

KENN

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Preparations to add the electricity wires to the new pylons in Kenn

NEWS & VIEWS

Birthdays /Anniversaries in March

- 5th Leon Naish
- 9th Tassos Papasolomontos
- 10th Jack Butland
- 12th Wendy Van Riessen
- 15th Jenny Treble
- 17th Lee Staples
 - James Mackay
 - Liz Stowell
- 18th Quinton Stowell
 - Grace Griffin
- 20th Olivia Gale
- 21st Margaret Cook
- 27th Amy Bye
 - Christopher Taylor

**St John The Evangelist, Kenn
Altar Guild for March**



**Julia Bush, Jenny Pascoe and
Jean Fenwick**

Our Flag was not flown in February - up to 27th

KENN CHURCH ROOM - CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Saturday 23rd March - 10am —12 noon

Charity - Cystic Fibrosis – Host - Iris Callow

All Welcome - Come and enjoy coffee and a chat for a good cause!

February Coffee Morning - Margaret Bessant was very pleased to pass a donation of £140.00 to Dementia UK

Margaret thanks everyone who came along and supported the event.

Like to host a Fourth Saturday Coffee Morning for a charity of your choice?
Contact Celia Andrews on 01275 877806

Farewell to Fran

Friends of Fran from far and wide gathered in St John's for her last service on February 11th.

The reading told the story of the Transfiguration, in which Jesus leads his closest friends up a mountain path into the gathering mist. When they see him again his clothes are spectacularly bright and his face glows.



The disciples heard a voice in the cloud 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen --- listen to him'

The disciples had followed Jesus into the mist with no idea what they would find.

Fran's final Sermon reflected that many of us who were present don't know where the misty path is leading us at this time of great change in our churches, and that her own life holds many new events.

After all that and some lusty singing, it was time for refreshments, organised by Caroline.

Sandwiches, crisps and a truly spectacular selection of cakes and many cups of tea and coffee followed, accompanied by words from John Ball and Sue Thomas, flowers, cards and a Farewell Gift. Oh, and a lot of chat!

Thank you for everything you have done for us Fran, we will remember your time with us with gratitude and a smile.

JB&JB

St John the Evangelist, Kenn

**The Annual Vestry Meeting of
St John The Evangelist, Kenn at which the
Churchwardens are elected for the coming year
will be held after 11.00am Service on Sunday 10th March.**



Friday 1st March at 2.00pm

**A World Day Of Prayer
Service
for Yatton, Kenn,
Kingston Seymour and
Yatton Methodist Church
will be held at the Yatton
Methodist Church**

All are welcome to attend.

A yellow poster for a Quiz Night event. At the top, it says "Friends of All Saints Church". The main title is "Quiz Night" in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, it says "Saturday 9th March 2024" and "Kingston Village Hall". Further down, it lists "Teams of up to 6 People" and "£ 15.00 per person to include hot supper". It also specifies "7:00 for 7:30 Start". At the bottom, it provides contact information: "Tickets in advance from: Sue Thomas 07763 674395 or Trudy Harris 07904 988109". In the bottom right corner, it says "Charity No 10567813". A large, faint question mark is visible in the background of the poster.

Kenn Village Hall

We have been busy at the hall recently and the big news is that we have replaced the gas cooker with a industrial electric Falcon cooker with a six-ring induction hob.

This is a significant investment for the kitchen and brought about by the hard work of the Hall Committee.

With the introduction of the “Pop up Bar” following the closure of the Drum and Monkey we have been able to use the profits gained to add a number of upgrades to the hall – a new Bluetooth music amp - purchased the screen for the new projector - and now the profits from the bar have been used to buy induction ready pots and pans. Truespeed installed free Wifi.

You may also have noticed last year we replaced the road facing wall with upgraded tin and insulation and this spring we plan to do the same on the field facing side. Again, a significant expenditure but much needed to keep our overall running costs down for now and years to come.

Want to get involved, just contact us: www.kvhallbooking@gmail.com



Next Pop up Bar -

**Good Friday - 7.00pm
29th March**




CLASSICAL CONCERT FOR HOPE

In aid of The Lighthouse School, Gaza City.

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

All Saints Church, Kingston Seymour

7 FOR 7.30PM



A vocal concert with a wide variety of repertoire including solos, duets and a full choir performed by specialist vocalists at Wells Cathedral School plus their special guests



GAZALIGHTHOUSE

**£20 per ticket
including
bubbles and canapés**

Gaza is home to over 1.5 million people and over half of these are school-aged children. Because of poverty and overcrowded schools, many of these children grow up unable to read or write and have little hope for a better future. The Lighthouse School is a multi-faith school committed to providing a private school education to children in need, to those who are the most vulnerable of dropping out and continuing the cycle of poverty and illiteracy.

Tickets from Sue Lang - 01934 835939

Email - susan.lang123@icloud.com

Kenn Village Market

Saturday 9th March

10.00am - 12noon



The February market went well after our Christmas break.

Carol raised an amazing amount through her gorgeous cakes. She was able to send £100.00 to Jay's Aim (a children's charity) and £80.00 to the British Heart Foundation.

Thanks to all who supported her.

Next market 9th March 10-12 noon. Hope to see you there.

Lyn and Maggie

Maggie Hobbs 876277 or Lyn Burnett 870189

Simnel Cakes for Easter 2024.

I will be making Simnel Cakes for Easter in support of the Blay Family in Ghana.

Large £9 Small £7

For collection or delivery during Holy Week (week commencing Monday 25th March).

To order please call 01275 873554, messages will be acknowledged.

Thankyou, Julia Bush

Bird News

At the time of writing February's rainfall is already double the average seemingly with more to come. But there have been some mild (warm?) bright dry days and bird song has been a major feature this month, whilst Robins in Nailsea were feeding two young by mid-month.

Chiffchaffs were noted singing in Kenn, Yatton and Congresbury - I have not heard Chiffchaff song in February before.

The Strawberry Line at Yatton had half a dozen each of Greenfinches and **Cetti's Warblers proclaiming their breeding territories, it's remarkable** how Greenfinch numbers have recovered following the issues with trichomoniasis; Chaffinches have been badly affected subsequently but they too may be on an upward trend now.

Song Thrushes were vocal as were Great Spotted Woodpeckers, drumming is their equivalent of singing. Robins, Wrens and Dunnocks are all plentiful as are Siskins but they are still busy winter feeding. At least a hundred were in Littlewood (Claverham Drove) with others at the Strawberry Line near the A370 and unusually in a few Alders on Clevedon Moor. **Tawny Owls were heard from Duck Lane, Kenn and St Mary's** churchyard in Yatton.

I have had no reports of Kingfishers, the flooded and muddy watercourses are not conducive to fishing and even the wintering Goosanders have needed to move away, they were seen at Backwell Lake and Cheddar Reservoir.

The usual ducks and waders were present around the old Kenn Estuary south of Clevedon. The flock of 600 Dunlin were targeted by a Merlin and whilst distracted a Peregrine came in; neither predator was seen to be successful.

The new T pylons don't seem to be as attractive to Peregrines as the old steel ones but I did see a Peregrine on the pylon by the railway south of Yatton. It was feeding but appeared to be having difficulty retaining its balance on the smooth concrete. March should see the arrival of the first summer visitors, Wheatears and Sand Martins on the coast and Chiffchaffs from southern Europe more generally.

Trevor Riddle - 01934 835208.

Useful Numbers:

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

The Team of Yatton Moor
 Parish Office 01934 832184
office@yattonchurches.org

St John the Evangelist :
 Vacancy

Churchwardens:
 Julia Bush 01275 873554
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Altar Guild Secretary:
 Marianna Mackay 340323

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News & Views:
 Margaret Ball 01275 874077
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 Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



Saturday 9th March 10.00am — 12noon

North Somerset Times

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



MARCH WASTE COLLECTIONS — MONDAYS

Recycling and food waste 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March
Dustbin 4th and 25th March



CLEVEDON
SALEROOMS



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

Antique, Interiors, Collectables & Jewellery

11th April 10.30am
 Viewing Wednesday prior 10.00am-5.00pm

catalogues can be viewed at

Quarterly Specialist Sale

Thursday 14th March 10.30am
 Viewing Wednesday prior 10.00am-5.00pm

www.clevedonsalerooms.com



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

**Sunday Services at St. John's Kenn and
All Saints' Kingston Seymour
March 2024**

March 3rd

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

March 10th Mothering Sunday

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

March 17th

11am	All Saints'	Holy Communion
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March 24th Palm Sunday

11am	St John's	Holy Communion
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March 28th Maundy Thursday

6pm KVH Agape Meal followed by informal Communion

March 29th Good Friday

2pm	All Saints'	An hour at the foot of the cross
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March 31st Easter Sunday

9.30am	St John's	Easter Communion
11am	All Saints'	All Age Easter Communion with Easter Egg Hunt



KENN W.I.

There were four visitors at the February meeting of Kenn W.I. to hear Hilary Landers, a chartered surveyor, give a talk on A Woman in a Man's World. Hearing of Hilary's struggles to even get the training she needed and how patronised she was in her work made us realise how lucky we are now and how grateful we should be to all those who persevered so that we could do all the things we take for granted.

she was warmly thanked by Caroline Holden.

Margaret Burdge presided at the meeting as Diane Woolf, our President, was away.

She welcomed members and visitors and thanked Caroline for the lovely flowers on the President's table.

The W.I. have been able to send £90 to St. Peters Hospice and £160 to Breast Cancer Now as a result of a Coffee Morning and a Tea Party. The W.I. will undertake Coffee Mornings in the Church Room and the Village Market in May and November in aid of charities.

Members were asked to consider being a Trustee of the Avon Federation. Nomination forms were available.

There were several events that members could sign up for if they wished.

There is to be the Group Meeting in Kenn Village Hall in April.

Jenny Croxton was advertising a walk along the Strawberry Line on February 29th, the first match in the Avon Skittles Tournament takes place on February 22nd and there is to be a Group Curling match in Tickenham Village Hall on 20th March.

Finally we heard a very heartwarming story. The son of member Betty Loveridge made some Christmas Tree decorations from fir cones which were for sale in a Clevedon shop. A passer-by asked if he could make 30 of them but she was unable to tell him who they were for. He made them and they were sent off and on Christmas Eve he heard that they were on the King's Christmas Tree. There is a picture of the King under his tree and the decorations can be seen. The cones were sourced in Clevedon Court woods.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th March in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. You will be made very welcome if you would like to join us.



Ann Holtham

The Mystery of Edwin Drood**21st to 25th May**

@ Tickenham Village Hall

Box Office www.ticketsource.co.uk or Call 07523373030

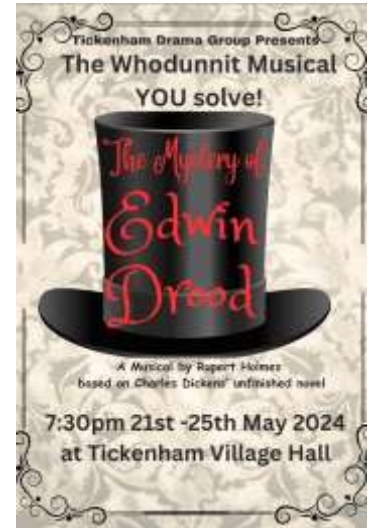
The Mystery of Edwin Drood is a hilarious musical whodunit full of Dickensian characters, mayhem and toe-tapping songs. In the small town of Chesterham, Edwin Drood has been mysteriously murdered. But by whom? His leering romantic rival, John Jasper The infamous purveyor of opium and vice, Princess Puffer? Or someone else even more dastardly and villainous ?

Dickens passed away before finishing the story and revealing the culprit.

Rupert Holmes' award-winning musical solves this predicament by asking the audience to choose which character is the killer by putting it to a vote.

The Mystery of Edwin Drood won FIVE Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Book and Best Original Score!

Sue Parker is looking for help with costumes if anyone is interested in being involved/.

**The Yellow Teapot**

The Yellow Teapot will be enjoying the Spring sunshine (I hope) behind Kenn Village Hall on

Monday 18th March from 2-30 to 4pm.



All the usual favourites with maybe a hint of Easter flavours.

Come along and enjoy good company, cakes, biscuits and all manner of beverages.

Thankyou, Julia Bush

Sustainable Clevedon

Clevedon and District foodbank and Sustainable Clevedon collaborative project.



2024 has already seen fantastic multiagency working with Clevedon Foodbank and members of the Sustainable Clevedon group working collaboratively. The goal being to support Foodbank users with budget, planet and health friendly recipe bags during January.

Both voluntary groups worked together alongside a local Specialist Dietitian, to design recipes, recipe handouts which met the brief and the items for the bags were donated by volunteers at these organisations.

4 recipes were designed and these can be seen on the Clevedon and District Foodbank and Sustainable facebook pages.

At each session in Clevedon during January, clients were offered the recipe bags alongside their emergency food parcels and we had a great response particularly for the Lentil Bolognese.

Hoping these recipes can be recreated at home using both seasonal fresh ingredients alongside everyday store cupboard items to make delicious meals suitable for the freezer and for families to enjoy!

“We've learnt a huge amount about your organisation and the fantastic work you do” – always great to work with local people and support our local communities.



Thanks to every one who continues to support Kenn's giving to the foodbank.

I'm more than happy to collect your donations from St John's church porch or to have donations left in the front porch of Carpenters Farm in Kenn Street and to deliver them to the Clevedon foodbank every week.

Have a great month and keep warm!

Thank you so much for all of your much needed support.

Liz Jaehme

Lunch Break

February Lunch Break was busy, and it was lovely to see so many guests arriving for homemade soup, bread, cheese, homemade cake and tea and coffee as well as an added treat of a Valentines Chocolate for each guest!

As usual Pullin's provided the bread which we're very grateful for, and it tasted delicious!

The hall was warm, welcoming, and full of chat and laughter.

Thank you to everyone who came. We took another donation of £90 to Clevedon Foodbank, making a grand total of just over £1,000 since November 2022.

If you'd like to join us on March 4th then please pop along to the Village Hall between 12.30 and 2pm, a warm friendly 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 4th March 12.30 - 2pm

April - Monday 8th (2nd Monday)

Sarah and Tim

Thank You

Following our recent unfortunate road accident, Grace and I were most touched and much encouraged by the wonderful messages of support and concern that we have received from all our kind and dear village friends.

The cards, flowers, chocolates, and meals have been hugely appreciated.

We give thanks for being part of our caring community.

With love to you all.

John and Grace

PRAYERS FOR KENN AND THE CHURCHES

Julia shared this letter from Michael Blay in Ghana - she has been providing funds for the education of a family for many years, making marmalade, jams, cakes etc. with donations from village friends.

Hello mummy,

We are happy to hear from you

I hope everything is well with you and the family we are also good here.

We always pray for you and the Kenn people but all of us will continue to keep up praying harder for God to help you get new priest to lead the 4 church.

The situation of our church right now is a place to do Mass service, So the leaders has started building a church house.

Money has been received thanks for your support.

God richly bless you and the family.

Your Regards

Michael Blay.

Yatton Local History Society

Tuesday March 5th 7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW.

Yatton Local History Society talk by Robert Jones on Bristol on 1480 map

Contact yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

Boglárka György (violin) & Amy Butler (piano) at St Mary's, Yatton, 23rd March.

A memorable evening by the prize winning Hungarian violinist Boglárka György from the Liszt Academy of music in Budapest. Boglárka will play a Cuypers 1797 violin, kindly on loan to her from the Harrison-Frank Family Foundation. She will be accompanied by the brilliant Oxford graduate pianist Amy Butler.



Their programme will include a variety of music to suit all tastes including popular classical, Hungarian and sparkling Gershwin music to conclude the evening.

The concert starts at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, tickets price £10, half price for students over 16, children free. Details of this concert and future events can be found on Yatton Music Society's website www.yms.org.uk

Saturday, March, 23

Boglárka György & Amy Butler (violin & piano):

7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Yatton, Tickets £10, details: www.yms.org.uk

Trinity Singers
Celebrating Birds, Beasts and Nature
 Conducted by Andrew Tyrrell
 including music by Gibbons, Haydn, Rutter and Chilcott
 Sunday 17th March
 15.30pm
 St Mary's Church
 Yatton
 BS49 4HH
 Piano: Alison Blundell
 Tickets £8
 with accompanied children Free
 Please join us for our short concert followed by tea and cakes

Somerset **ageUK**
NEW CLASS!
 Starting 20th February '24
Tai Chi QiGong
 seated or standing
 Gentle movements to improve balance, flexibility and strength
 For your mind, body and wellbeing
Tuesdays
11:15am - 12:15pm
 Cost: £5
 For more information or to sign up please contact Age UK Somerset on
01823 345624
 email: ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk
 visit our website: 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
 Information correct on: 06/02/2024 Registered Charity No: 1112002

SERVICES FOR MARCH 2024

Friday 1st March – World Day of Prayer
 10.00am St Barnabas: World Day of Prayer Service for Cleeve & Claverham
 2.00pm Yatton Methodist Church: World Day of Prayer Service for Yatton, Kenn & Kingston Seymour

1st Sunday 3rd THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
 8.30am St. John's: BCP Holy Communion
 10.00am St. Mary's: Holy Communion
 10.00am Holy Trinity: Shared Parish Communion
 11.00am All Saints': All Together in Church

2nd Sunday 10th MOTHERING SUNDAY
 8.30am All Saints': BCP Holy Communion
 10.00am St. Mary's: Morning Prayer
 10.00am St. Barnabas: Shared Parish Communion
 11.00am St. John's: All Together in Church + Annual Meeting of Parishioners

3rd Sunday 17th FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 10.00am St. Mary's: Holy Communion
 10.00am Holy Trinity: Shared Parish Communion
 11.00am All Saints': Holy Communion

HOLY WEEK

4th Sunday 24th PALM SUNDAY
 10.00am St. Mary's: Morning Prayer
 10.00am St. Barnabas: Shared Parish Communion
 11.00am St. John's: Holy Communion
 4.00pm Holy Trinity: Taizé Service

Tuesday 26th March
 7.00pm – St. Barnabas: Stations of the Cross (Ecumenical)

Wednesday 27th March
 7.00pm – St. Mary's: Music and Meditation

Maundy Thursday: 28th March
 9.30-11am St Mary's: Yatton Junior School's Easter Celebration
 9.30am Holy Trinity: Holy Week Devotions + Healing Prayer & Bread of Fellowship
 6.00pm Kenn Village Hall: Agape Meal followed by Informal Communion
 7.30pm St. Mary's, Holy Communion plus Vigil
 7.00pm Holy Trinity: The Last Supper:-
 A Service of Communion with foot washing

Good Friday: 29th March
 2.00pm All Saints': Hour at the Foot of the Cross
 2.00pm St. Mary's: Last Hour at the Cross
 2.00pm Holy Trinity: Holy Ground – Good Friday Devotion
 3.00pm St. Barnabas - Outside: Around the Cross

Holy Saturday: 30th March
 8.00pm St. Mary's: Team Service of Light and New Fire with Vigil

2nd Sunday 31st March – EASTER DAY – CLOCKS GO FORWARD
 6.30am Holy Trinity: Sunrise Service followed by Cooked breakfast
 10.00am St. Mary's: Easter Communion
 11.00am Holy Trinity: - Shared Easter Day Service followed by farewell to Nigel & Nickie
 11.00am All Saints': An all-age Easter Celebration Communion
 11.00am St John's: An all-age Easter Celebration Communion
 5.00pm St. Mary's: Easter Songs + Readings + Farewell Message from Nigel followed by refreshments in Chapter House – *All Welcome*

MID-WEEK SERVICES – MARCH 2024

Tuesday and Wednesday:
 8.15am Morning Prayer on Zoom
 Contact Mike Cooke for the link

Thurs 7th 9.30am Holy Trinity: Healing & Wholeness + Bread of Fellowship
 9.30am Holy Trinity: Healing & Wholeness

Thurs 14th 9.30am Holy Trinity: Healing & Wholeness + Communion

Thurs 21st 9.30am Holy Trinity: Holy Week Devotions + Healing Prayer & Bread of Fellowship

Thurs 28th 9.30am Holy Trinity: Holy Week Devotions + Healing Prayer & Bread of Fellowship

Yatton Moor Team Services for March 2024

From The Limes

There's a number of wide ranging topics this time, think of this month as a pot-pourri of interesting dinner table conversation starters.

Let me dedicate the first part of this month's article to the driver of a certain pickup truck registration WU** *** who at 16.12 on Friday 8th February stormed through the floodwater in Davis Lane in the opposite direction to three of us, totally drenching my car and the cars in front with liquid mud and water, to the extent that when I arrived home I had to hose down the car to make it respectable. Souvenir dashcam footage is available on request.

Consideration for other road users would be helpful, particularly as we are facing road troubles on three counts at the moment – potholes, road closures and floodwaters that stay for weeks, the latter notably at Kenn Pier and in Davis Lane. It's rumoured that North Somerset have earmarked these ponds for a nature reserve for ducks in accordance with their published policy of discouraging car use.

Also at the time of writing we have Kenn Street closed and at night Tickenham Road is closed, making navigation a logistical nightmare. I'm not even going to mention innumerable "temporary" traffic lights. As for potholes I notice some now have paint marks around them. Presumably so we can see them better.

I get few direct comments about my writings. I wonder if it is because there is a concern that what is said may end up in print. Last month's screed resulted in a comment so original and poetic in its content that it is worthy of publication. My writing was described as "a stream of consciousness". I'm still trying to work out if it was a compliment or not.

I'm also aware that the editor also reads my stuff. Observant readers (and of course that is all of you) will have noticed that last month's article was given a slightly different heading. For all I know this month might be the same. That was in response to my comment about writing monthly. I hope I haven't upset her. Writers can't afford to upset their editors.

On the domestic front I have found out that my washing machine (whose malevolent intelligence I have shared with you before) continues to demonstrate it has a mind of its own and will not be dictated to. The other day the dog (who also has a mind of her own) refused to lie on her cushion which I have so generously provided for her. She would walk to it, sniff it, walk around it and then walk to the other side of the kitchen, re-approach the cushion and start all over again. After a time I'd had enough of this and decided it (the cover, not the dog) probably needed a wash and shoved it in the washing machine, hoping it wouldn't leave too many dog hairs behind afterwards.

Taking it out when it had finished I was surprised that it was soaking wet. It should have spun so I put it back in on a spin setting and the machine drum rotated slowly, made the right noises but just would not spin. Rebellious machine. In the end I took the cover out, wrung out what water I could and gave the machine a good talking to. This seemed to do the job and it then obediently spun. Sometimes these machines need to know who is boss. (I suspect the machine decided it was unbalanced.

Whether it was the machine that was unbalanced or the load that was unbalanced I wouldn't like to say in case I upset the machine even more).

Looking further afield – literally – I can see the new pylons from my house and with binoculars have wasted many happy hours observing what is going on. It's like watching paint dry. On many occasions I have wandered down to watch.

The pace of progress resembles that of a geriatric snail.

One time I counted 6 men ambling about or just standing in groups. Over 40 minutes the only activity was a winch pulling a cable a few metres which took all of 5 minutes.

Another time over a period of an hour I saw 12 men walk from one pylon to another tying wires dangling from pulleys, I guess for subsequent pulling. Often I have seen men drive trucks along their track, park and just stay there. Very occasionally they get out, walk a little and then retire to the cab. The other weekend I did see men up in a crane so hopefully someone has got on top of project management and cables are now appearing so it is getting a little more exciting.

Speaking to a member of the groundworks team I was told they will be reinstating the land in the next 3 months. We'll see.

The other day I paid a visit to the Drum and Monkey. It is a tale of two interiors.

On the right hand side a company has moved in and upstairs there are offices to let.

The internal décor is fantastic with light coloured walls and great lighting.

The style is very modern and it is all extremely spacious.

The other side is quite a contrast. Again inside it is huge and will eventually be the café and bar. Currently it is bare walls and very much a building site. The intention is still to complete it but the whole project has involved much more work than expected and that coupled with the rising cost of materials has slowed things down.

In fact looking around generally, it seems that nothing in the area I can think of moves quickly. Pylons are well late, The Drum has got delayed, broadband took 7 years, some buildings in Kenn Street and also the Kenn Street signpost are in suspended animation, the two tone village hall is awaiting better weather and road problems go on for ever.

In all this gloom therefore let me share with you something that went better than I expected and which exceeded my expectations.

Recently I was notified of a scheduled power cut for maintenance work.

It implied that it could be all day starting around 9am if I recall. On the day the power went off early at 8.30'ish – which was a bit surprising but OK. The work was next door with loads of vans and a cherry picker.

After just over an hour power was back on again. Job done! The only drawback was that I had told the kids it would be off all day and received appropriate sympathy.

It left me a dilemma whether to tell them power was back or not.

I wonder what you would have done?

Stephen

KENN PARISH COUNCIL**2024****ANNUAL PARISH FOR KENN****MONDAY – 4 March 2024 at 7.00pm**

In the Village Hall, Kenn Street, Kenn

Persons registered as local government electors for the Parish of Kenn are invited to attend and are entitled to speak and vote.

AGENDA

1. Sign the minutes of the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting. (Copies available on the Parish Council web site or on request to the Clerk – see below)
2. Annual Report by the Chairman of Council on the Parish Council's year from May 2023.
3. Financial Report of the Parish Council.
4. Invite Kenn local government electors to;
 - 4.1 Make comment or ask questions of Kenn Parish Councillors & North Somerset Councillors (if in attendance) representing the Parish of Kenn
 - 4.2 Suggest parish items for possible consideration during the next year.

Cllr Sheila Naish

Chairman of Kenn Parish Council – 19 February 2024

Information about this meeting:

To comply with the Local Government Act 1972, All Parish Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting, which must take place between 1st March and the 1st June (inclusive). Meetings should not commence before 6.00 pm. The Annual Parish Meeting is not the Parish Council's Statutory Annual Meeting (AGM).

Purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting is:

- so that the Parish Council can explain what it has been doing over the last year and
- it enables the electors to have their say on anything they consider is important to the people of the Parish.

A Parish Council meeting will be held after the above meeting finishes – separate agenda

Some of the parish matters recently considered by Kenn Parish Council.

Hinkley Point Connections – 3 representatives came to the meeting on the 17 January to give an update on the pylon route/installation and respond to items raised by the 19 residents in attendance.

Strawberry Line Extension – proposal to extend this across Kenn land being farmed.

Plans for land to the west of Kenn Rd (previously owned by St Modwen) – current planning application.

Relocated Bus Stop Markings on Kenn Rd – in the vicinity of Kenn Estate.

Kenn Street 20mph – progressing this project.

Motorway Bridge – clearing weeds encroaching onto the pavement.

Local Plan 2039 – Court Lane site proposals.

2024 Meetings

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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