th</sup>

**8.30am All Saints' Traditional Holy Communion**

11am St John's All Together in Church

### February 18<sup>th</sup>

**11am All Saints' Holy Communion**

### February 25<sup>th</sup>

11am St John's Holy Communion

Every Tuesday and Wednesday 8.15am

Team Morning Prayer on Zoom