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NEWS & VIEWS

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

13th Abigail Smith

14th Rebecca Brain

14th Ella Hibbs

15th James Hayzen

17th Colin Alexander

18th Elie-Mae Alexander

30th Mike Smith

**St John the Evangelist, Kenn**



**Altar Guild — January**

**Jane Staples and Rose Willcox**

Church Floodlighting on for Carol Service at St John's and for Christmas and New Year

**Kenn Crib Service 2023**

Usually, the 3 Wisemen are the last figures to reach the Nativity scene - in Kenn Church, traditionally on the Feast of the Epiphany (6th January).

This year however, they were the first characters to enter the story, beginning when they set off 'from the East' to follow a new star. Countless astronomical calculations have been made about where and exactly when this journey began, but as a camel can only plod about 15 miles a day, the Magi must have been on the road a while before Jesus was born.

Thus the animated film that made up the main part of the Crib Service was fronted by Melchior, and Mary, Joseph and the faithful donkey, the shepherds, a whole flock of lambs (24), the angels and then the Wisemen themselves were all called into the story. Everyone coming into the church was given a knitted character, and when their time came, took it up to the table to make the Nativity Scene complete.

The film stopped at intervals for carols and discussion, and chocolate!

Finally, everyone was there and Christmas at St John's had officially started.

Thankyou Fran for a lovely service, and Jo for some really cool accompaniment.

NB Many thanks to Linda Manning for knitting most of and sewing up the whole flock. The St John's Nativity Set will never be the same again

## The Carol Service 'Cloth for the Cradle'

6.00pm Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> St John the Evangelist Church Kenn



Candles lit the church path and the tower was floodlit to welcome the congregation., As we came into church we were each given a strip of cloth, later, during the singing of our carols, Fran invited us, a few at a time, to approach the chancel and add our strip to the manger, and so together, we prepared the cradle for the baby Jesus

Thanks go to our 'pop-up' Choir - The Kenn Singers, led by Sue Parker, Jo Manning for providing the accompaniment.

To everyone who helped with the flowers and decorated the tree, vacuuming, making preparations and especially to Fran for introducing us to this different way of celebrating the traditional Service of Lessons and Carols.

Thanks to John and Caroline who provided Mulled Wine and Nibbles to send us on our way and to everyone who came.

JB and JB.



## **Kenn Parish Council**

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Next meeting is January 17th and everyone welcome.

This is your village, and anything you wish to bring to our attention is welcome, as are you all at a meeting

Let's hope 2024 is a good year for all

Sheila Naish - Chair

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for donating the money to Wellspring Counselling from the Quiz Evening.

To confirm we received £533.32 into Wellspring Bank Account 29.11.2023.

Kindest regards

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## **Tuesday January 2nd - Yatton Local History Society**

talk by Anita Jays on  
Yatton Video Project 1992

7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church  
BS49 4DW.

Contact:

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

A message from Sarah Friend

***Report all fraud and cyber crime to  
Action Fraud via their website at:***

**[www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or**

their call centre on **0300 123 2040**

Forward any suspicious text messages to  
**7726**

Forward any suspicious emails to  
**[report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)**

Call your Bank's fraud team directly on **159**

## **KENN CHURCH ROOM - CHARITY COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 27th January 10am —12 noon**

**For the Blay Family in Ghana**

**Hostess - Julia Bush**

## **Christmas Morning Holy Communion at St John The Evangelist, Kenn**

Rev Avril Gaunt celebrated our Christmas Communion Service.

Faces old and new came through the door to a warm church, beautifully decorated by the Altar Guild and guest flower arrangers

The theme of the service was finding hope in these times of great difficulty and sadness. Avril read us some quotes from people who have been able to find hope in really horrible circumstances, then we were asked to describe things that were giving us hope as we move into 2024.

We were each given a small label when we had entered church, on which to write something about which we needed particular help or encouragement.

As we went up to Communion, we placed these expressions on the table to be blessed.

Jo played some lovely music at different points in the service and we finished with the carol 'Good Christians All Rejoice'.

Thankyou Avril for taking the service.

Thankyou Fran for arranging through Advent and over Christmas

JB&JB Church Wardens

## **Kenn Village Hall "Pop up Bar" - 7pm Friday 26th January**

Banish the winter blues and join us in the Hall for a drink and chat with friends and neighbours.

(Cash bar only) We might also set up the Skittle Alley

John and Nigel.

Useful Numbers:

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

**The Team of Yatton Moor**  
Parish Office 01934 832184  
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**St John the Evangelist :**  
**Priest in charge**  
**Revd Fran Binding 01934 830120**

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**Village Flag Flying:**  
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Chris Taylor 872781

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**Church Floodlighting:**  
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**Saturday 10th  
February**

**North Somerset Times**



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

**JANUARY WASTE COLLECTION – Mondays**

**Recycling and food-waste (Tuesday) 2nd, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th**  
**Dustbin 8th and 22nd**



**CLEVEDON  
SALEROOMS**



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

Interiors - furniture, jewellery, watches etc.

Thursday 11th January

Auctions start 10.30am

Viewing Wednesdays  
10.00am—5.00pm

Spring Specialist Sale

Thursday 14th March

Auction starts 10.30am  
Viewing Wednesday prior  
10.00am—5.00pm

[info@clevedonsalesrooms.com](mailto:info@clevedonsalesrooms.com)

## Village Market

Thank you to all who came along and supported the Christmas Market, the hall was buzzing!

The hall certainly looked cheerful with its festive decorations, Christmas music and the stall holders' tempting produce, all we were missing was Father Christmas!



The tombola proved very popular and we thank you for the donated gifts, Andre was delighted to raise £191.60.

The coffees and teas along with mince pies and Christmas cake raised £97. Your generous donations will certainly make a difference to many people this Christmas.

The grand total of £288.60 will be divided between The Stroke Society and The Motor Neurone Association.

We wish our customers, helpers and stall holders a healthy and happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2024.

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

If you would like to raise money for a favourite charity by running the refreshments or would like a table for the February Market please get in touch.

**Maggie 876277 or Lyn 870189**



# Lunch Break

We had such a busy Lunch Break in December, so many guests arrived for soup, bread, cheese, homemade cake and tea and coffee and chat.

We enjoyed singing a few carols with Sue accompanying us on the village piano.

The hall was full of Christmas spirit!

We took a donation of £200 to Clevedon Foodbank.

They were very grateful and said this donation would very likely be spent buying washing detergent, amongst other things, as this is rarely donated.

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 8<sup>th</sup> January 12.30 - 2pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)**

February - Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

Sarah and Tim

## Charity Party Disco.....

Well what a great evening we all had.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported Prostate Cancer and Children's Hospice South West . I would also like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes and bought raffle tickets, and donated money to these causes.

Also those who helped me on the day and before hand . I couldn't have done it without you.

The DJ Angelo donated his time to the causes also .

The Village Hall also looked amazingly Christmassy .

We raised on the raffle alone approx. £450 and the total amount raised £1420.00 .

Thank you again for all your support, Heather Jenkins





## BIRD NEWS

The month started bird wise with a Barn Owl in the box at Chaseside. Remarkable in that the box was erected around nine years and this was the first owl recorded on the camera there. Even better news is that the bird paid another visit on the 21st. The field vole population seems to have recovered quite markedly since the summer and this should help over wintering Owls. A Tawny Owl was calling near the church and the 'One Elm bird observatory' (near the church) recorded a flock of a dozen Mistle Thrushes passing over.

It was almost like old times at Littlewood on Kenn Moor with a mixed flock of Siskins and Goldfinches and a Woodcock along with a Sparrowhawk for good measure. Hundreds of Redwings and Fieldfares were on Kenn Moor and Kingfishers were on the Black Ditch and at Kenn Pier. But the star bird was a Short Eared Owl. A stake out looking for the Owl a few days later was unsuccessful but a Grey Wagtail and a Peregrine perched on one of the new pylons was compensation enough. On the 6th three Lapwings flew over the Moor, a notable record these days. Four Stonechats were also present. The Snipe count at the YACWAG Kenn Moor Reserve turned up 60 Snipe and a Jack Snipe, our best count for four years.

Elsewhere Goosanders and Kingfisher were on the Congresbury Yeo along with more Stonechats and a regular Kestrel nearby.

A Great White Egret flew in and upset a hunting Heron but the Heron soon saw the Egret off.

*Photo by Mark Savage*

More Siskins frequented the Alders in the Moor Lane section of the Strawberry Line and towards Yatton several Chiffchaffs and Goldcrests were hunting frenetically.

Two Water Rails called loudly at each other there.

Finally, it has been a Waxwing winter in the north and east of the UK but on the 23rd seven turned up in The Avenue in Clevedon so let's hope for sightings of a few more of these stunning birds locally.

Trevor Riddle

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## KENN W.I



Kenn W.I. had a delightful meeting in December. Our President, Diane Woolf skipped through the business so that we could begin the pleasures of the afternoon.

Members had brought Christmas cards which they exchanged.

There was a donations box for the Mission to Seafarers for those people who are not sending cards this year. There was also a collection of clothing, woolly hats and toiletry items for the Mission. While a delicious meal was being prepared a very chaotic game of Beetle was played. Margaret Burdge and Edna Baber organised the meal for us. Then Santa visited with his sack and everyone went home with a present. Members always have a lovely time so if you ever think you would like to join us we meet in the afternoons of the second Wednesday of the month in Kenn Village Hall.

Mary Bessant will be delegate for four Institutes at the Albert Hall in London at the Annual meeting in June. The Resolution that she will be voting for will be chosen and discussed at the January meeting. We hope to have a Power Point presentation to help us with our decision making. Kenn W.I. is to host the Group Meeting in April and we are busy making arrangements.

Members had been to two Carol Services in December. One was the County Service in Keynsham church complete with the W.I. choir and a ukelele band. The other was the Group Carol Service at Nailsea Methodist Church and was very much enjoyed by those who attended.

It is intended that the special Craft afternoons should continue in 2024 and the first one is a follow up crochet afternoon on 25<sup>th</sup> January. We were all very ham fisted at the first one.

Our Walks led by Jenny Croxton will also continue.

Caroline Holden has also devised a splendid programme of speakers for us so we all look forward to 2024 with pleasure.

Ann Holtham



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

## Sunday Services at St. John's Kenn And All Saints' Kingston Seymour January 2024

### January 7<sup>th</sup>

8.30am St John's Traditional Holy Communion

11am All Saints' All Together in Church

### January 14<sup>th</sup>

8.30am All Saints' Traditional Holy Communion

11am St John's All Together in Church

### January 21<sup>st</sup>

11am All Saints' Holy Communion

### January 28<sup>th</sup>

11am St John's Holy Communion

Wednesdays and Thursdays  
8.15am Morning Prayer on Zoom



**The Yellow Teapot** will have her first outing in 2024 on

**Monday 15th of January,  
in Kenn Village Hall, from 2-30 to 4pm.**

Come to sip, stay to catch up with all the village comings and goings since Christmas and the New Year.

Julia Bush

Prebendary Neil MacGregor  
18th September 1935 - 7th November 2023.

From 1974 until 1980 Kenn & Kingston Seymour were blessed to have Neil MacGregor as our Vicar

His funeral service was held at St. Lawrence's Church at Ludlow on Monday 4th December . (a copy of the Order of Service is available from the editor..)



Neil was deeply loved by many in Kenn, popping from village to village on his bicycle. Our sympathy goes to his children Lucy and Paddy, and their families. Sadly his wife Margaret passed away in 2019.

He started work at Wade Deacon School in 1948, did his National Service, studied at Wells Theological College, was curate at St Mary's Bathwick, Rector at Oare and Culbone, before coming to us as Vicar. In 1980 he became Rector of Wem and Lee Brockhust, in Shropshire, finally becoming Rural Dean of Wem and Whitchurch 1995 till 2001. (Prebendary Lichfield Cathedral 1997).

The Clergy presiding at his funeral were The Reverend Kelvin Price, The Venerable Dick Acworth, The Reverend Wayne Davies and The Reverend John Perry.

Our thanks go to Sue Thomas who represented Yatton Moor at the funeral..

## Kenn Christmas Tree Lights

On Friday 15/12/23 a good sized crowd gathered to see the Christmas Tree lights being switched on (at exactly 7pm) by Isaac Neville.



In the garage the Lochrairie family band started to play some of our favourite Christmas Carols. The singing was a little tentative to begin with but after a round of Mulled Wine/Mince Pies and Sausage Rolls everybody discovered their full voice.

Thanks are due to Kenn Parish Council for providing the beautiful tree, John Ball and Rob Treble for erecting the tree, John and Margaret for the lights and the Neville family for keeping everyone topped up with Mulled Wine whilst also extracting a record sum for The Marmalade Trust of £297.00 plus €2.50).

Thanks also to Jenny & Simon Pascoe for the Mince Pies and Barbara Dyer for serving them, together with delicious Sausage Rolls.

A special thanks to the Lochrairie Family for providing such wonderful music.

They come every year to our garage and are a very special part of our proceedings.

Happy New Year to everyone and we look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Robin and Marianna

**If you walk along the unlit roads of Kenn  
Please carry a torch and wear something reflective.**

**CAR DRIVERS cannot always see walkers,  
especially those in dark clothing, until they are almost alongside their car.**

## Our Monthly Missive from the Limes

It's a week before Christmas and a period of relative quiet for me although I recognise for others it may be a time of frenetic activity. Have I posted or delivered all the Christmas cards? Have I got presents sorted and where did I put that one? – I'm sure the list goes on. I know it sounds awful but I must say that December is not my favourite month, there seems too much to have to organise on one's own and the real meaning can easily get eclipsed. However as I think I am on top of most things I thought I'd give KN&V some attention and make a start. I'm sure I'll get an email in the next 24 hours with our editor's reminder.

Anyway by the time you read this Christmas will be over and we'll be looking forwards into the New Year.

Or will we?

Six years ago I wrote a piece which made people cry. I'm not going to reproduce it here except for one sentence. I said "I can guarantee the year will not go as you expect". Certainly that proved true for me although in general I think the year went better than I expected, but at the time I was not looking forward to it.

However I do know that for some the future is not an attractive proposition. World events apart, we may face situations we would rather not, or suffer from fears that hold us back. I have two bits of advice. Firstly, don't hide yourself away (and yes I know that can be hard). Seek company. Secondly for the rest of us, watch out for others. I think as a village we are pretty good, but as my school reports usually said: "Could do better."

I've just come back from a breakfast with a number of friends who meet up regularly and when someone asked for a summary of what we had done as a group I realised we can so easily forget what has happened and I really had to think.

Here at home, I'm pleased at what has been achieved, not just by me but with the help of many others and that got me thinking of what has happened in 2023 in Kenn and its surroundings. Several areas came to mind so this article is really a potpourri of unconnected stuff and a look back via some of my writings.

First, the pylons. Every time I look out of my kitchen window I see them. The most exciting part was watching the towers being lifted and getting assembled with a couple of men inside ready to put the bolts in as soon as the crane got the parts in position. I've made a number of treks to the towers and for those who haven't I can tell you they are BIG! They have stairs inside and we found a shipping label that said they were made in China so they have come a long way.

Early in the year Kenn had a visit from the project team itself which I wrote up for you. It was a useful evening but would have been more useful if all the information given was correct. There were one or two technical items that didn't seem right and their timescales were way off. According to my reckoning I think they are about a year behind. At the moment they are building scaffold where cables will cross roads so hopefully they will be pulling cables through soon. I hope I'm around at the time and can watch.

What next? Well the Village Hall continues with its programme of improvement and better insulation. The side nearest the road has been nearly done so perhaps in the spring it can continue.

It is a laborious job and thanks to those in the village who have helped.

The Drum and Monkey refurbishment continues to make progress although not much is visible from outside. The café work which is the bit that really affects the village is a little delayed but they hope to get that sorted by spring. Anyway here's a little update from them:

*"We have managed to get the main office open this week. Still working on the other rentable offices and hot desk area upstairs as well as the cafe and bar area. As you know there were several challenges including a lot of extra structural and insulation work, however most of the major work has been completed."*

What else in Kenn? We held a litter pick in the summer – again thanks to all who helped. Also the wild flowers this year looked lovely.

In May we had local elections (you recall I put in a large plug for the Parish Council in February). I didn't stand this time and there weren't enough candidates to warrant a vote so we don't know what you think of them all but the good news is that all the positions are filled and they seem to be managing without me.

Looking at my list of articles for 2023 (which I finally got around to retrieving and filing – not in the bin I hasten to add) I see that in April I gave you a history of the Village Hall and a couple of months later I had a stab writing about gardening. That was followed by my rather pushy dog twice slugging me off and I had to put her in her place. At the moment she is asleep on her cushion (and coincidentally the radio is playing *Away in a Manger*) and soon she will nag me for her afternoon treat — I give her a dental chew so I kill two birds with one stone. In fact I'll do it now – she has slept long enough. Earlier today a squirrel darted from under her nose and beat her to the tree so she is probably a bit miffed.

So what else? Clevedon? The sea front? B&M car park? The less said the better so let's quickly move on....

On a wider front, the government Boundary Commission have decided that in the future we will have no local MP for Kenn, Yatton etc. and will come under Wells!

This is despite protests and comments from local Parish Councils (ours included) and from individuals, who have all pointed out how nonsensical it is. Despite acknowledging our comments, the Boundary Commission said it did not receive many of them and clearly ignored those it got.

In March I warned you about the need for roads to be dug up for various needs and roadworks are continuing and anyone who has shares in companies providing portable traffic lights should do well.

What I didn't realise was that further afield, work on "Bus Improvement Lanes" would make life even more difficult for motorists. I did write a letter to the paper pointing out that the North Somerset anti-motorist policy in rural areas was unrealistic, although if we had buses going frequently to useful places we might be tempted, - but they didn't publish it.

I assume they thought it either too accurate or not PC.

Clearly not everyone appreciates my writing.....

Stephen

# KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2024

North Somerset Council's Recycling & waste collection dates over festive period will change as crews are not working. Recycling centres are also closed on the bank holidays. The revised dates are below. Please note: collections will take place on Sunday 31 December to help with the catch up.

Original collection day	Revised collection day	Original collection day	Revised collection day
Fri 29 Dec	Sun 31 Dec	Mon 1 Jan	Tue 2 Jan
Tue 2 Jan	Wed 3 Jan	Wed 3 Jan	Thu 4 Jan
Thu 4 Jan	Fri 5 Jan	Fri 5 Jan	Sat 6 Jan

Wrapping paper should go in the general waste, not recycling. Advice for reducing, reusing and recycling at Christmas can be found at: <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/christmas-recycling>

Avon and Somerset - Police and Commissioner's Crime Prevention Fund Grants are available to local not-for-profit groups delivering projects that promote community safety and reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in their area. More information is available at Commissioner's Crime Prevention Fund -Quartet CF.

Music for All - Community Project Funding Grants are available to UK-based community groups that aim to bring musical projects to their local communities. More information at Music for All | Music Charity in the UK.

North Somerset – Where recycling goes initially items collected from recycling boxes and recycle centres are taken to the NSEC Waste Transfer Station where they are bulked then taken to different destinations to be processed and recycled.

**Metal packaging** Household steel and aluminium packaging is sorted using magnets. Aluminium waste is sent to multiple destinations such as Novellis in Warrington, SWM in Barnstable, and Alutrade in the Midlands where it is recycled into new aluminium cans. Steel tins and aerosol cans are sent to a facility in South Wales where they are recycled into new steel products.

**Paper** is taken to Palm Paper in King's Lynn. It is turned into new paper for use by the newsprint industry.

**Textiles** are processed by Packaged Group Ltd who are committed to reducing landfill and have a strict ethical trading policy and do not process, or ship any unrecyclable waste overseas.

**Cardboard and cartons** are taken to either DS Smith in Kent, Edwards Waste Paper in Essex, and Smurfit Kappa in Tamworth and recycled into new cardboard packaging in 14 days – reducing the need to cut down trees.

**Glass** glass goes to URM (UK Ltd) in Knottingley, West Yorkshire where it is cleaned and sorted into raw material and then sent to UK glass manufacturers.

**Batteries** Household batteries should be placed in a clear plastic bag in the recycling box to keep them together. They are sent to G&P Batteries in the West Midlands to be sorted by battery type. The sorted batteries are sent to be recycled to recover the metal and be made into new batteries.

**Plastic packaging** All plastic recycling collected in North Somerset is processed in the UK.

**Food waste** from food caddies is taken to an anaerobic digester in WSM where microorganisms break it down to produce biogas used to generate electricity and heat homes in North Somerset. Also natural fertiliser is made.

**Electrical items** are collected by Sims Recycling Solutions. Some items are disassembled and some are shredded. The different material is separated and recycled. Chemicals, such as lead, are safely disposed of.

**Garden waste** is taken to Enovert in Gloucester for composting, after about 10 weeks it is used as a soil improver.

**Rubbish** Around 80% of household waste should be recycled as above. The 'non-recyclable' waste put in bins is collected and taken to ETM in Ashton Gate, sorted and any items that can be reused etc will be sent for recycling. The rest is sent to Energy for Waste. Only a small percentage goes to landfill.

Well done to everyone who makes the effort towards trying to achieve Zero Waste.



## 2024 Meetings

- 17 January – Council
  - 04 March – Ann Parish Meeting & Council
  - 13 May – Statutory Annual Meeting
  - 01 July – Council
  - 02 September – Council
  - 04 November - Council
- Meetings held at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, agendas on the noticeboards before.

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