

# KENN

## ISSUE 419

## JULY 2023



Thanks go to  
Rob Treble for  
his photo of a  
butterfly  
with daisies.

# NEWS & VIEWS

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 1 - Hilary Landers  
5 - Avril Gaunt  
10 - Caroline Holden  
Molly Cheek  
12 - Gus Van Riessen  
15 - Ashley Julian Diffey  
17 - Celia Andrews  
21 - Toby Naish  
24 - Brian Walters  
Eloise Gale  
25 - Sue Pugh  
27 - Jessica Clanchard (Brett)  
28 - Juliet Stowell  
Jack Stowell  
Millie & Mike Stowell WA  
Charlie Mackay  
29 - Emma & Peter Brooks WA  
Liz & Vince Stowell WA

## St John the Evangelist, Kenn



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

Jill Butland with Robin and  
Marianna Mackay

## Our Flag

Was flown at half-mast on Tuesday 6th June, to mark the passing of John Saxby and again on 29th June for his cremation at Weston-super-Mare.

We send our deepest sympathy to Heather.

## Matt and Jill Butland working in the woods,

with their four  
Grandchildren

Jack and Annabel's  
three - Freddie,  
George, and  
Della May Butland.

and the newest  
arrival -  
Poppy Ann Hazel  
Butland who was  
born in March -  
daughter for Emily  
and Harry.

Matt and Jill now  
live at Mudgeley,  
but Jill is still on  
Kenn Altar Guild,

which is much  
appreciated!

By

Aunty Margaret



Dear friends,

Not too much to report on the church front from June. A number of meetings have now been held regarding preparing the way for advertising for a new Rector across our 5 churches and this is ongoing.

The study group that has been running on Wednesday evenings has been so refreshing, fun and inspiring as we have considered the basics of the Christian faith and exploring what it is to be new to the faith. There are still new Christians out there!

We also had the sad news of John Saxby's death and much love goes to Heather and her family. A service of thanksgiving will be held for John at St John's in due course.

I was sorry not to be able to attend the village litter pick on June 4<sup>th</sup> but knowing it was happening gave me the shove I needed to do something I have been thinking about for a while. I bought my own litter picker!!!



I now keep it in the car, together with my disposable gloves and bin bag and use it when I have the opportunity.

Some friends of mine regularly pick up rubbish off the beaches they visit in Pembrokeshire and I have seen a couple regularly pick up around Kingston Seymour and already had it in mind.

So, thank you for providing the final push!

July is a month of weddings across the team with Abbey Davies and Dave Porch's at St John's on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm followed by the reception at the village hall.

Let's hope the weather is kind and the sun shines.,

Have a good July everyone!

Love and thanks,

*Fran*



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

## Sunday Services at St. John's Kenn And All Saints' Kingston Seymour July 2023

### July 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

### July 9<sup>th</sup>

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

### July 16<sup>th</sup>

11am	All Saints'	Holy Communion
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### July 23<sup>rd</sup>

11am	St John's	Holy Communion
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### July 30<sup>th</sup>

10am	Holy Trinity Cleeve	Team Holy Communion
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Every Tuesday and Wednesday 8.15am

Team Morning Prayer on Zoom

Useful Numbers:

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

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Parish Office** 01934 832184  
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**St John the Evangelist**

**Priest in charge**  
**Revd Fran Binding 01934 830120**

**Churchwarden:**  
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Julia Bush 873554

**Church Floodlighting:**  
David Pugh 874278

**Village Flag Flying:**  
Marianna or Robin 340323  
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Marianna Mackay 340323

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With  
COFFEE  
MORNING

Saturday 8th July 10.00-12noon

**North Somerset Times**

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



**WASTE COLLECTION - MONDAYS**

**Recycling/food waste** Mondays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st July

**Dustbin** Mondays 10th, 17th, 31st July



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Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Thank you to everyone who donated food and cleaning products to the Kenn collecting box in the village church porch. You are a wonderful group of people and the volunteers at the Foodbank centre in Clevedon are so impressed with the quantity of items donated.

As we are fast approaching the school summer holidays, the demand for donations will be greatly increased. Families will be feeling the financial pressures even more with children needing meals plus entertaining, together with the cost of mortgages and rents continuing to rise with interest rates rising.

Please, if you are able to donate any tinned or dried food and cleaning products, your gifts will be greatly appreciated. You can leave donations in the church porch or the porch at Carpenters Farm in Kenn Street. I will take all of your donations every Friday to the Clevedon Foodbank where your donations will quickly be passed on to those in need of help.

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

Liz Jaehme

## Lunch Break

It was lovely to see so many people at the June Lunch Break. We were delighted to welcome 3 new lunch guests, as well as our regular guests. The tables were set with summer flowers, a variety of cheeses, bread and delicious home made cakes. Soup was served at the tables along with tea and coffee. There was plenty of chat and laughter and a lovely atmosphere in which to have lunch. A donation of £120 is making its way to Clevedon Foodbank. Thank you to everyone who comes and supports Lunch Break. Whilst donating to Foodbank is important, the most important part of Lunch Break is coming together and enjoying each other's company for an hour or so once a month. So, if you're free on the first Monday of every month, please pop along to the Village Hall, a warm welcome awaits!

**Next Lunch Break - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 12.30 - 2pm**

**August - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

Sarah and Tim

## Christian Aid Week in Kenn 2023

Thankyou,Thankyou, Thankyou,to everyone who donated to this year's CAW.



We raised a magnificent £325.86p!

There are lots of ways you can give to Christian Aid throughout the year. Check out on the website and also find about where the money goes. <http://www.christianaid.org>.

Thanks again Julia Bush

Dear all,

We have been able to arrange another workshop run by Fiona O'Driscoll who is a Dementia Friendly Communities Coordinator.



It is about becoming a Dementia Friend and is on Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup> 10-12 at Holy Trinity church hall, coffee and cake provided!  
Our first meeting, which went really well, was for those who are particularly involved in pastoral care in our churches but this is an open invitation.

Dementia Friends are volunteers who encourage their family, friends, colleagues, and local community to understand a little bit more about dementia, what it's like to live with the condition and how they can and turn that understanding into action.  
The session will relaxed and informal and an opportunity to chat about dementia in general. Numbers are limited so I'd be grateful if you could get back to me as soon as possible.

Love and thanks, Fran Binding [franbindingkks@gmail.com](mailto:franbindingkks@gmail.com) 01934 830120

## The Galvanised Bin.

No more tablet blister packs.  
The supply chain has broken down!  
The good news is I can still take plastic bottle tops.

Caroline xx





**NEW CLASS!**  
**Starting 4<sup>th</sup> July '23**



**Tai Chi QiGong**  
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**Gentle movements to improve balance, flexibility  
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**For your mind, body and wellbeing**

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**01823 345624**

email: [ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk](mailto:ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk)

visit our website: [www.ageuksomerset.org.uk](http://www.ageuksomerset.org.uk)

This class is held at:  
**1st Clevedon Scout Hall**  
**Great Western Rd**  
**Clevedon**  
**BS21 6HG**

Please check class is running prior to attending



## Bird News

A few Red Kites have been passing through, most attracted by grass cutting operations. More unusually two Marsh Harriers flew over Yatton on separate dates early in the month. These were probably young birds from the expanding population on the Avalon Marshes.

Regular surveys have shown that there are good numbers of Wrens and Robins as well as Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps. Whitethroats seem particularly numerous as do Reed Warblers.

Greenfinches are widespread but Chaffinches are perhaps still suffering from the effects of trichomoniasis.

A small Woodpecker at Kenn Pier was probably a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker., an exciting find.

Peregrines were reported at Clevedon and Yatton and a Cuckoo was calling near Kingston Seymour on the 15th, the only one that I have heard locally this year.

Three Siskins were seen at Goblin Combe as was a Great White Egret at Congresbury.

Barn Owls have generally starting nesting much later this year, probably caused by a reduced prey supply, and indications are that their broods are smaller.

**We probably won't know the outcomes of their breeding attempts for a few weeks.**

Trevor Riddle. [birds@yacwag.org.uk](mailto:birds@yacwag.org.uk) 01934 835208

## Village litter pick - Sunday 4th June - KVH 2.00pm

A hearty (and belated) "Thank you" to all those who came along on a glorious Sunday afternoon to assist the Kenn Litter Pick. Also an honourable mention to Colin Bedford who beat the rest of us to it by doing some a couple of days earlier.

Also a big thank you to all those who pick up litter on an ongoing basis as they walk around the area – it really is appreciated.

We have managed to cover all our local roads. We decided Davis Lane was just too dangerous and left that for North Somerset.

Overall we were pleasantly surprised how much better the litter situation was than on previous litter picks. There were fewer MacDonald's wrappers and drinks cans than in the past and I'm pleased to say, no dead bodies in the rhynes. Also I only found two milk bottles, which shows the refuse collectors are probably shutting the little doors on their lorries before they drive off so rubbish actually stays inside.

Clearly with the growth in vegetation we may have missed items but everywhere does now look fairly decent.

We also had a fairly good reception from passing motorists. One stopped to say thank you and others slowed down and waved. It makes a nice change!

Again, thank you to everyone!

Stephen

## Charity Coffee Morning - Kenn Church Room

Saturday 22nd July - 10am-12 Noon

For: The Blay Family - Host: Julia Bush

Margaret Bessant would like to thank everyone who supported the June Coffee Morning she is delighted to be able to forward £140.00 to Dementia UK -

Anyone wishing to host a 4th Saturday Charity Coffee Morning should contact Celia Andrews 01275 877806

## Kenn Village Hall - Yellow Teapot

We will meet round the Yellow Teapot  
in Kenn Village Hall on

Monday 17th July (2-30 to 4pm)

to sip, munch and chat.

Come on down!          Julia Bush



Congratulations -  
Margaret Bessant has another Great-grandchild. Margaret's  
daughter Kay is a grandma for the first time, Kay's daughter  
Lauren gave birth to a baby boy on Tuesday 13th June.





## KENN W.I.

Members of Kenn W.I. met on a very hot afternoon in June and were delighted to find that Caroline had arrived at the Village Hall early and opened all the doors and windows so it was beautifully cool.

As there was to be a strawberry tea the business was dealt with first and then members heard a talk and reminiscences of Kenn 70 years ago and the scrapbooks that members had compiled over the years were available.

It was so good to see Irene Stowell back with us again. She has been very poorly, so we were glad she felt well enough to come. Members also welcomed Sarah Friend who told us all about the 'on demand' bus which could be so useful for people needing to keep appointments. We were also glad to hear that there is now a bus to Cribbs Causeway.

A walk had been taken along the seafront by several members and much enjoyed. A further walk has been arranged to take place on June 28<sup>th</sup> along Poets Walk. Refreshment will be taken at the Salthouse Inn.

Members are looking forward to a visit to look at Felicity James' garden instead of a formal meeting in August. An opportunity will be taken to tour the villages on Mendip and take lunch at the Blue Bowl.

In August, also, members will hold a tea for everyone in aid of Breast Cancer. There will be more details after our July meeting. We have good reason to be so grateful to the Breast Cancer Charity as so many of us have been helped.

Members were delighted to hear that Margaret Bessant now has a baby great grandson.

Sadly we learnt that John Saxby has died and that Heather is far from well. The Saxby family is much in our thoughts.

Several members had attended the funeral of Rose Wootton's husband the previous day.

The next Group Meeting will be held at Tickenham on 10<sup>th</sup> October. The talk is to be on Birds of Prey. The competition will be something made by a member using feathers. Thinking caps are on.

Ann Holtham



The June market went well again and with Andre's help and your generosity we were able to send £82.00 to Smile Train. A charity who are able to perform miracles for children who are born with a cleft palette.

Thank you all.

The next market will be on the

**8th July 10~12 noon.**

Hope to see you there.  
Lyn & Maggie

At the July Kenn Village Market,

Saturday 8th July 10am 'til noon,

I will be selling Heaven Preserve Us 'Limited Edition'  
Kenn Street Raspberry Jam.

Little jars of loveliness in recycled packaging, with hardly any  
food miles.

Yum, Julia Bush

## Our Monthly Missive from The Limes

I am aware that there is a topic which is of great interest to the village which I have not covered so far. It is a subject that I sometimes get questioned about by those outside Kenn, presumably on the basis that if I live here I must know everything. Needless to say that is hardly likely to be true.



This month's subject is one that over years has had its share of drama. From success to failure. From prosperity to impoverishment. From an uncertain future to a new phase.

I refer of course to the Drum and Monkey, a pub that when we moved to Kenn was thriving, but sadly went downhill for a variety of reasons (none of which involved us!) and eventually closed. It is now a building site and undergoing a metamorphosis which will transform it from a derelict old building about to fall down to a thriving office building and licensed café which can serve the community and be a hub for the village.

Recently I was invited to have a tour of the building and see the work in progress. I have the permission of the owners who showed me round to share details of this with KN&V. I'm relying on notes I made straight after the visit and as usual any errors etc are my responsibility.

Let me say that I'm not going into great detail about the historic plans for the site, they have been covered from time to time in KN&V and I think the January 2023 issue had an update.

This article is concentrating on the current state of play and where it is going.

If you look at the Kenn Village Web site (its easiest to use Google) and hunt around enough, there is sadly little information on the pub, which in the past was called the Rose and Crown. All I have been able to discover is that it was auctioned in 1871 and again in 1881 as a "beerhouse". There are also a couple of photos of individuals outside the pub but otherwise that's it.

I have been able to find a mention elsewhere about a ghost called Nellie that was said to haunt the pub but even Google struggled to find more. The new owners would love to know its history in detail and if anyone has information or knows how to research the history please let us know. What we do know is that originally there were two cottages with the pub in the middle and at some stage they were all combined. The cottages had two floors whilst the building in the middle was single story. There is also a well under one of the floors. Surprisingly the building is not listed but the frontage is registered as "of note" – whatever that means.

The first thing that struck me when I entered the building to look round was its size. It is huge!

As a pub it had always seemed small to me (not that I was a frequent visitor) but there is actually a lot of space. At present it is just one large open area. There is some studding in one place to hold things up but that is temporary. Internally it really looks like a building site! There is no plaster on the walls, dirt everywhere, wires dangling and scaffold and props to hold things up!

New windows are in place however. They look like sash windows but are double glazed with heavier than usual glass in order to reduce traffic noise.

This current building work is timely. The roof was leaking and it is thought that if nothing was done the building would totally collapse within three years. Internal walls have crumbled and the first floor timbers were only held in place by a few nails.

Structural engineers have been frequent visitors in order to ensure these sort of issues are fixed right. The original roof timbers have been saved and reinforced by steel members and I'm told that where possible the owners have used people and skills from the village in the restoration work and this steel work was an example of that sort of involvement.

Also it was mentioned to me how supportive and encouraging people have been.

Generally however the work is slower than expected, partly due to the issues found as restoration proceeds and partly due to general shortage of labour. It is hoped that the office space will be occupied around the end of the year and the café following as soon as possible.

Once completed the plan is that the right hand side of the building, looking from the front, will be office space with its own entrance and reception area and meeting rooms. Upstairs will be offices or other rooms. The left hand side will be a large café and licensed bar with a terrace at the rear and a kitchen and store area. The design is still in a state of flux however as new ideas come to mind. One of the ideas is that the café area may be available for evenings or for events. The owners are excited about the possibilities of the café but of course the test will be how much it is used by the village and by passing trade.

Although everything looks a bit of a mess at present I am confident that the owners and the builders will do a great job and be sympathetic to the nature of the building which will be an asset to the village. I'm certainly looking forwards to the final result.

If anyone wants to look round for themselves, either contact the team (details in previous KN&V's or ask me) or find someone in the village who is working on the site and ask them.

Stephen

# KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2023

## 2023 Meetings

3 July – Council  
 4 September – Council  
 6 November - Council  
 The meetings will be held at 7:30pm  
 in the Village Hall – agendas on the  
 noticeboards before the above date.

## KENN PARISH COUNCILLORS

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Tony Parker	Tel: 07815 908 542
Mark Titterton	Tel: 07960 240 960
Robert Treble	Tel: 07831 316 760

## NORTH SOMERSET COUNCILLORS

Steve Bridger	Tel: 07762 023 423
Wendy Griggs	Tel: 01934 834 143

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- by phoning the call centre - 01174578561
- on the web app, at [westlink.app.ridewithvia.com](http://westlink.app.ridewithvia.com)

You may want to be picked up or dropped off in an area that doesn't have a physical bus stop. This could be a doctor's surgery, pharmacy, or a local shop.

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