



Our Crib Service - the final line-up plus Jareth the Shepherd and Thomas the King



Wishing all our readers a  
Very Happy and Healthy  
New Year



**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 Willcox 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 some of the Christmas services.

**Christmas Eve Communion.**

After the action packed drama of the Crib Service, it was a calmer congregation that met for Holy Communion at 10pm on Christmas Eve.

Flickering candles warmed the atmosphere.

We were pleased to welcome Rev Richard and Mrs Gerry Taylor, who had come from Weston to lead our service, thanks Richard.

A lovely way to move into Christmas.

Georgia Font

Our flag was flown at half mast on Friday 7th December to mark the passing Of Trisha Harrison who lived in Kenn for many years.

And at full mast on 25th December to celebrate Christmas

**Church Floodlighting**

Our church was floodlit for the lighting of our Christmas Tree with Carol Singing on Friday 7th December

For our Carol Service on Sunday 16th December..

Also to celebrate the festival of Christmas and to see in The New Year.

## Kenn Crib Service

Would any one turn up? Will we have too many kings or not enough shepherds and will all the outfits go around? This was all we could think about on the few days before Christmas Eve but the families of Kenn came up trumps as always.



As the time to start drew near we found that we had all the cast and narrators that we needed and only a few safety pins were required to enable costumes or tinsel to fit all.

Our service started with Mary and Joseph returning to the church following their long and interesting trip around Kenn and then the story began.

We had some wonderful narrators who were kind enough to double up as Kings, Mary and the Angel Gabriel, all the children telling their part of the story in their own special way. Sam, Tom, Evie and Ella really helped us recall the Christmas story.

Callum, one of our kings then lead us all in a wonderful first verse solo of Away in a Manger accompanied by Sue on the organ. Younger children then took over and Faithful the donkey began to lead Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem where they needed to try and find a bed for the night. The three managed the very long journey so well.

The donkey managed to stay on course with the assistance of his sister and cousin and his ears didn't fall off. Despite all their efforts to find accommodation on route the travellers eventually arrived at the stable and the baby was born.

Heavenly sounds greeted the congregation and beautiful angels guided shepherds to meet the baby. We were very fortunate that some of the congregation helped out here as we were a little short of shepherds and we also gained extra angels.

We were very blessed in Kenn that the smallest shepherd managed to make it unaided all the way to Bethlehem, a very long journey given the length of his legs, but he did so well.

The arrival of the Three Kings bringing gifts for the new baby finished our story. The gold sweets carried so carefully by Callum were particularly appreciated by the cast and many children in the congregation after the service.

Revd Jo was there to start off our service and to help us give thanks for Christmas with a prayer at the end, complete with actions.

Thank you to all the families who participated for bringing such smiles to the faces of the entire congregation.

Julia & Jenny



## Carols in the downpour!

A wet and windy Friday night greeted the 50+ people who braved the elements to watch the Kenn Christmas Tree being switched on.



For the first time in years the countdown ended at exactly the moment when the lights lit up.

Immediately Ali and her wonderful family band began to play the opening bars of the first carol joined by the lusty singing of all those present.

The weather got worse with a violent hail storm driving everyone inside the garage. A tight fit but it all added to the atmosphere of community and fun.

Our thanks go to the Parish Council for providing the tree. John, Margaret and JP for erecting it and adding the lights. To Jenny for the delicious mince pies, and to everyone who came for enabling us to raise £115 for the Children's Society.

Robin and Marianna

Thank you

I have today sent a cheque for £100 to Weston Hospicecare in memory of Robert who died three years ago this Christmas.

This money was raised at the Village Markets from sales of books and prints.

MANY THANKS to all who continue to support my table and best wishes for the New Year.

Joyce Down

Charity Coffee Morning

Kenn Church Room

Saturday 26th January

10.00am—12 noon

Come along and have a coffee, cake and chat with your friends and neighbours

And all for a good cause!

**News from Ghana.**

Thanks to the generosity of people in Kenn and the church congregation, I have been able to transfer the Spring Term School Fees for the children of the late Denis Blay to their uncle, Michael Blay ready to be paid in at the beginning of term.

In September Michael emailed me pictures of the receipts for the autumn term fees. This seems a suitable method of recording these transactions. I have started a new file! Thank you to everyone who gave in so many ways.

Julia Bush

**Rose Willcox is raising money for the Air Ambulance by having her hair shaved.**

If you would like to donate, the link is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rose-willcox>

**Welcome**

We are delighted to welcome Richard, Rachel, Jacob and Isaac - the Neville family - who moved into Meadow View shortly before Christmas.

We look forward to meeting them at Village Events

Best wishes to the Rogers family who have moved to Lower S trode Road

**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



All who came along and supported the Christmas market at the beginning of December, had a treat as the village hall looked very festive, along with the Christmas displays on the stall holders' tables.

As promised, we held a tombola which proved very popular, thank you for the donated gifts, also thanks to Andre for organising the prizes.

The grand sum of £149 was raised for the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity.

At the far end of the hall Lyn and I provided the mince pies and coffee which raised £92 for the RNLI, again thanks to your generosity.

As usual there won't be a market in January but we look forward to seeing you in February.

**Please note that the next market is  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 from 10am to 12pm.**

If you would like to run the refreshments or would like a table for the February Market please get in touch.

Happy New Year!

Maggie 876277 or Lyn 870189

### Fairtrade at Kenn Village Market

Sadly, there will no longer be a Fairtrade table at the market as the organization providing the goods is no longer trading in this way.

Please look for Fairtrade goods, bearing the Fairtrade logo, in your chosen super market. The Co-op has always had the best choice but every one is on board to a certain extent, particularly coffee, tea, chocolate, bananas, sugar and sometimes flowers and wines.

Thank you to everyone who has patronized the Fairtrade table at the market.

Julia Bush and Grace Griffin

## Supper Club.



The supper club in December was really well attended.

We were a 19 strong convivial crowd.

This is great way to meet fellow villagers.

Pre-booking and pre-ordering was advised by Darren.

We were not disappointed. Platefuls of delicious food was served on time.

Next Supper Club is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

7pm for 7.30pm. At The Drum and Monkey.

Telephone 01275 875500

## Caring in Bristol.

Once more Kenn showed its capacity for generous Charitable giving.

Following our appeal for donations to the Caring in Bristol Christmas shelter for the homeless we were able to take donations to the value of £1,675 to the Caring in Bristol organisation.

They were, of course, very grateful to our village once again supporting the fantastic work they do. It is expected that they will exceed the 3900 meals that they served over the Christmas period last year as there are more homeless people on the streets.

Thank you to everyone who donated, your generosity will help many homeless people to benefit from the food, beds, clothes and care provided at the Caring in Bristol shelter.

Robin and Marianna xx

**Kenn Diary for January**

**Monday 7th January - St John's Church  
12.00 - 2.30pm Monthly Lunch**

**Monday 7th January - Kenn Parish Council Meeting  
7.30pm at Kenn Village Hall**

**Tuesday 8th January — Village Lunch  
Drum and Monkey meet 12noon onwards**

**Wednesday 9th January - 7.30pm Kenn W.I.  
Meeting at Kenn Village Hall**

**Thursday 10th January 11.00am Meeting Place at  
The New Room**

**Wednesday 16th January - Drum & Monkey  
7.00 for 7.30pm Kenn Supper Club**

**Thursday 17th January - Drum & Monkey  
8.00pm - Book Club**

**Saturday 26th January — Coffee Morning  
Church Room 10.00 —12 noon**



Useful Numbers:

**Village Hall Booking:**  
**Lyn & Nigel Burnett 01275 870189**  
**kvhallbooking@gmail.com**

**St John the Evangelist :**  
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**Coffee Morning**

• will be held in Kenn  
 Village Hall on

**Saturday - 9th February**  
**10:00am till midday.**

**North Somerset Times**



Don't forget that copies of  
 this local newspaper are  
 freely available in the  
 Church Porch from  
 Wednesday afternoons

**JANUARY WASTE COLLECTION**

**Recycling and food-waste** Wed 2nd, Tues. 8th, 14th, 21st, 28th  
**Dustbin** Wed 2nd, Mon. 24th, Mon 28th  
**Garden Waste** Monday 28th including real Christmas Trees



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 Thursdays 3rd, 17th 31st January  
 10.30am

**Viewing at Saleroom**  
 Wednesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th 10am - 6:30pm  
 Morning of sale from 9am

**Quarterly Specialist Sale**  
 Thursday 7th March 10.30am

**Viewing at Saleroom**  
 Tuesday 5th March 2pm - 5:30pm  
 Wednesday 6th March 10am - 7:30pm  
 Morning of sale from 9am

Catalogues can be viewed at  
[www.clevedon-salerooms.com](http://www.clevedon-salerooms.com)

## Margaret's Mutterings

Thanks to all our contributors for keeping Kenn News & Views going in 2018 – more of the same this year please.

Apologies - a case of mistaken identity - Andrew Callow was pictured last month, he is Iris and Mike's grandson.



Thanks to Lise Willcox for arranging a most successful Children's Party.

Lise also alerted me that Kenn Resident DC John Hook has been awarded the Queen's Policing Medal in the 2019 New Years Honours list. Congratulations to him.

For full details go to - <https://www.google.co.uk/amp/s/www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/meet-police-officer-one-hardest-2371200.amp>

The All Age Village Party was greatly enjoyed, thanks to John Hayden and Nigel Burnett for the bar to John Ball for the Bonfire and to Ellie and Evie for their gymnastic display.

The weather was wild, wet and windy but the food, the music and the company were great.

This could become an Annual Event.

Margaret



**YATTON MOOR TEAM MINISTRY - JANUARY SERVICE 2019**

**1st Sunday 6th THE EPIPHANY WHITE**

- 8:00am 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
- 4.30pm Epiphany Story at Claverham: The fourth wise man (suitable for secondary school age and adults)
- 6:00pm Evensong/Evening Service at Yatton

**2nd Sunday 13th 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**
- 4.45-5:45pm Afternoon Tea at Kingston Seymour
- 6:00pm Evensong at Kingston Seymour\*

**3rd Sunday 20th 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: "Only Justice"

**4th Sunday 27th THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY WHITE**

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

Late Night Worship at Yatton Methodist Church Sunday 6th January  
Meet from 7.30 for 8.00pm - everyone welcome

## Meeting Place.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month in 'The New Room' at the top of Kenn Street, starting at 11.00am to 12.30pm.



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

This group is a social group hosted by St John's. There is no expectation for church attendance.

This month the children are going to make collages with old Christmas cards.

The next group will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 11.00am.

Julia 873554. Caroline 343133.

## Book group.

Here is the reading itinerary for the beginning of 2019.

There are two brilliant aspects to this group.

On the 'set book' month we get to immerse ourselves in many of the books we were always going to read, but never found the time.

The other is the 'share and swop' month.

It is endlessly fascinating to see what other people are reading and their interests.

January 17<sup>th</sup> 2019. 'Big Little lies' by Liane Moriarty.

February 2019. Share and swop what we are currently reading.

March 2019. 'The Collector' by John Fowles.

April 2019. Share and swop what we are currently reading.

Book group.







## BIRD NEWS

Great White Egrets first nested in Britain as recently as 2012, but they have been very successful and in December there were three records from the Kenn area. Jeff Naish reported one from Nailsea Wall and a few days later I was sent a phone photo taken by a passing motorist in the same area. Then after the heavy rain mid month I spotted one on the Yatton side of the Blackditch near Moor Street Bow. Jeff was able to report that he had seen several Kingfishers recently in different parts of the area. John Croxton also saw a Kingfisher by Kenn Pier, along with a Grey Wagtail and six Little Egrets. The winter pen level in the rhynes and rivers makes feeding much easier for Kingfishers and Egrets.

John also had a sighting of a Green Sandpiper, a bird that is mainly a passage migrant but a few do overwinter. Again the muddy edges which appear on the water courses when the level is lowered is to their liking. There were other birds on the Congresbury Yeo and Oldbridge River.

The wet weather has also produced good conditions for roosting Snipe and the Yacwag Reserve on Congresbury Moor held 20 mid month. There were eight on the Kenn Moor Reserve near Yatton but with the bonus of a Jack Snipe a much rarer winter visitor and a bird that only flies when it is about to be trodden on.

A pair of Peregrines have been frequenting the local pylons and what were probably the same birds were at Clevedon on Boxing Day, the female perched near the top of one of the Radio Masts all morning and the male hurtling into a flock of Dunlin, unsuccessfully as far as he was concerned. Nearby four Goosanders were on the sea just off Clevedon Pill. They (or others) have also been reported on the Blind Yeo and the Yearling Ditch.

The farmer in Wemberham Lane, Yatton reported a Barn Owl in the farmyard one evening and Jill heard a Tawny Owl on Christmas Eve from our garden, the first that we have heard this winter.

Christmas morning was heralded by a singing Song Thrush and he has been singing each morning since, no doubt enjoying the calm dry weather. There were 24 Teal on Blackditch on the 27th, a good number for this site.

And to end the year a note from Scotland. In a railway magazine there was a report of a visit to Chapelcross Nuclear Power Station (it has an unusual private railway) and the Station guide pointed out where Peregrine Falcons had raised two young on the Heat Exchanger building in the heart of the Station. Peregrines were until not too long ago associated with wild and remote cliffs (where reducing numbers still nest) but seem to be adapting well to using human built 'cliffs'.

Trevor Riddle (01934 835208)





Kenn' Women's Institute wishes everyone a very Happy New Year.

Anyone who feels they might be interested, is invited along to their next meeting at Kenn Village Hall on  
Wednesday 9th January at 7.30pm.

## LUNCH AT ST JOHN'S KENN ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019.



Always on the first Monday of the month,  
12.00 noon to 2.30pm.

We intentionally keep the fayre plain and simple.

Maintaining a shoe string budget. £5 per head buys you soup, main course of bread, cheese and salad. Followed by coffee and cake.

The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly. Everyone is welcome.

Those of faith, none at all and all the shades in between.

'The Village Agent', Sarah Friend, usually joins us.  
She is available to give advice on local services and how to access them.

We are raising funds for church projects.

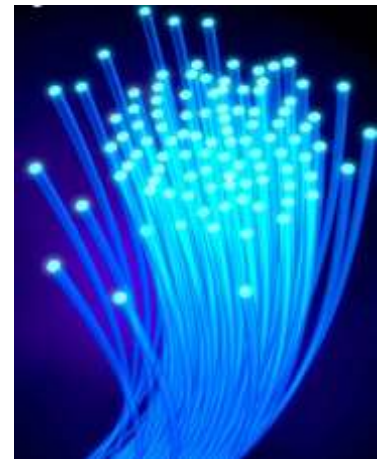
Caroline.

## **Broadband – again...** A reminder and an update

First the reminder. Andy Moore from Truespeed will be hosting a drop-in session at the

**Village Hall Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 6-8pm.**

Truespeed are a fibre based broadband supplier already building fast internet networks around Langford and Churchill and can do the same for Kenn if we can demonstrate sufficient interest to make it worth their while.



The threshold to enable Truespeed to consider installing here is a minimum of 30% of potential customers. So far we have nearly 20 signed up and need to double that.

The purpose of Andy's visit is to give everyone an opportunity to ask questions and find out more. It will be very informal so just pop in. There won't be a hard sell and if we can get it organised there might even be refreshments.

Secondly an update. Gigaclear are the other broadband company of interest to us. They have a measure of funding from the government via Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS), a body set up by the government to oversee contracts for broadband in rural areas. Sadly Gigaclear have over-committed and now withdrawn previously published timescales for installation in Kenn and Kingston and told CDS they may be up to 4 years late in completing their contracts. Neither CDS nor Gigaclear come out of this with much credibility and many feel CDS has failed dismally to demonstrate effectiveness or any degree of competence.

Anyway the result is that we have no timescales at the moment for anything from Gigaclear/CDS for Kenn but if you drive round the area you will see that Gigaclear have installed some ducting for cables by the Craft Centre and plan to do work along Nailsea Wall/ Davis Lane in Jan/Feb.

Note that this will mean road closures and diversions. Some information is on the Gigaclear.net website and roadworks.org website but don't get excited.

Finally, the Village Broadband Committee and the Parish Council are doing everything they can to improve the broadband facilities in the village although it does at times seem to be an exercise in frustration. The Truespeed event is something we have organised so please encourage us and come along.

If you do have other questions then Chris Blake, John Ball or myself may be able to help.

Stephen Brain on behalf of the Village Broadband Committee



# KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2019

A REPRESENTATIVE OF  
**TRUESPEED BROADBAND**  
 Will be at the Village Hall  
 On Saturday, 12 January 2019  
 from 6pm – 8pm  
 Come along if you would like to ask questions,  
 express an interest and/or sign up.



## SPECIAL MEETING – 4 December 2018

### To consider the North Somerset Local Plan 2036 and its implications for Kenn

The North Somerset Local Plan is a planning policy document which identifies where new housing, jobs, and infrastructure such as roads, schools, parks and health services will be built over the next 20 years. About 25,000 new homes are needed by 2036. Just under 14,000 are already earmarked, so just over 11,000 still need to be allocated. Two new villages and extensions to others are proposed. Brownfield land will be used for new houses and apartments. Sites for a further 1,000 houses will also need to be found elsewhere in North Somerset. Kenn Parish Council considered and commented on the following:

- **Settlement Hierarchy** – A settlement hierarchy is a way of classifying an area’s settlements and their different roles and functions. Grouping together those settlements that have similar characteristics.
- **Settlement Boundaries** – Settlement boundaries defining the edge of a town or village in order to direct development to those locations. These boundaries prevent sprawl and concentrates development within settlements in a form which is appropriate to the scale and needs of that community. They also define the areas where housing policies apply. Land outside these are ‘countryside’ and different policies apply.

In both cases the Parish Council preferred the status quo – Option 1

- **Holiday Accommodation in the Countryside** – New permitted development rights in 2015 now require a review of policies DM45: The conversion or re-use of rural buildings to residential use and DM57: Conversion, reuse and new build for visitor accommodation in the countryside.

Kenn Parish Council commented that existing licensed holiday park owners who are permitting their holiday home to become permanent residences, should not be able to circumvent the planning process and have existing enforcement notices disregarded.

28 January 19 – Road Closure, Kennmoor Rd (junction of Nailsea Wall to junction of Kenn Street) anticipated to be of 8 days in duration for work by Gigaclear Ltd to install fibre optic equipment.

### 2019 MEETINGS

At 7.30 in the Village Hall

7 January – Council

4 March – Annual Parish Meeting

4 March – Council (after the above)

13 May – Statutory Annual Meeting

1 July – Council

2 September – Council

4 November – Council

Agendas will be on noticeboards three days before the meeting.

**2 May – Local Council Elections**

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### NORTH SOMERSET COUNCILLORS

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Monthly Drop-in – At Yatton Library from 10am to 12noon on the fourth Saturday of each month.