

# KENN

## ISSUE 406 JUNE 2022

### **"Pop Up" bar - Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

"Pop Up" bar is back. After the covid postponements we are planning two bars in the Village Hall.

Firstly, **Thursday 2nd June** to coincide with the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting** which will be taking place all around Great Britain.

**We plan to light our Village Bonfire.**

**"Pop Up" bar open from 7.00 -10.00pm**

Beer, Cider, Wine and soft drinks will be available and you are welcome to Bring Your Own refreshments and food.

Hopefully the weather will allow us to enjoy the evening outside.

The "Pop Up" Bar will also be open for the main Jubilee Celebrations at The Village Hall on Sunday 5th June



# NEWS & VIEWS

## June Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 1 - Simon Pascoe  
2 - Rachel Alexander  
5 - David Porch  
9 - Lois Webb  
10 - Thomas Hibbs  
11 - Naomi Brain  
Wendy Papasolomontos  
13 - Lynne Bye  
18 - Ian Pascoe  
21 - Tom Bye  
Dave Pugh  
23 - Robin Mackay  
24 - Andrews Staples  
27 - Pip Jenkins  
28 - Liz & Martin Jaehme W.A.  
29 - Ava Alexander  
29 - Simon Alexander

## **Our Flag**

Our flag was flown on the 4th May to celebrate the birth of Dana Mary to Becky and Rob Porch, sister for Jasper and cousin for Isla, daughter of Dave and Abi.

Third grandchild for Jackie and Phil Porch,

Our flag was also flown on Sunday 29th May for the 21st birthday of Joanna Ellis who lives at Stonelea, Kenn Road.

## **St John the Evangelist, Kenn**

### St. John's Altar Guild June Rota

Grace Griffin, John Griffin and Troy Gale



## **Flowers for the Jubilee.**

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Church will be filled with a colourful display of flowers in Red, White and Blue, children's pictures and crowns as well as flags and bunting.

Please come along and enjoy the displays in our lovely little Church which will be open every day.

Marianna

## Jubilee Thanksgiving Service - 11.00am - St John's Sunday 5th June

Everyone is invited to come along to St John's at 11.00am for our Thanksgiving Service for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



These photographs of Her Majesty have been copied from the Order of Service of Sunday 5th June

## Jubilee Party Sunday 5th June – Children's Activities



We look forward to seeing lots of children at the party.

There will be an area where you can play together, as at last year's village do.

When the Thole family moved this year, they kindly left a football goal for the village to use.

This, and a few more things will be put out for you, but please bring your own footballs and anything else you enjoy playing with and don't mind sharing with others.

**Hope to see you there!** Jan and Colin Bedford for The Hall Committee.



### From Mary Ashton

Hello Margaret

I have just sent you some photos of a beautiful Coronation tablecloth that my mum embroidered in 1952!!

I thought it may be nice to include in the magazine. My mum travelled from Yorkshire to watch the procession in London. She is now aged 91.

We will display the tablecloth at Kenn's Jubilee Platinum celebration.

I am planning to make the Platinum Pudding to display on the tablecloth!!

Many thanks Mary x



Come and Celebrate  
**HM Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee**  
 at **St Mary's Church, Yatton**  
 from **Thursday 2nd to Saturday 4th June 2022**  
**11am to 3pm**



70 years on the throne

We will be celebrating with flowers in the church,



Tea, coffee and cakes in the Chapter House



and of course, our Tower will be open to visit and view Yatton from above (weather permitting)

**Come and join us**

**All Saints Church  
 Kingston Seymour**

welcomes you to...

**'A Celebration in Flowers'**  
 for  
**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
 2022**

**Thursday 2nd June - Sunday 5th June**

**10am - 5pm**



**Refreshments available**

<b>Thursday and Friday</b> 10am - 12 noon 2pm - 4pm	<b>Saturday</b> 10am - 12 noon
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St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

## Services at St. John the Evangelist Kenn and All Saints' Kingston Seymour June 2022

### June 5<sup>th</sup>

- 11am St John's A service of celebration and thanksgiving for the Jubilee
- 6.30pm All Saints' A service of celebration and thanksgiving for the Jubilee

### June 12<sup>th</sup>

- 8.30am All Saints' Traditional Communion
- 11am St John's All Together in Church

### June 19<sup>th</sup>

- 11am All Saints' Holy Communion
- 6pm On Zoom Team Evening Worship

### June 26<sup>th</sup>

- 11am St John's Holy Communion

### Every Tuesday and Wednesday 8.15am

Team Morning Prayer on Zoom

## **Our monthly message from Revd Fran Binding**

Dear friends,

Across the country there will be celebrations for the Jubilee at the beginning of June and Kenn is no exception.

The church will be beautifully decorated and a celebration and thanksgiving service is planned for St John's Church on the Sunday 5th at 11am based around the words the Queen has used about her faith and her understanding of how it has helped her enormously during her reign.

There will also be film clips and photo montages on the screen as people arrive and as part of the service.

The hymns that we shall sing include the Queen's favourites and at the end of the service we can all wander up to the Village Hall to continue celebrating!

I do hope you can join us for a very special service of thanksgiving and pop in over the Jubilee days to see the flowers.

Many of you will know that we are now in a period of vacancy in the Yatton Moor Parish and Team.

Many of us gave thanks for Tim and Linda's ministries and wished them every blessing for their future at their final service at St Mary's on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. They have both been colleagues of mine for eight years in this Deanery and I will miss them.

We are all very grateful that, for a while, Bishop Mike Hill, the retired Bishop of Bristol will be joining our team to help manage the transition and cover a number of services at St. Mary's Church, Yatton.

We now have a period of reflection and review as the Diocese, Deanery, Team, and Parish consider what the vision for ministry here should now be.

No one knows how long this process will take but it can take quite a while. When there is a clearer picture of how we need to move forward then a profile will be drawn up that gives a detailed description of the parish and the role of any potential applicant.

We had the Yatton Moor Parish Annual Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> May very ably led by Lesley Farrall the Lay Co Chair.



Huge thanks go to John Ball and Julia Bush for continuing as our amazing churchwardens, to Caroline Holden as our representative on Deanery Synod and as deputy warden. To Marianna Mackay and Ann Holtham for representing the community on PCC and to all those others who help share the load and ease the burden. Special thanks to Margaret Ball for all the administrative work she does, to Jenny Pascoe as our Lay Pastoral Assistant and deputy warden and to our wonderful musician Jo Manning. We have such a great team.

In the meantime, we shall be continuing with our current pattern of services with a few 'specials' and continue with the plans to maintain the church fabric in good order and hope to improve access and free up more adaptable space.

The Church Room is now almost ready to reopen and is, I hope, a bright, cheerful, and useful space for the whole community.

***We will have an afternoon of cake and drinks so that anyone can pop in on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2-4.30pm.***

We continue to support the Foodbank, Christian Aid, and other urgent appeals if and when they arise.

We are so relieved to be moving out of COVID restrictions and looking forward to more freedom of movement around the church building, especially during services of communion and sharing in the fellowship of house groups.

I am now looking forward to using the Church Room more as a base, so please watch out for the notice board outside to see when I am there.

I hope to settle into a regular pattern of either a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon fortnightly.

Lots to do,

lots to look forward to,

lots to be thankful for.

*Fran*



## Yellow Teapot- June

**Monday 13th June 2-30 to 4.30.**

Hoping to see all the old familiar faces and maybe a few new ones.



Tea and coffee in all the colours and all the sizes.

Gluten Free, Sugar Free and Vegan bakes.

Julia Bush

## A Big THANKYOU.

Recently, Yatton Moor Parish had its APCM (AGM) and it brought to mind all the people who help the smooth running of Kenn Church.

So, Thanks to the Kenn Altar Guild for keeping the church clean week by week and providing the flowers.



Thanks to everyone who helps with small maintenance jobs, which stops them developing into big, expensive maintenance jobs.

It's dangerous ground from which to name particular people, but we would just like to mention Robin and Marianna Mackay and Chris Taylor for opening and closing the church every day, also Joan Stevens for keeping the toilet available and putting out the bins.

A further development has been the engagement of Jo Leonard, who now strims the less accessible parts of the churchyard, making it easier for Ben Woods to do the main mowing.

Thank you all,

JB&JB





**with Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 11th June  
10.00 - 12noon**

It was lovely to see so many people at the May village market.  
£81.00 was raised and sent to Just Giving Bowelbabe Fund.  
Thanks to all who donated.

Our next market will be on 11th June 10-12pm where you will find many interesting items for sale.

Hope to see you then .    Lyn 870189        Maggie 876277

Heaven Preserve Us and Cakes

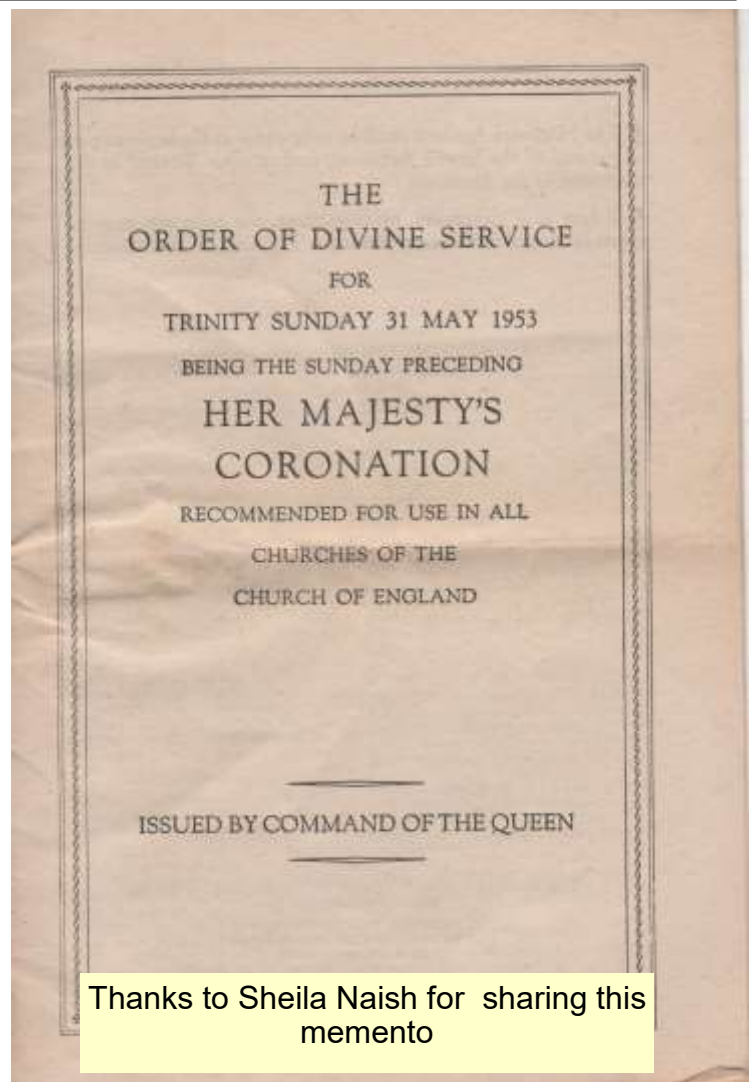
There will be all the usual items from Heaven Preserve Us at the Village Market on 11th June.

Also a range of cakes, profits from which will go to Habitat for Humanity.

Just watched a video of their workers on the Romanian border helping refugees from Ukraine.

They are on the ground giving minute by minute help, giving what people need in the moment.

Julia Bush





## KENN W.I

At the May meeting Kenn resident, Sue Parker, came to talk to the W.I. about her experiences as a head teacher. Sue was headmistress at a school in Portishead and told us of her journey in teaching and various experiences.

Her talk was much enjoyed and it was clear to us that she is passionate about young people and loves helping them to unlock their full potential.

In the absence of the President, Diane Woolf, Margaret Burge took the chair. Edna Baber, who had not been able to attend the Group Meeting, was presented with the Rose Bowl for coming second in the competition. Felicity James will look after the cup that Kenn won in the Kurling competition.

News was given to members about the sale of Denman College. The house has been bought by the family who originally owned it and they intend to return it to a family home. When all debts have been paid, remaining money will be used for training and courses in the regions which may be easier for participants to attend.

There was lively discussion about the Resolution for the AGM in Liverpool. This year it will be on treatment for Attention Deficit Disorder in women and girls. It was thought originally that this was a condition that only affected men and boys and that girls did not suffer from it. Now it has been realised that they do and there is no specialist treatment for them. It was agreed that the delegate should be given discretion to use the vote as she saw fit after she had heard what the expert witnesses had to say.

Members enjoyed a lunch party at Carriages in Tickenham. As always they had a splendid lunch and they talked as if they had not seen each other for years!

A splendid card has been made for Her Majesty the Queen complete with a group photograph taken by Mike Callow so that all the members could be in it. When it has been signed by as many members as possible it will be sent to her for her Platinum Jubilee.

Ann Holtham

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**COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 11th June 10.00-12noon**

**North Somerset Times**

Copies of this local newspaper are available in the Church Porch from Wednesday mornings.



**Recycling/food waste** Mondays 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th June

**Dustbin** Mondays 13th, 27th June



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Thursday 30th June

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Thursday 9th June 10.30am  
Viewing at Saleroom  
Tuesday 7th/Wednesday 8th  
10am—5pm - 9th 9.00am-10.30am  
Catalogues can be viewed at:  
[www.clevedon-salerooms.com](http://www.clevedon-salerooms.com)

## Bird News

Kenn resident Bryan Thompson has a long association with the Bardsey field observatory off the North Wales coast and he told me an interesting and quirky tale whilst we were watching half a dozen House Martins chattering over his bungalow.

The Observatory recruited a new assistant warden this season and he was sent out to catch, ring and release Manx Shearwaters. He caught one bird which was already ringed, took the details and released it. When he checked the database he was astonished to find that it has been ringed two days before he was born. He is 32 and the bird was an adult when ringed. They are truly amazing oceanic wanderers.

Next some late news from Jo Batten who saw a Marsh Harrier from Claverham Drove at Easter. This species is expanding its population and range with several pairs nesting on the Avalon Marshes near Glastonbury. Jo spotted a Hen Harrier last Spring so I am hoping that she will see a Montagu's Harrier next year to complete the set. That's very wishful thinking on my part!

Julia Bush heard 'tu whit to whoo' indicating a pair of Tawny Owls nearby and it looks as if a pair may have Owlets in Littlewood off Claverham Drove.

Nearby John Croxton spotted a Whinchat on Lilypool Drove and there were two at the Hinkley Connect site by Claverham Drove along with more Wheatears.

The Mute Swans on Claverham Drove successfully fledged six cygnets.



Cuckoos seem to have been scarce this year with just one calling occasionally at Congresbury and one flying over Congresbury Moor that didn't call, possibly a female. The regular Peregrine has been on the pylons more often than usual this month but the new pylons are being erected so eventually he will lose his favourite perch.

Swallows still seem to be few but 26 House Martins were over the new Chestnut Park Estate in Yatton. Conversely our warblers are doing well and appear to be nesting a bit earlier than usual this year.

Trevor Riddle. 01934 835208.





**Congratulations** go to the Porch family of Kenn, on the safe arrival of Dana Mary Porch who was born on the 29th April weighing 7lbs 5oz.

A sister for Jasper and daughter for Rob and Becky and cousin for Isla who loves with parents Dave and Abi at Tramar in Kenn Street.

Dana is the third grandchild of Phil and Jackie who live at Conifers in Duck Lane.

Our flag was flown in celebration of her birth.

**Welcome** to Harriet and Jonathan Cox and family, who have recently purchased Kenn Court, we look forward to meeting them.

We are also pleased to welcome Karen and Jason Howell, who have previously rented in the Village and have now exchanged contracts on Orchard House (next to the old Post Office) and will soon be back as part of the community.

John Croxton has sent a belated but warm welcome to John and Kerry the new owners of 'Manesty' in Duck Lane, he and Jenny hope they enjoy living in Kenn.

**STOP PRESS—** Welcome to Joe and Anne Dyer's baby son who was born recently. brother for Beatrice and grandson for Richard and Barbara.

### **LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH: LLF**

LLF has been prepared by the Church of England and all parishes are required to complete it this year. The 5 session course provides a structured and accessible way for local groups to learn more about and reflect on the questions raised by these changes.

It includes short video films, discussion, and time for reflection. It is open to anyone to attend.

***This course has now been postponed until the autumn - will re-advertise later on***

As of Monday 23/5, Clevedon Foodbank needs -  
Microwaveable Sponge Puddings, Fruit Juice,  
Laundry Liquid/Powder, Washing Up Liquid, Surface  
Cleansers and Shampoo.



Continued thanks to everyone who contributes to the  
Foodbank, either through the dedicated bins in local  
supermarkets, or in the box in the church porch.

Julia Bush

## **Christian Aid Week 2022 in Kenn.**

### **THANKYOU**

Many thanks to everyone who has returned  
their Christian Aid Week envelopes.



I will still be accepting donation envelopes during the first week in June, either  
in church services, at Quercus Kenn Street or will collect if you contact me .

I will put the details of this year's collection in the July edition of Kenn News  
and Views.

Thankyou, Julia Bush 01275 873554

## **The Galvanised Bin.**

The small, galvanised bin just inside the driveway at Chapel Cottage  
has been very well used recently.

Caroline invites us to -

**Put used tablet blister packs and plastic bottle tops in the bin.**

She will then take them to the Man in Clevedon who recycles them  
with proceeds going to Marie Curie



**Monthly Charity Coffee Mornings  
are to re-start in the Church Room.**

The first one will be on  
**Saturday 25 June from 10am to Noon**  
**with the charity - Water Aid**  
which provides this vital resource in places worldwide  
where it is so needed.

These Mornings always proved very popular  
until we were forced to close such public events.

Anyone wishing to hold one to raise money for their  
chosen local or international charity should contact  
Celia on 01275 877806.

Celia Andrews

**LUNCHES AT KENN VILLAGE HALL.**

Our next lunch will be Monday 4th July 2022 from 12 – 2pm

Everyone welcome.

**Letter to the Editor**

In his article of last month, *Good News*, John Croxton made claims for certain scientific facts negating alarmist theory over the climate crisis.

The *facts* John refers to are largely unsupported and are mostly a matter of opinion put forward by journalists and individuals with a particular bias or political agenda.

Readers should be aware of this and of the need to avoid adopting a complacent attitude toward making the necessary changes to the way we live that all of us are being asked to make.

Our children and grandchildren will thank us for treating climate change as an emergency and acting on it.

Revd Nigel Thomas

## More Musing and Memories from Kennite Janet Skinner

My Grandmother kept the village shop and PO from 1926. She was a foreigner to Kenn, Having been born at West End Nailsea.

She was a pupil and later student teacher at Nailsea Christchurch, where my mother had her first teaching post around 1949. On marriage in 1912, Clara Durbin became Mrs. Moores. I still have the rose bowl given by her pupils.

Her husband George was a church warden and grave digger at Kenn but was mentally damaged in the Great War and wasn't up to much, finally dying in 1943.

Modernisation came too fast for Grandma who never even had a fridge. I remember seeing frozen food in Gulliford's in Clevedon Triangle for the first time. In 1966 she retired aged 78 to live in Kidderminster with my parents for the last 7 years of her life. She would spend long holidays with her niece (the Arney's) at East End Farm, Tickenham and me in the Devon countryside.

I can only remember Mrs Hollyman as a very old lady in black living in the cottage next door. Her garden was overgrown but one day workmen came, took out the hedge that overlapped the pavement and built the wall that still stands to this day. Then they put in a proper pavement from Orchard House all the way along to Kenn Street. The road was not realigned and I spent hours of fun in my wellies in the ditch against Sam Dyer's field. Summer Sundays an ice-cream van used to stop, selling blocks of ice-cream wrapped in newspaper. Milk was delivered by Mr Chapple from Clevedon. He drove a vehicle with one wheel at the front and two at the back.

Many men cycled past daily from Clevedon going to Wake and Dean's in Yatton. I was able to borrow Miss Dyer's little bike to get to Clevedon. Grandma taught me to ride on a full sized bike. I could sit on the seat or stand on the pedals but not both at the same time. She held the seat and I went up and down Kenn Street while she ran up and down beside me. Until 2 years ago I was still cycling around Europe with my tent. Arthritis has stopped me but I hope to be cycling again soon

We had a new priest, Mr Tamblin. His widowed daughter moved into the cottage with her two teenage children. I hated his sermons because his eye would alight on any fidgeting child and he would speak to the child by name.

A few people had cars but no-one seemed to go far in them so the roads were quiet. Every year there was a vintage car race from Bristol to Weston. Redhill was too steep for some so the cars would go via Clevedon and Kenn. The passengers and drivers wore old-fashioned clothes and Ann Leaman and I would yell "Honk your horn" as they passed.

We collected car numbers and shouted Wems when the WEMS coaches went past though why escapes me!

We used to collect at the village hall to catch a WEMS coach to the Bristol Hippodrome for our village outing to the pantomime. It was always so pitch dark down Kenn Street but we had a couple of lights on the main road and the telephone box to light us home while the wind still whistled in the wires.

I loved the article about eggs last month. As a country-bred girl raised on Hegiddy Pegiddy my black hen who laid sometimes 9 sometimes 10, I am ashamed to say I thought a hen sat on a nest and laid 9/10 eggs at once. I recall Ray Naish preparing a chicken for the oven when he lived in the other half of the PO and calling me to see the eggs of various dwindling size inside the carcass.

I kept chicken in 1960's and learned the truth.

Enjoy the Jubilee celebrations,

Janet Skinner



## News from Ghana

Michael Blay has been caring for his late brother Denis's children and widow for the last 7 years. Trained as an engineer, he has always worked as a painter and decorator. He has recently set up a small poultry enterprise as decorating work has slackened off. People in Kenn have supported the Blay family for many years and at present pay the school fees for Denis's children.

Julia Bush

Hello Mummy,

Am glad to hear from you and know how everyone is doing. How is the weather there now. As we are experiencing rainy days this past weeks. Also prices of everything is moving up and Higher each and everyday. To be honest it's not been easy this past few months if not for the eggs i have been getting from the layers even if it's not much but very helpful to us. Because of that I am planning to buy new stocks before ending of this year but i will add some few turkey as that is also making good profit now in my locality.

Before I forget all great thanks to you your family and the people of Kenn as you all have been playing a major role in our life for all this year's. We always ask prayers and The highest level of Heaven for you, your family and all the people of Kenn. Below are photos of everyone and their ages as follows:

Christy 15th October,2008 (13) K.K 24th January,2011 (11)  
 Kwame 11th December,2011 (11) Inah 28th January,2016 (7)  
 Reuben Tamakloe 5th April,2016 (7) Michael 11th October 1986 (35)

My partner is with the blue top while Denis's wife is next. I hope you can still remember all the kids as at now that they have put up a little growth

Have a great day and a wonderful new month. I hope the new-borns are growing quick and smart.

Michael Blay



## Our Monthly Missive from the Limes

For those of you who remember last month's article – and you all do of course, you will notice in this issue a continuation of a farming theme.

Many years ago we were friends with a farming couple alas no longer with us. For the sake of everyone concerned let's call them Jim and Rachel. Both of them were real country people and both were very good to us and I'd like to share some stories from that time.

They ran a mixed farm with quite a range of poultry in addition to the sheep and cattle which most farmers seemed to have, their cattle being mainly for milk.

If you know anything about dairy cattle you will know they have to be milked twice a day, which is quite a tie and something personally I would find very restrictive. Real dairymen don't seem to mind and if you get dairy farmers together you may often find them boasting how long it is since they "last missed a milking". I heard of one who said it was 30 years since he last missed a milking!

Anyway these folk were real farmers and our puny efforts at smallholding probably were not that impressive, although I must say they did encourage us and gave us useful advice. Perhaps they appreciated our entertainment value. There didn't seem much we could do to in return, except once a year at silage time the kids would go and help double bag the big bales when they came in from the fields. The kids would go out on the trailer to collect them and gleefully ride on the bales as they came in. As it was school exam time we had mixed views over the distraction from study but it seemed to work out. Nowadays bales are wrapped as part of the baling operation but Jim was a cheapskate of the first order and only had the basic baling into the large round bales you see nowadays.

To make silage they have to be made airtight and are wrapped or bagged or put in a clamp where air is excluded. In our case we had to sort through old bags that had been used a dozen times, patch the holes with gaffer tape and then thread them over the big bale held on a tractor. Because the bags were so awful we used two in case of leaks, as it is important no air can get in afterwards. They were then placed into their final stacked position by the tractor and then we climbed up the stack and tie-wrapped the neck to (hopefully) seal them.

It was hard to see all this effort was cost effective but it was part of Jim's culture. One farmer once observed "Jim would have a bit more money if he'd been more generous," and it was one of the wisest sayings I've ever heard.

On one occasion we were more or less left to do the wrapping on our own when the tow hitch on the trailer was accidentally dropped on Jim's toe and he had to go indoors to get it bathed and checked. By the time the kids and I had finished it was getting quite dark and I'm not sure the kids ever got their homework done that day.

Farmers can be very laid back and Jim was no exception. One time we went over and heard that he had just had a call from the police. They told him that a fence on one of his fields bordering the motorway was letting sheep onto the motorway hard shoulder and could he come and get them back? As far as Jim was concerned, food came first and he was eating. "Don't worry" he told the police, "There's no grass on the motorway so they won't go any further."

I mentioned that Jim and Rachel were good to us. From time to time they would send a lamb or one of their cattle for slaughter and they would give us some of the meat. Once I was at the farm and saw how they parcelled the meat.

Unless you have kept animals and sent them for slaughter you probably have no idea of what goes on in the process. What most people want is a live animal to go off and come back as bits ready to be cooked or frozen, and hopefully not that recognisable as the animal that was sent off – not that this worked with my children who, when we sent our first two lambs off, took great delight in reassembling the pieces when they came back.

Anyway, to do this involves two groups of people. Firstly you have the abattoir who slaughter the animal. To put it bluntly, (vegetarians close your eyes here), you end up with a dead carcass which because of bones and its size is beyond most cooks' ability to do much with.

This therefore usually goes off to a butcher of your choice who will then dismember it and joint it in accordance with your instructions. The various parts will be bagged and labelled for the you and of course hygiene is paramount. Needless to say all this costs money and when it comes to slaughter and butchering it always seems to cost more than you think. Something you have to factor in when keeping livestock for food.

To save money, Jim had a different approach. The abattoir did the slaughter and Jim did the rest. Jim collected the carcass and offal and other bits and put them in the boot of his wife's car. Once back at the farm he got out an old hand saw and proceeded to saw off the various cuts with the carcass still in the boot. "That's for so and so" he would say as he thrust a leg or shoulder at his wife for her to bag.

I'm not sure of anyone ever getting ill from this but it certainly made me realise farmers were a breed apart!

On a similar topic, I came home one evening and saw this "thing" in a bowl of the table. It looked like a particularly gruesome road kill. "What is it?" I asked. "Sheep's lung," replied Heather, "Jim brought it over and thought we'd like it." Silence. "What are you going to do with it?". "I have absolutely no idea."

I think in the end the dog had it.

From time to time Jim and Rachel would rear chicks, either using broody hens or an incubator. Using broody hens was often easier but did have some disadvantages. Heather was at the farm on one occasion and Rachel seemed to be scratching herself a lot. "What's up," Heather asked.

"I've got some newly hatched chicks which got a bit cold in the hen house."

"Yes?"

"I'm using my body heat and put them down my knickers to keep them warm," she says, demonstrating by lifting her skirt and showing Heather the chicks down her knickers.

"The problem is they've got fleas."

Stephen

# KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2022



## FREE FLOWERS 2022

Notification has been arranged for these to be collected during the week 23 to 27 May 22.



Robert Treble has agreed to collect them and bring them to the village for distribution.

**Please ring Rob on 07831 316 760 to arrange collecting some for your front garden planters.**

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Chairman’s Report from April 2021 to March 2022

Thanks to the Councillors for all their hard work over the previous 12 months.

- **Hinkley National Grid Works/Road Closures.** We have had several issues to deal with regarding the beginning of the Hinkley National grid works which has impacted the village and several of the farmers. We do however have a good relationship with the Liaison officer and are regularly kept up to date with works and the dreaded road closures. As a result of the diversions etc created by these, we are very aware that Kenn Street has taken on more traffic and the road surface is suffering for it, more potholes than ever.
- **20mph Kenn Street.** Thank you to Mark and his helpers for conducting surveys with the villagers, we had great feedback. We are still looking at trying to obtain a reduction from 30mph to 20mph along Kenn Street. The outcome of the Village Survey indicating Kenn’s support for such a scheme, has been registered with North Somerset Council. It is a work in progress but it doesn’t look like it is in this year’s planned highways projects, fingers crossed for next year!
- **Quiet Lanes.** We also had the quiet lanes report to deal with which caused more concerns, this was halted at the beginning and now we await further information.
- **Police Horses/Drones.** The Parish Council advised the Mounted Police Section of Avon & Somerset Police of peoples concerns at not being able to pass the horses and riders when they were travelling along local roads. This was causing long tailbacks of vehicles which the horse riders seemed to be unaware of. A full reply was received and read out at a meeting. Similarly, drones had been seen flying over residential properties in the village. Rob was unsure if it was police drone operators being trained or criminals trying to see if properties were worth breaking into. He agreed to follow this up initially with the police.
- **Drum & Monkey Pub.** The pub was sold and again villagers were given their say into what they would like to see. A survey by the new owners took place over a few market Saturdays and the results of this were incorporated in the second planning application. Again, we are awaiting an outcome there.
- **Queen’s Jubilee.** We have organised to have the bus shelter replaced in time to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of her Majesty the Queen. Our phone box has been restored to its former glory, and we are awaiting the same for the village sign at the end of Kenn Street at the junction with Kennmoor Road.
- **Some other Parish Council agenda items.** Responding to consultations which might affect the parish, the most important was a review of the parliamentary constituency boundary with the proposal that Kenn is taken out of the North Somerset constituency and put into Wells & Mendip Hills – strong objections to this were forwarded to the Boundary Commission. Also dealt with were comments on planning applications which were made during the year. Hedge and verge cutting were carried out again this year and paid for by the Parish Council. Also, a review of the grass cutting contract was carried out.
- **Thanks to others.** I would like to thank the villagers that have come to our meetings just as covid ended and given their support. Also, the villagers that have helped with the broadband, the surveys and in general it has been a difficult time but hopefully we are now able to move forward.

### 2022 Meetings

4 July – Council

5 September – Council

7 November – Council

The meetings will be held at 7:30pm in the Village Hall – agendas on the noticeboards before the above date

Kenn Parish Council budget for 2022/23	£
Insurance, audit, subs	500
Hall & Room Bookings	150
Expenses, Admin, VAT	160
Staff costs/HMRC	3434
Grass Cutting	2150
Maint, repairs, contingencies	354
Spare defib pack & phone box	nil
Christmas Tree, planters	200
	<b>7000</b>