

KENN

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Wishing all our readers a
Very Happy and Healthy
New Year

NEWS & VIEWS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 13th Abigail Smith
- 14th Rebecca Brain
Ella Hibbs
- 15th James Hayzen
- 18th Mike Callow (90)
- 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.

News from Ghana.

Merry Christmas to you mummy.

May this Christmas bring you, your family, the church and the people of Kenn Good tidings.

May God richly bless you all for your love and support towards me and the family.

Above Julia's Christmas Message from Michael Blay

Apologies for December boob—the Blay family have not moved to Uganda—they are still in Ghana

Our flag was flown on 1st December in celebration of John and Grace **Griffin's 60th Wedding Anniversary.**

25th December to celebrate Christmas

Church Floodlighting Our church was floodlit for the Group WI carol service at St. John's on Monday 2nd December for our Carol Service on Sunday 15th December

For Carol Singing on the Village Green Christmas Tree Friday 20th December

Also 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 Festivities in Kenn

Saturday 21st December - Our All Age Party was exactly that - partygoers aged from five months to 83 years, shared good food, music, dancing and had a super time. John Griffin celebrated his birthday.



Christmas Eve -Tuesday 24th December - 3.00pm Crib Service.

Our church was filled with angels, shepherds, kings, the holy family and a heavenly host of children and families.



Carols on the Green

An enthusiastic crowd gathered by the Kenn Village Christmas Tree to watch the official switch on of the lights (even though they have been on since 1st of December!).



For the first time ever, the lights came on as we counted down illuminating as we shouted zero.

Then the wonderful Lochrairie Family `Ceilidh Band struck up the first of many carols which were all sung with gusto.

A potent mulled wine helped to further enthuse the singers who took sustenance from the delicious Mince Pies (thanks to Jenny Pascoe) and sausage rolls (courtesy of Jan Bedford).

During the evening Sophia and Ethan (our grandchildren) collected donations to the Children's Society which amounted to £125.

Thank you to everyone who turned out on a chilly, but mercifully dry, evening. Especial thanks to the Lochrairie family who add so much to the atmosphere (not to mention the musicality), Jenny & Jan for the food, Sophia and Ethan, and all the people who helped to make the night a success.

Robin & Marianna

Charity Coffee Morning - Kenn Church Room

Saturday 25th 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!

Christmas Eve at Kenn Church.

2pm 24/11. Heating on, check. Lights on pews and pulpit, check. Costumes ironed, check.

Props found, check. 2.30pm. Cast arriving, check. Music starting, check.

Pews filling, check.

3pm, minstrels from afar are playing us in.

Knock. Knock. Mary, Joseph and Faithful the donkey are at the door after a month traveling around Kenn.

Kenn Crib Service has begun, for many of us the real beginning of Christmas too.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the checklist above and so many other things that made the Crib Service so lovely, especially the children.

Late night Holy Communion.

Many thanks to Richard and Gerry Taylor, who came up from Weston to lead our service.

Thanks also to Jo for playing her second service of the day. A small congregation, from near and far, enjoyed a quiet and peaceful service, and Christmas greetings before heading off into the night.

Julia Bush

LUNCH AT ST JOHN'S KENN.

Usually on the first Monday of the month,
12.00 noon to 2.00pm.

The next Lunch will be on Monday 6th January 2020.



This local friendly lunch is growing in numbers. There is always soup, bread, cheese, salad, coffee and cake. Also, a warm welcome awaits people who come.

'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 The Clevedon Food Bank.

They need money for rent as well as food donations. Caroline.



December Market

We had a great Christmas market in December. Thanks to all who came along.

The Tombola was a success, which raised £114 for breast cancer care. Thanks go to Andre and helpers for organising it.

Festive fair was served, and £91.00 was raised, which went to Caring in Bristol at Christmas, a charity helping the homeless.

The next market will be on 8th February 10-12noon. We look forward to seeing you then.

We wish everyone a happy and peaceful New Year Lyn and Maggie

Yellow Teapot Time!

8th January
2.30-4.30pm

and every 2nd Wednesday of the month



At The Drum and Monkey, Kenn
Come along for a chat and tea. Meet old friends and new!

Rural Connections Project

Want to know more?

Contact Sarah Friend, Village Agent 07422 078548
Sarah@wern.org.uk



Supper Club



Amongst all our preparations for Christmas and other festivities, it was great that 12 of us managed to get to Supper Club (in the wind and rain!) for our December meet.

We sat in the main part of the pub. It had a cosier, busier feel to it and we all had a very nice meal. There were lots of “Christmassy” and “electiony” things to chat about and we stayed until quite late.

Jamie, the manager, and Dan, the chef, and the staff, worked really hard to make this happen for us.

Sadly though it seems Jamie may be moving on.

What a challenge it is for all the people to make our pub a viable business!

We wait to find out if we will be able to go to the The Drum for a New Year Supper Club in January. If we can the date and time would be Wednesday 15th January, 7:00 for 7:30 – we will see what the New Year brings!

Caring In Bristol.

Thank you everyone who donated to this worthwhile charity.

On Thursday 18th I took a car full of clothes, sleeping bags, toiletries and food as well as a substantial donation of cheques and cash to the night shelter in St Pauls.

The volunteers are expecting a record number of homeless people to seek shelter from the winter weather.

They will be welcomed with kindness, warmth, a bed, food and companionship as well as professional help.

The number of homeless people sleeping rough in Bristol is growing, a problem which should not exist in this well off country.

So thank you Kenn for showing you care.

Robin & Marianna

Kenn Diary for January

**Monday 6th January - St John's Church
12.00 - 2.00pm Monthly Lunch**

7.30pm Monday 6th January - Kenn Parish Council KVH

**Tuesday 7th January - Village Lunch
Drum and Monkey meet 12noon onwards**

Wednesday 8th January - 7.30pm Kenn W.I. KVH

**Monday 13th January 8.00'ish at The Drum & Monkey
Book Club**

**Wednesday 15th January - Drum & Monkey
7.00 for 7.30pm Kenn Supper Club**

**Saturday 25th January - Coffee Morning
Church Room 10.00 - 12 noon**

Christingle 2019

Thanks to the generosity of folk at the Christingle Service, services through December and the Crib Service, I was able to send £155 to the Children's Society.



This charity is at the cutting edge of work with children and young people who are growing up in tough circumstances.

This year the focus was on 'Young Carers'.

For more info check out their website.

Thanks again,

Julia Bush

Useful Numbers:

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Lyn & Nigel Burnett 01275 870189
kvhallbooking@gmail.com

St John the Evangelist :
 Contact Parish Office 01934 832184
 or Churchwardens

Churchwardens:
 Julia Bush 01275 873554
 John Ball 874077 078 1667 1304

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 Marianna or Robin 340323
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The next
 Village Market
 will be held at
 Kenn Village Hall
 on

Saturday - 8th 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 Tues. 7th, Mon 13th, 20th, 27th

Dustbin Mon. 13th, Mon 27th

Garden Waste Monday 27th including real Christmas Trees



Clevedon Salerooms

FINE ART AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

Tel: 01934 830111

Email: info@clevedon-salerooms.com

Antiques, Interiors, Collectables & Jewellery Sales

Thursdays 9th and 23rd January
 10.30am

Viewing at Saleroom

Wednesdays prior 10am - 6:30pm
 Morning of sale from 9am

Quarterly Specialist Sale

Thursday 12th March 10.30am

Viewing at Saleroom

Tuesday 10th March 2pm - 5:30pm
 Wednesday 11th March 10am - 6:30pm
 Morning of sale from 9am

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

60th Wedding Celebrations 1959–2019

We would like to thank everyone for their Best Wishes on our 60th Wedding Anniversary.

We were married on 29th November 1959 at St Andrews Church, Congresbury.

After a two-day honeymoon in Bath, we lived in a caravan in the orchard at Mill Farm, Kenn (now demolished).

In 1961, we bought a bungalow in Duck Lane and lived there for 3 years. After converting an old Granary building on the premises, we moved there in 1964, where we have lived ever since, bringing up our three children Sarah, Penny and James.

It has been a pleasure and our good fortune to have lived here in Kenn for so many years, surrounded by good, kind neighbours and friends, to whom we extend our best wishes for the New Year and Decade.

John and Grace



On 1st December they celebrated their Diamond Jubilee with a lunch for family and friends at Clevedon Hall.

As part of the celebration our Village Christmas Tree was purchased early so that it could be lit to mark the occasion.

Pictured - John and Grace and family at the end of a brilliant party.

YATTON MOOR TEAM MINISTRY - JANUARY SERVICE 2020

1st Sunday 5th January THE EPIPHANY THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS **WHITE WHITE**

- 8.00am** *Holy Communion* at Kenn*
- 9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton - **Banns**
- 9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve
- 11.00am Informal Communion at Claverham
- 4.00pm Epiphany Story at Kingston Seymour: The fourth wise man (suitable for secondary school age and adults)
- 6.00pm NO Evensong/Evening Service at Yatton

2nd Sunday 12th January THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **WHITE WHITE**

- 8.00am Holy Communion* at Yatton
- 9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton - **Banns**
- 9.30am Shared Parish Communion at Claverham
- 11.00am** *Holy Communion at Kenn*
- 12.30pm Holy Baptism at Yatton
- 5.00pm Afternoon Tea at Kingston Seymour
- 6.00pm Evensong* at Kingston Seymour

3rd Sunday 19th January THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY **WHITE**

- 9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton - **Banns**
- 9.30am Shared Parish 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: "Unusual Kindness"

4th Sunday 26th January THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY **WHITE**

- 8.00am Holy Communion* at Yatton
- 8.00am Holy Communion* at Kingston Seymour
- 9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton
- 10.00am Café Church at Court de Wyck School
- 11.00am** *Family Service at Kenn*

* Book of Common Prayer (1662)

Keep Fit in Kenn

New Years Resolutions?

Have a look at what happens in the Kenn Village Hall every week!

Tuesday evenings. We have Salsa Classes (eddie@abanicosalsacom)

Wednesday morning at 8am we have Fitness Class for all abilities with Tanya.
and "Step" with Sizzle straight after.

Thursday evenings 7pm Yoga (find Wendy on facebook: @purpleturtleyoga).

Friday mornings at 10.30am. Yoga with Justine Blaber
(justine-blaber@hotmail.com)

Kenn Village Hall

Book group

We have changed the day of our group back to Monday.
Thursday clashed with too many of our other commitments.

We still hope to convene in the convivial atmosphere of our
local pub.

Next group Monday 13th January 2020 at The Drum.

We meet at about 8ish.

Our Christmas reading is 'The Ministry of Utmost happiness'. By Arundhati Roy.
This will be interesting as a few years ago we read her other book. 'The God of Small Things'.

Jan 2020. 'The Ministry of Utmost Happiness'. By Arundhati Roy.

Feb 2020. Share and swop what we are currently reading.

Anyone is welcome to the group.

Book group.





BIRD NEWS

December 2nd was a sparkling still winters day, the Severn Estuary was like a mirror and this enabled a group of us to pick out four Avocets just floating on the water. A couple of weeks later the sea wall produced a huge flock of at least 3,000 Dunlin swirling over the estuary. I was with a wildlife cameraman there to film Curlews flying down the River Yeo which he did to a lesser extent than I had hoped, but lots of Redshanks, around 450 making their way out to the estuary to feed as the tide dropped provided compensation.

The day was completed by close views of a Short Eared Owl that was in turn being harassed by and then harassing Black headed Gulls. The next day John Croxton enjoyed close views of a Merlin there.

A single Mistle Thrush was a surprise at Wemberham although as it was seen after a spell of very windy weather and its vernacular name was Stormcock perhaps it was just living up to its country name. A mixed party of Redwings and Fieldfares there had more than a hundred birds, my biggest flock of the winter to date. Towards the motorway was a flock of at least 400 Lapwings probably more. As I have written before, Lapwings seem to gather in a few very large flocks now; small groups on our local moors are uncommon. Wemberham Lane provided my only Kingfisher sighting and a Tawny Owl was hooting there mid month.

I hadn't been to Barrow Gurney Reservoirs for many years, but a pristine male Long Tailed Duck, a Great Northern Diver and a Black Throated Diver proved too much to resist. At the same time a Red Throated Diver was on Chew Valley Lake and I think that this is the first time that all three of our regular Diver species have been in our local area concurrently. It should be noted that all three Diver species are scarce birds away from some coasts in winter.

The cold unsettled weather seems to have brought more birds to garden feeders with reports of Blackcaps and Goldcrest in Yatton and we had two Greenfinches, our first for a couple of years.

I am always interested to know of your sightings in garden or countryside.

Trevor Riddle (01934 835208)

Boxing Day - Spotted while driving south on M5 - a flock of around 400 Lapwing—just after Kingston Seymour - Margaret



KENN W.I.

In a beautifully decorated Village Hall the members of Kenn W.I. gathered to listen to Sarah Cooke tell us about her journey in weaving and show us examples of her fabulous work.

We were all absolutely spellbound by the things that she had produced, literally out of rubbish. She had trawled the skips and was weaving with computer wires and the wires from telephones and radios with the earpieces still there, crisp packets and pieces of foil.

Congratulations to Caroline for finding her.

The Group Carol Service held in St. John's had been very successful. About sixty members from the Yeo Valley Group attended and enjoyed the carols, readings and a recital from Jo Manning which had us all guessing.

Christmas cards were exchanged at the December Meeting and Santa came with his sack full of presents.

Members had also been busy collecting items for shoe boxes for the Bristol Mission to Seafarers at Avonmouth. Mrs. Woolf, our new President, and her husband were able to deliver fourteen boxes to the mission.

This will be the charity that members will support during 2020 and it is hoped that a visit to the headquarters to see their work will take place in the New Year.

At the January meeting members will discuss the resolutions that have been put forward for the AGM in London in the summer. They will choose one and their choice will help to decide which of them will be on the Agenda at the AGM.

Committee members have taken a resolution each and will present it and hope that the discussion will be lively.

Anyone who would like to join us for these discussions is very welcome.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of January in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Ann Holtham

Neighbourhood Watch Received 2nd December

With just 23 days to go until Christmas, I want to share with you some top tips to protect yourselves during this festive period so you can all enjoy the festivities & have a happy new year.



We all know there are so many scams around at the moment and these appear to change on an almost daily basis, but please do not be alarmed. Common sense always prevails and as they always say "if it seems too good".

The Golden Rules:

Never give out your bank details (Pin / Password) EVER.

Not sure? don't answer the door, it's your home!

Be very wary of following links you are sent via email, go through your own trusted sites.

Don't be bullied on the phone, HANG UP

Please do not advertise what's in your home, only put waste out on collection day.

Leaving your home unattended? Put the lights on a timer or ask a friend to visit or park on your drive.

(And please check on your neighbours, if you see papers / post building up on the doorstep, just check)

Above all, have a great festive break and thank you for all your efforts. Neighbourhood Watch continues to grow and develop, none of this would be possible without your support.

Annual Defibrillator Refresher Session

Everyone is invited!

Friday 10th January at 6.30pm

Our personal trainer Jenny Pascoe has again agreed to keep us up to date with our defibrillator training.

The session will be held in the Village Hall

Light refreshments provided -

Kenn Village Hall Committee



KENN PARISH COUNCIL

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Call for 'Green Homes'

Are you the proud occupant of a home with 'green' credentials? A home which is; exceptionally well insulated, or has a living roof, a ground or air source heat pump or anything else you consider contributes to its energy efficiency.

Do you generate your own electricity with solar panels or a wind turbine? Maybe you even live in a Passive Home or drive an electric car? Are you keen to spread the word about the benefits of such technology and prepared to open your doors to your fellow citizens?

We are planning to hold a 'Green Open Homes' event on the weekend of the 13th & 14th June 2020 and are looking for active participants to open their homes. And, of course, we will need lots of visitors! The event will be for the whole of North Somerset, but if we have enough interest, we may subdivide it into more local sections.

If interested, please contact: Karin.Haverson@n-somerset.gov.uk



2020 Meetings

7:30pm in the Village Hall

- 6 January – Council Meeting
- 2 March – Annual Parish Meeting followed by a Council Meeting
- 4 May – Statutory Annual Council
- 6 July – Council Meeting
- 7 September – Council Meeting
- 2 November – Council Meeting

Extra Care Housing – Strawberry Gardens, Yatton will be open in Spring 2020

Extra care housing is designed for people 55 years and over with housing, care and support needs and aims to offer privacy and independence in a safe, accessible environment. You have your own flat with care provided by a professional on-site care team. The care team have a 24-hour care presence to deliver planned care and emergency response if needed.

Extra care housing flats for rent through North Somerset Council are allocated by a nomination process. Information on eligibility criteria and application process are detailed below. Some schemes also have flats available for lease/shared ownership purchase.

The waiting list for Strawberry Gardens is open.

Contact Cheryl: cheryl.abraham@n-somerset.gov.uk 01934 427 429 with any queries or to talk through these options, contact the schemes using the details provided.

North Somerset Council nominated Extra Care Housing eligibility criteria for NSC rental, you must:

- be 55 or over
- have eligible care needs
- be eligible for North Somerset council funding
- have a current application for housing via North Somerset Council's Home Choice Scheme
- be resident in North Somerset

People with exceptional circumstances may be considered on a case by case basis.