



Our Curate Jo - married at St. Mary The Virgin, Yatton
Saturday 30th December
Pictured with her three boys and husband Ian Stobart
(photo by Margaret Stuckey)

Wishing all our readers a
Very Happy and Healthy
New Year

NEWS & VIEWS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd Jane Roberts
- 13th Abigail Smith
- 14th Rebecca Brain
Ella Hibbs
- 15th James Hayzen
- 16th Fred Fenwick
- 18th Mike Callow
- 26th Elijah Stowell
- 30th Mike Smith

Kenn Altar Guild - January Rota



Rose Will-

cox and Jane Staples

Thanks go to everyone for the beautiful decoration of our church for Christmas. The candles were greatly appreciated, both inside the church and lining the paths for the Christmas services.

Church Floodlighting

Our Church was floodlit on Saturday 2nd December the anniversary of the passing of both Ruth Dyer and Winnie Hazell.

And for the lighting of our Christmas Tree with Carol Singing on Friday 15th December

For our Carol Service on Sunday 17th December. - to celebrate the festival of Christmas and to see in The New Year.

Thanks go to Dave Pugh who is keeper of our lights. Tel; 01275 874278

Christmas Eve Communion

After the excitement of the Crib Service in the afternoon, the Christmas Eve Communion Service at 10pm was a quiet, intimate chance to catch one's breath at the very beginning of our Christmas worship.

We were led by Avril, choosing the hymns 'in the moment',

in place of the address she led us in a meditation in which we were present at the Nativity.

Reflecting on the vulnerability of God in the shape of a tiny baby.

The church was lit with tea-lights and in the last hymns we were invited to light a candle for a person or situation that lay on our hearts.

A healing process at a time when all the seasonal jollity makes sadness all the harder to bear. We left the church in a peaceful frame of mind, feeling that Christmas really had started.

Julia Bush

Our flag was flown Sunday 17th December to celebrate the marriage at Clevedon Hall of Kim Aguilar and Richard Jaehme

At half mast on Wednesday 20th to mark the passing of Cliff Edwards on Tuesday 19th December

25th December to celebrate Christmas

Kenn Nativity 2017.

The Nativity at St John's this year was truly sublime.



The cast of Kenn children and grandchildren enacted the Christmas story with poise, reverence and a touch of humour. The nativity was narrated to us by the two shepherds Tom and Sam. They were watchful and gave us an accurate account of the Holy night. We had the most gorgeous, adorable angels, Polly, Ella, Sophie and Polly. Polly and Ella shared the role of heavenly messengers. Reliably informing Mary she is to have a baby, telling Joseph to look after Mary and scaring the life out of the Shepherds as they slept on the hillside.

Sofia and Chloe were Mary and Joseph. They made a very caring couple. Ready to take on their unbelievable responsibility. They made their way to Bethlehem via Duck Lane, Kenn Street, and The Drum. Each speaking their words confidently even though they had only been cast earlier that day! The couple were accompanied by Theo. The most handsome donkey even seen. We only had one king. Callum was regal enough to carry off the role of the Magi on his own. Two elegant young women Bella and Drew did the readings. With fine voice they linked together scenes from the Christmas story.

Jo played the organ and sang Silent Night for us. My goodness, what a rendition of this Carol. Evoking the mystery and solemnity of the sacred night.

Jenny was wardrobe mistress and made sure all the children had the right costumes. Julia was sound checker and as usual general support. Clare modified the script to share the lines between the Arch Angels. Margaret and John had the forethought to fetch the costumes from the new room attic, heat the church, sort out the mics and numerous other jobs that go unseen.

Warren gave an address at the end. He had the children transfixed as he did a trick with lights to illustrate the love of Jesus.

Another heart-warming Nativity in Kenn.

Caroline.

Christmas Lights.

On Friday 15th December about 60 villagers of all ages gathered to watch the ceremonial switching on of the Kenn Christmas Tree lights



Afterwards our wonderful family band guided us through the singing of many of our favourite carols.

Jenny Pascoe with Drew Summerell had provided us with delicious home made mince pies which we washed down with copious quantities of mulled cider

Happy New Year to everybody,

Robin and Marianna and everyone who helped make it a great evening.

Thanks go to the Parish Council, especially Rob Treble, for organizing the tree and to John Ball with helpers Wilf Bessant and Robin Mackay for erecting and decorating it.



Richard and Kim Jaehme with daughter Evie on their Wedding Day 17th December at Clevedon Hall

KENN VILLAGE PARTY - 2nd December

Almost 60 people accepted the invitation and arrived with food and drinks for a Village Get-Together.

The call had gone out for combustible material for the Bonfire and wow, what a fire it turned out to be.



The Hall was beautifully decorated, the fire roared and Robin had prepared a hot cider punch to augment our own drinks, the music was playing and fun and hilarity as well as serious socialising passed the time.



It was so successful and the format so simple - no body did too much work - that the idea may well be repeated during 2018.



Bonfire watching above

Our 'Cabaret'



News from Ghana.

Julia shares with us her Christmas greetings from Ghana

Mummy it's been a while and I know you have been busy. How are you and the family?

It's almost Christmas and I want to wish you, the family, the people of Kenn and the Catholic church in Kenn for helping you to support my family.

They are very kind and generous. God richly bless you all !

I pray for good health and strength for you and everyone.

A life without sickness .Thank you all.

Michael Blay

The Children's Society.

Contributions from Kenn 2017

Thanks to the generosity of people in Kenn a total of £251.96p will be sent to the Children's Society.

Carols on the Green raised £80.43, the rest being given at the Christmas Eve Crib Service and services throughout December.

Thank you everyone.

Marianna and Robin Mackay,
Julia Bush

Caring at Christmas

Caring in Bristol

Thanks to everyone in Kenn who gave so generously to the appeal for money this year.

The total raised in the village amounted to £1,595.00.

Robin and Marianna Mackay

The Caring in Bristol thank you letter is displayed in the Village Hall Noticeboard

It's January and what must we do?

Find the flies!
Look in the loft!
Inspect the outhouse!
Examine the barn!
Suck 'em up in the vacuum!

Empty the vacuum into a bag,
tie it up and put it in the
Dustbin!

And the prize for finding
them? -
A 'plague-free' summer.



December Market

The December market dawned bright and sunny which brought many people in.

Thanks to Sheila Naish and helpers for doing the refreshments in aid of the RNLI they raised £90.00.

Also thanks to Andre and helpers for doing a great job running the Tombola which raised £156 for Alzheimer's UK.

No market in January

The next market will be on 10th February 10.00—12 noon

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year Lyn and Maggie

Maggie 876277 or Lyn 870189

New Years Greetings to our Readers from

John and Grace Griffin and their family.

From Jean and Fred Fenwick and family

Also from Juliet Stowell and family

Oops—I omitted Christmas Greetings from them all

Congratulations

On Wednesday 6th December Ezra weighing 8lbs 9oz and Violet 7lbs 2oz were born in Bristol

We send warm congratulations to the Great Grandmother, honorary Kennite, Barbara Middleton who was formerly our Village Postmistress and is now a regular at Quiz Night in The Drum and many other village events.

Also congratulations to proud parents Angel and Mike Wedge and to first-time grand-parents Tina and Nigel Middleton.

**Monthly Lunch at St John's Kenn.
Monday 5th February 2018. 12.00 -2.00pm.
£5 per head will buy you a three-course
lunch.**



As the first Monday in January fell on New Years Day there was no lunch that day.

Can you believe this? The tinsel and lights are still up. By the time the next news and views is issued Lent will only be two weeks away, starting on the 14th February!!
As the Lent Lunches have morphed into the monthly lunch I will not be doing the weekly Lent 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.

Kenn Supper Club.

Always on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

The first Supper club of the year will be on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 7.00 for 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome.



Stephen the new landlord is up and running! He has developed the menu and tells us he is here for the long run. Coming to the Supper Club is a great way to support him and the village.

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

Please contact John and Grace Griffin. Tel 872948.

Kenn Diary for January

**Monday 8th January - Kenn Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm at Kenn Village Hall**

**Tuesday 9th January — Village Lunch
Drum and Monkey meet 12noon onwards**

**Wednesday 10th January - 7.30pm Kenn W.I.
Meeting at Kenn Village Hall**

**Thursday 11th January 11.00am Meeting Place at
The New Room**

**Wednesday 17th January - Drum & Monkey
7.00 for 7.30pm Kenn Supper Club**

**Saturday 27th January — Coffee Morning
Church Room 10.00 —12 noon**

**Monday 29th January - Drum & Monkey
8.00pm - Book Club**

Useful Numbers:

Village Hall Booking:
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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



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

Recycling - 4th/10th/16th/23rd/30th

Dustbin - 10th/23rd January

Green Waste - 16th Wednesday



North Somerset Times



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

Wednesday afternoons

**Kenn Women's
Institute**

Kenn Village Hall,
7:30pm Wednesday
10th January - Visitors welcomed



Tel: 01934 830111

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Wednesday 14th March 10am - 7:30pm
Morning of sale from 9am

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KENN W.I

Members of the Kenn W.I. were in party mode when they arrived at the beautifully decorated Village Hall for their December meeting.

Cards to fellow members were deposited in the Post Box and presents distributed from the sack thoughtfully left by Father Christmas. There was

a picture quiz which members completed while they ate a delicious supper.

To really feel that Christmas is coming several members had attended Carol Services.

The County Federation held theirs at St. Mary Redcliffe, which is a wonderful place to listen to the choir and to sing your heart out. On display was the Christmas Tree which was decorated with the baubles made by W.I. members. The baubles were spellbinding. Some were patchwork, some were jewelled and they were all very beautiful. The tree was one of those in the Tree Fest that took place on subsequent days. Several members went to see that. The Group Carol Service was held in the church at Walton in Gordano. It was very well attended and a lovely occasion.

In 2018 members have chosen to support Weston-S-Mare General Hospital in its appeal for a scanner. We all felt that the hospital is so important to us here that we must do all that we can to keep it open. As a consequence the W.I. will be helping with the coffee at the Village Markets and the Coffee Mornings in the Church Room during the year.

At the January meeting members will make their choice of Resolutions to go forward to the Annual General Meeting which this year is to be held in Cardiff. Two can be chosen from a list of five. The subjects are many and varied, ranging from the state of the nation's teeth to Female Genital Mutilation via the Mental Health Services. We hope that there will be lively debate as we choose.

We are always pleased to see anyone who wants to join in. The meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Ann Holtham

THE YATTON MOOR TEAM MINISTRY



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SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2018

1st Sunday 7th January THE EPIPHANY **WHITE**

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

2nd Sunday 14th January THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY **WHITE**

8:00am Holy Communion at Yatton*
9:30am Parish Communion at Yatton
9:30am Holy Communion at Claverham
11:00am *Holy Communion at Kenn*
3:30pm Evensong at Kingston Seymour* followed by tea, sandwiches and cake
6:00pm Edge Youth Group at Yatton

Third Wednesday - 17th January

11.00am *Holy Communion by Extension at Kenn**

3rd Sunday 21st January THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY **WHITE**

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th – 25th January)
Theme "That All May Be Free"

4th Sunday 28th January THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY **WHITE**

8:00am Holy Communion Yatton*
8:30am Holy Communion Kingston Seymour*
9:30am Parish Communion Yatton
10:00am Café Celebration at Court de Wyck School
11:00am *Family Service Kenn*

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

Neighbourhood Watch

Received 21st December

Christmas drink/drug drive campaign is underway targeting drink and drug drivers. Police are asking for your help with this. To tell them about a drink or drug driver in progress, call 999. Or, if you have information about a drink or drug driver, but the person is not currently driving, then forward the details of the car, location and driver by text to 07400 249101 or telephone 101.



Received 20th December

Officers ask you to take care over the security of parcels being delivered. If you are not going to be home to receive them, try to find an alternative where they will be home. If you are buying on-line then many companies use a 'click and collect' service with other more local businesses which can be convenient.

On 16 December a garage at a property in Kenn Road, Kenn was broken into and a lawn mower stolen.

Received 7th December - Vehicle Crime - Over recent weeks there has been a large increase in vehicle crime. Variety of vehicles targeted but in some areas theft from vans has been particularly high. The majority of these are privately owned or contract vans (as opposed to the corporate image vans). Unknown offender (s) have been breaking into the vehicles, mainly by smashing a window and stealing power tools. We have also seen an increase in theft from cars. Items such as satellite navigation accessories and handbags have been targeted because they have been left on display inside the car.

We urge members of the public to follow the below advice :-

1. Make sure your vehicle is locked and secured before walking away - if you have an alarm on the vehicle make sure it is set .
2. Remove ALL valuable tools and powered equipment from vehicles.
3. Do not leave any valuables on display no matter how small or insignificant they are.
4. Remove the sat nav holder from the windscreen and wipe away the sucker smudge.

You can also register your personal property for free on <http://www.immobilise.com> This is a free website whereby you can create an account for yourself. Register any property which has a unique serial number (I.e. mobile phones, laptops, power tools, sat navs etc.) As always, please ensure you report all suspicious activity to 101, or 999 if crime is in progress.

Received 27th November During the early morning of 26 November an attempt burglary occurred at Claverham Road, Claverham. Family dogs barked and disturbed offender. No entry gained.

Our thanks go to Colin Bedford, our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, for keeping us up to date.

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 11th January 2018 at 11.00am.

Julia 873554.

Caroline 343133.

Book group

The book group has been running now for eight years. Nearly every month we rock up, discuss our book, then set the next one. We rise to the challenge and read both books we like and those we do not. We have diverse opinions between what we consider a good read and what we find distasteful.



We have now thought about altering 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



BIRD NEWS

Following on from last month's note about the Kingfisher at Chestnut Park, North End, Yatton, Shane Pannell who was working there spotted a Black Redstart.

The new houses have bark mulch on their gardens and Black Redstarts like nothing more; that is to say that they are attracted by the insects in the mulch.

A few days later Shane saw a Merlin chasing Meadow Pipits over the course of the old Yatton to Clevedon railway. This bird and a Short Eared Owl seen in Wemberham Lane, Yatton (but not by me) may have been driven out of Wales by the heavy snow and freezing temperatures there.

Two Green Sandpipers were on the Congresbury Yeo soon after the water levels had been lowered. This also attracted Little Egrets, I counted nine on part of Nailsea Moor. There have been plenty of Kingfisher sightings across the Moors too. A few Teal, and Little Grebes are present with the occasional Grey Wagtail.

Redwings and Fieldfares seem to be in short supply, but there was a mixed flock of a thousand by Claverham Drove on the 16th but only 150 the next day. These too were probably moving away from snow and cold and they may well head down into southern France or Spain. There are few Hawthorn berries around and these winter thrushes use berries as a back up food supply when the fields are frozen and they are unable to reach invertebrates.

The cold spell brought Blackcaps, Bramblings and Reed Buntings into local gardens so keep an eye on your feeders One or two Siskins have been reported but no Redpolls so far.

Our Bullfinches (three) are appearing daily and a Mistle Thrush has been seen regularly in Duck Lane.'

I haven't seen many Lapwings on the Moors, but there was an impressive flock of 600 at Kingston Seymour sea wall. The YACWAG fields by the Strawberry Line held 24 Snipe and the fields were crisscrossed by vole runs so the Barn Owls should find the living easy barring very bad weather. A Cetti's Warbler was singing and a Water Rail was squealing along the Strawberry Line.

Trevor Riddle (01934 835208)

Clifford Edwards passed away in his 95th year on Tuesday 19th December.

His funeral service at St. John the Evangelist, Kenn will be at 10.30am on Tuesday 9th January.

We send our deepest sympathy to his family.

Cliff Edwards

Wednesday 20th December, the flag was at half mast for Cliff Edwards, and when I arrived at St. John's for mid-week communion the bell was tolling for Cliff.

Mike Callow, who rang the bell explains the meaning of the "Nine Tailors"

"Nine tailors (tellers) make a man" goes back to earlier times., when there was little traffic noise.

When villagers knew that someone was ill, or dying, and they heard the bell tolling, they knew who had died by the number of strokes chimed on the bell (usually the tenor, or heaviest bell).

Three strokes for a child,
twice times three for a woman and
three times three for a man,
followed by the number of strokes to
indicate the age of the deceased.

So I chimed three times three and
ninety-four for Cliff.

Regards, Mike.



Coventry Diocesan Guild

On Saturday, 9 December 2017 in 2hrs 54m

Warwick
St Nicholas

Tenor: 15-2-20 in F

5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Composed by M S Bruce

- 1 Lucy J T Gwynne
- 2 Annie Hall
- 3 Jane M Rogers
- 4 Simon P Rogers
- 5 Karen M French
- 6 Christopher F Mew
- 7 John W G Gwynne
- 8 Geoffrey W Randall (C)

Rung by members of the Sunday Service band to mark the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the recast bells (Plain Bob Major on 7th December 1957). With best wishes to Mike Callow who rang in the first peal and also in the 40th and 50th anniversary peals (both of Yorkshire Major).

Wimberidge,
Kenn Street.

We are so very sad to learn of the passing away of our neighbour Clifford Edwards.

A lovely gentleman and good neighbour.

May he rest in peace which he so richly deserved.

Our thoughts are with his family at this very sad time.

John and Susan Baber,

Margaret's Mutterings

Thanks to all our contributors for keeping Kenn News & Views going in 2017 – more of the same this year please.

The Defibrillator Refresher Evening was well attended and the answer to Parish Clerk Eleanor's query is - you must dial 999 and ask for Ambulance.

Thanks go to all those in the Village who organise and attend events, we are a small community and the Harvest Supper, Flower Festival, Christmas Parties Book Club, W.I. Supper Club etc are all opportunities to get to know each other. Read the diary each month and join in.....

There's no need to be lonely.

Happy New Year to you all.

Margaret

Hi all,

At the latest meeting of the Late Night Worship team it was decided that it may be worthwhile to try Late Night Worship on a Sunday rather than a Friday evening.

The timing and format will be the same but we might be joined, for the coffee time at least, by some of the congregation from the 6:30 service here at Yatton Methodist Church. We will still meet monthly but on the first Sunday of the month rather than the Friday.

We hope that our regulars will be able accommodate the change and that some others for whom Fridays are difficult may like to come along for the first time.

As always there will a warm welcome to all who turn up and share with us in this time of worship, spiritual renewal and support.

Attached is a revised date card for the next six months. Please note that as the first Sunday in April is Easter Sunday, LNW has been scheduled for the 8th April.

Please let me know what you think.

Every blessing, Keith Woodham For the LNW Team





Kenn Kids' Christmas Party Kenn Village Hall 21st December

A good time was had by about 20 children plus parents and helpers

Action Pussycat provided the entertainment which consisted of bubbles, snow, snowball fights, games, music and magic.

This was followed by hot dogs and then a visit from Father Christmas.

Thanks to Santa with helpers Jane Roberts, Julia Panteli and Jo Blenkinsop



Good News About Broadband in Kenn

(a report from the Broadband committee)

Two options are beginning to seem viable

Both BT Openreach and Gigaclear are in the planning stages of schemes to service Kenn

The BT Openreach design is Fibre To The Premises FTTP.

This is better than has been provided by BT in Clevedon. We understand that the design will be completed by the end of December and will then go to the BT costing team.

They hope to have a proposal to present to us during week of 8th January.

This proposal will probably involve the community making a contribution for the infrastructure work as BT Openreach have stopped working with `Connecting Devon and Somerset` CDS the Government roll out controllers for this area.

The second proposal which is in the planning stage, is the Gigaclear scheme which is subsidised by CDS, this scheme, we have been told by the engineers surveying the project, will stop on the curtilage of your property. Leaving the responsibility for the last leg between the curtilage and your router down to the householder or their contractor.

Gigaclear is an open network, but very few Independent Service Providers ISPs are involved with them at present. The current retail ISPs are :-

Intelligent Telecom solutions - Orion - Redline Tele com - RM education - Triangle networks - Voneus - Amatis - Broadband bonding - Cotswold wireless - EXA networks

As we understand it none of the usual transportable ISPs such as :-

Talk Talk - EE - SSE - Plusnet - Virgin - Postoffice - Yahoo - Icloud - BT - Sky - AOL

have signed up to provide service over the Gigaclear network

Next month we hope to have more to report.....



Thoughts, Reflections and Thanks

I guess we all have mixed reactions when we look back at 2017.

The world would make us think that we gladly dismiss and forget all that happened in the previous year and assume that the next year will be wonderful and exciting, that all our dreams will come to pass and that our New Year resolutions will make us into the perfect person.

It is as if we are leaving a field of trampled snow and mud and moving into a new field covered with virgin, pristine snow, a blank snow-scape of untouched purity and great opportunity.

If only it was true.

I've just had the worst year of my life and do not see as 2018 as being the wonderful utopia ahead of me.

At the commencement of 2017 I had no idea that it would rob me of my wife of 42 years of marriage and only 62 years of age. Yes, I could envisage my father, age 91 or my father-in-law, age 94, not surviving the year, but not Heather.

Many in our village have been there before me. They have experienced the power of grief to take over their lives. Tears are a constant, unwelcome companion.

The future does not exist, just a day by day or hour by hour survival. You have entered the university of grief. It's a steep learning curve. You suddenly have an unspoken bond with others who grieve. The brain cannot take it in. It is a mistake, it will be all right. The lump of lead in your heart tells you otherwise.

Time passes. Pain subsides a little. Your identity has been ripped apart and a new one will emerge in time. You learn a new routine. You learn how to cook, how to wash the laundry, how to clean. You turn the radio on. People surprise you with their kindness. I have had more hugs from married women (and a few men) than ever before. You find who your real friends are. People you hardly know ask how you are and are interested in the answer. They check up on you. They have you round. Your children complain you have more meals with friends than with them.

Sadly other friends become distant. There's an elephant in the room. They don't know how to handle the situation, they may be grieving as well and you are too distraught to help them, so they withdraw.

Never, ever, pretend someone's grief does not exist. If they don't want to talk about it they will say so but you hurt them more by ignoring it than by facing it. Never give platitudes either. They don't work.

That's the last 8 months for me. Heather's death was very sudden and friends in the village, in church, further afield, were all shocked. From preliminary diagnosis to death was 11 days and she was only conscious for the first five of them. She left behind incomplete conversations and unfulfilled dreams.

People in Kenn have been fantastic. I want to give a big thank you to people in the village for their support and understanding.

Thank you to all those who have allowed me to drop in and let me offload. Thank you to those who have sent cards or texted or called. I really appreciate it.

So what about 2018?

To me it is still scary. None of us knows what it holds. I can guarantee that it will not go as you expect.

Good advice was given by King George VI in his Christmas address in the dark days of World War 2:

"I feel that we may all find a message of encouragement in the lines which, in my closing words, I would like to say to you:

I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year,

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

May that Almighty Hand guide and uphold us all".

(The words were by Minnie Haskins (1875-1957). They came from a poem of hers called "God Knows", in a collection, The Desert, published in 1908 and the whole poem is well worth reading).

That's what I will be doing. How about you?

Stephen Brain

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2018

NATIONAL GRID TREE PLANTING SCHEME



INFORMATION FROM NATIONAL GRID: One way we are seeking to reduce the overall impact of the new connection and enhance local landscape and biodiversity, is to plant trees and hedgerows in the local area. We'd like to hear from landowners interested in receiving free tree and hedgerow planting. *(Please note that the scheme is not intended for private residential homeowners)*

We're already engaged with landowners closest to the route; we're now making the scheme available to landowners within 3km of the new connection.

Wherever possible we will use native species, e.g. Oak, Willow, Hazel, Hawthorn and Maple, and plant:

- Young, single stem trees
- Larger, more mature trees with a trunk 16-18cm in diameter
- Hedgerows (including filling gaps in existing hedges) and protective fencing

National Grid will maintain trees and hedgerows for five years to ensure successful establishment, after which time the landowner will take full responsibility for them.

Known as the Off-Site Planting and Mitigation Scheme (OSPES), this initiative was agreed as part of the planning process and is in addition to the significant planting we're doing to replace trees and hedgerows removed during construction, and to screen parts of our development.

As outlined in our Section 106 planning agreement with the local authorities, any planting undertaken as part of this initiative must comply with its 'Planting Principles', i.e. planting will be carried out in a way that:

1. contributes to local biodiversity;
2. is consistent with local landscape character;
3. does not conflict with or cause potential damage to known or potential archaeology or the settings of heritage assets; and
4. does not conflict with planting secured by other existing planning consents.

Landowners interested in signing up to the scheme should fill out the form at:

<http://hinkleyconnection.co.uk/ourproject/planting-scheme/> Alternatively, contact our land agent Bruton Knowles on 0800 035 2242 or hinkleyr@brutonknowles.co.uk.

Landowners that meet the criteria will be approached by Bruton Knowles, who will meet them at the suggested planting location to discuss the scheme and draw up a planting plan.

National Grid will agree the plan with the local authority before a formal agreement is made.

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2018 MEETINGS

8 January – Council

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.

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