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Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

On Sunday 5th June 2022 we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Here in Kenn we have a tradition for holding 'a big event'. It is always exciting as a village occasion approaches.

I will be selling tickets at the village market on Saturday 14th May. Tickets are £5 per head.

A BARGAIN FOR A GREAT DAY OUT.

At the market I will also be putting together the rota for helpers. There have already been many offers of help. Caroline xx

NEWS & VIEWS

May - Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st Hartley Staples
Margaret Ball (senior)
Lynne & Steve Bye W.A.
- 3rd Chloe Hayzen
- 4th Tony Parker
- 5th Sarah & Tom Clark W.A.
- 8th Mike Stowell
- 10th Jilly Butland
Jane Morris
- 12th Robert Porch
Adeline Humberstone
- 15th Samuel Leiper
- 22nd Duncan Mackay
- 26th Jane Staples
- 27th Christopher Jaehme
- 29th Millie Stowell
Samuel Rogers
- 30th Joanna Brain
India Bessant

Our Flag.

20th April - Our flag was at half-mast for the funeral of Margaret Chappell.

21st April - Our flag was flown to mark HM Queen Elizabeth II's 96th birthday

23rd April - Our St. Georges Flag was flown at full mast to celebrate the lives of Bob and Ruth Gale whose memorial service was held on that day.

Coronation Day 1953

Ron Moore, Eddie Russell & Hartley Staples
On the old Village Green outside
White Cottage
All live within two miles - combined age
255 years



St John the Evangelist, Kenn

Kenn Altar Guild

May Rota

Caroline Holden, and Jo Manning



Thanks to everyone who so beautifully decorated St. John's for the Easter Celebrations.

Jo Manning's photo shows our Cross which was decorated with flowers by the Easter morning congregation

Dear friends,

We had a lovely Easter at church with a Passover meal in the Village Hall remembering Jesus' last supper and then we walked down to church and reflected on his time in the Garden of Gethsemane.

On Saturday the church was then beautifully decorated for Easter Sunday (thank you to all involved) and we had a hope filled service on Easter Sunday with Easter eggs as well! The crosses were garlanded in white and the churchyard cross was smothered in flowers.

This sign of hope was much appreciated and raised our spirits as the war in Ukraine continues, two of our church members have lost loved ones and more were laid low by Covid, I really think most of us have now had it!



At our annual Vestry Meeting we reflected on a year when we have successfully reordered the chancel area, installed an updated audio-visual system, and received some new chairs sponsored by church members and friends. The colour was carefully chosen by Marianna and they look very smart blending in with the warm tones of the stonework.

We have a few more projects in hand and hope to open the refurbished Church Room in a couple of weeks. We hope you will pop in to have a look as it will be available for groups to book. I hope to use it once a fortnight for an afternoon as an office space with an 'open door' policy. I'll post something on Facebook and on notice boards when we are ready to welcome you all with an inaugural cuppa and a piece of cake!

May is the month when we have Christian Aid week. Julia has published a notice and I just want to applaud her enthusiasm and the marvellous work Christian Aid do, both on their own and as part of the DEC that is continuing to support Ukrainian refugees with both finance, expertise, and skilled staff. If you want to know more then look up their excellent website and please do support their work if you are able to.

I'd like to take this opportunity to also thank all those who continue to support the Foodbank in whatever capacity as this is one way in which we can support those in need locally, especially as food prices continue to rise and fuel is more costly. Increasing numbers of people find themselves in real difficulty.

Going back to the theme of hope I'm about to plant my sweet peas in the hope that we have no more frost! My geraniums are flowering beautifully in the lean-to and some days I put them out for a while and catch a glimpse of the promise of what is to come but I'm not chancing planting out the runner beans yet!

May is a lovely month in the garden as we see shoots appear and begin to feel the sun on our faces. I hope and pray it is a month of rejuvenation and renewed hope both here, in Ukraine and in other troubled areas of the world.

Love and thanks,

Fran



The W.I. raised £126.00 for Seafarers by providing refreshments at the April market

Thanks to them and those who supported them.

The next market will be on **Saturday 14th May 10-12pm.**

Anyone wanting a table to sell their goods or to provide teas and coffees for their chosen charity please contact

Lyn Burnett 870189 or Maggie Hobbs 876277.

Hope to see you there. Thank you.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The platinum weekend is almost a month away. On Sunday 5th June 2022 we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



I will be selling tickets at the village market on the 14th May.

It will be a truly historic event on two counts. One, is we are having big village parties again. The other is there will not be another jubilee for many years to come. Certainly not another Platinum Jubilee within the next hundred years. More reason to come along. There will be 'A Somerset Feast' for lunch, singing, bar, play area for kids, tea, and cake.

It will be heavenly. Caroline and John. xx

Heaven Preserve Us.

I have the complete range of HPU Jams, Chutneys and Marmalades available for delivery or collection.

Thankyou, Julia Bush
01275 873554

May Cakes.

I will be baking all the usual kinds of cake, sponges (jam and chocolate), spicy apple, fruit cake, lemon drizzle, mincemeat, marmalade etc. on Friday 13th May for delivery on Saturday 14th, or collection at the Village Market.

Profits will go to Orbis, the eye surgery charity. I have chosen Orbis because someone in my family was treated by one of its founders.

Orders by phone, email or any way you like.
Thank you, Julia Bush 01275 873554

Blay Family News from Ghana

Thankyou Thankyou Thankyou

To everyone who bought cakes at the April Village Market, munched their way through a small mountain of Simnel Cakes at Easter, or made donations, in aid of the Blay Family in Ghana.

As a result I will be able to send the summer term school fees for the late Denis Blay's children. I hope to include up-to-date info about the children and their schooling in next month's News and Views.

Julia Bush

Hello mummy,

Good day to you and the Kenn people. It's been a while since I heard from you and the family.

We are all blessed by the guidance of our holy virgin Mary.

How is the new born and everyone in Kenn. I hope everyone is doing well my greetings to all.

In this month of Easter we are praying for the Lord God should help the Ukraine and Russia Cases between them so that the World will be having Peace.

Happy Easter mum God richly bless you and your family.
Michael Blay.

Clevedon Food bank.

Currently, the Foodbank is pleased to receive anything and everything suitable (all non-perishable food items and household goods).

If you are stuck for inspiration, Toiletries, household cleaning materials and toilet rolls are always needed.

Thank you to everyone who contributes, whether by using the box in the church porch, the dedicated bins in the supermarkets or straight to the Foodbank.

It's open 9-30 to 11-30am Mondays and Fridays, opposite the vets in Knowles Road, Clevedon.

Julia Bush



Book Group.

We are meeting up late into the month on Thursday 28th April. This will be too late for sending copy to Margaret for the Magazine. Next month there will be bumper book reviews.



There are two reasons the Book Group is so late in this month. First a member had covid a few weeks ago. The second was we were without a venue. No Pub and The Church Room has no chairs as it is being refurbished. We could have used the church, but the rental agreements have not yet been sorted. It is still too cold for an outdoor meeting behind the village hall. Then the blindingly obvious struck me. The old part of our house, Chapel Cottage, is empty at the moment. We can have our meeting there. I can light the fire. We will be toasty.

Do come along next time. We are very informal and share what we are currently reading.

Caroline xx

The Galvanised Bin.

There is now a small, galvanised bin just inside the driveway at Chapel Cottage. It is the drive next to the converted Chapel on Kenn Street

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

I then take them to Clevedon.

I put the bin out only a month ago. Within a few weeks it was full. Thank you to everyone who has used the bin. So, the first bin full has gone to the Man in Clevedon. I believe he takes them for recycling and proceeds go to help Marie Curie. For next month I will find out the finer details. It would be interesting to know exactly what the blister packs and plastic bottle tops are recycled into and how finance is generated for charity.



Caroline x



KENN W.I.

At the start of the April meeting of Kenn W.I. members remembered Margaret Chappell a long standing member who had recently died. She will be greatly missed.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Ali Ball who was making a very welcome return visit. Her subject was Egyptology and as well as telling us some interesting facts she illustrated her talk with the most delightful story complete with actions. She was very warmly thanked.

Members were told that the Coffee Morning at the Village Market had raised £121, which will be given to the Chaplain, Steve Loader, of the Port of Bristol Centre for Seafarers when he comes to speak at the Group meeting at Kenn.

Members were also shown the cup which had been won by Kenn in the Group Kurling Competition held in Tickenham Village Hall in March. The team members are still surprised at themselves for having won the competition.

There will be an expedition by the Luncheon Club to Carriages at Tickenham on 19th May and a booking has been made for our Birthday Lunch at the Greedy Goose on the 20th October. The Resolution has been chosen for the AGM in Liverpool on Attention Deficit Disorder and members will be asked to vote on it before the meeting.

Kenn W.I. hosted the Spring Group Meeting in the Village Hall. The last meeting was Held by Clevedon in October 2019. Kenn was due to host the next meeting in March 2020. It has taken this long to actually hold it. Sadly three of the Institutes in the Group have closed during the pandemic. However, members of the four remaining Institutes gathered in the Village Hall and it was so good to renew friendships again and to sing Jerusalem unmasked! Steve Loader from the Port of Bristol Centre for Seafarers gave a splendid illustrated talk on his work with seafarers from all nations. Some of the ships have Russian and Ukrainian men on board which could make things very difficult. There was a competition for a cuddly toy made by a member, a raffle and, of course, refreshment with home-made cakes. It was a splendid meeting and we all felt we were on the roads back to normality.

At the May meeting, Sue Parker is coming to tell us all about life as a head teacher. We look forward to that.

Ann Holtham

Recognising You by Amy Robinson

This poem was first written for a church service just after Easter, a verse of this poem was read to follow each Bible passage about Jesus' resurrection appearances. We are using it to reflect on this Easter season at St John's.

Jesus in the garden, newly risen from the dead,
who stood by weeping Mary, and who heard the words she said
as if you were the gardener, till at last your shepherd's voice
called her 'Mary' and with one word gave her reason to rejoice,
Jesus in the garden, ever new but still the same,
help me recognise you in the speaking of my name.

Jesus on the journey, fellow traveller on the road,
who met two sad disciples, walking with them as you showed
the meaning of the scriptures that predicted you would rise,
but only when you blessed the meal could they believe their eyes.
Jesus on the journey, meet me where my hopes have fled,
help me recognise you in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus in the locked room, breaking through despair and doubt,
who comforted your friends when they had shut the whole world out,
who came again for Thomas, and revealed your hands and side
so that he could touch and know you as alive, though you had died.
Jesus in the locked room, breaking through our self-built bars,
help me recognise you in the touching of your scars.

Jesus on the shoreline, cooking breakfast for your friends,
who offered guilty Peter one more chance to make amends,
who filled a net with fish for him, and helped him to recall
the first catch that convinced him to respond to your first call.
Jesus on the shoreline, know my best, forgive my worst,
help me recognise you in the way I met you first.

Kramer Durcan Duo (violin & piano/organ) at St Mary's, Yatton -21st May, 2022.

This concert is the final concert of the Yatton Music Society's Spring Season and will include music for everyone, played on the violin and accompanied on either the piano or organ.

Miriam Kramer is an American violinist of outstanding talent having played to critical acclaim in prestigious US and UK concert halls. Her six CDs are highly regarded and include the Editor's Choice in Gramophone Magazine. Miriam performs regularly on BBC Radio 3, Classic FM and has appeared on BBC television in a tribute to Yehudi Menuhin.

Nicholas Durcan is a prize winning piano and organ graduate from the Royal Academy of Music. His concert performances have included the principal London venues and international venues in the US, Europe, Middle East, Hong Kong.

For our concert Nicholas will accompany Miriam on both the piano and organ and their music will include popular music from the classical composers and Gershwin.

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

LUNCH AT KENN VILLAGE HALL. - Monday 2nd May 2022 12 – 2pm

The lunch on the 4th of April was fabulous. So many people attended and enjoyed the simple repast. The butternut squash, harissa and coconut soup went down a storm. As did Jenny's cakes.

The lovely Sarah Friend and I waitressed together. We were an efficient team. Instead of queuing it is so much easier to serve the soup and coffee to happy 'lunchers'.

Julia was the auditor this month. I have sent another £30 to the food bank. I would like to send them more. However, the cost of food has risen so much, the food bills have increased.

Even though the next lunch falls on a bank holiday we will still have the lunch. Enough of us will still be around.

Despite the lifting of restrictions these are still covid times. Let's still be mindful of space and ventilation. During the next lunch, at intervals, I will open the doors.

Lunch dates for 2022.

Monday May 2 nd	Lunch. Bank holiday. Lunch will go ahead
Monday June 6th	No Lunch. Queen's Platinum weekend.
Monday July 4th	Lunch
Monday August 1st	Lunch. Bank holiday. Lunch will go ahead
Monday Sept 5th	Lunch.
Monday Oct 3rd	Lunch
Monday Nov 7th	Lunch
Monday Dec 5th	Lunch

Yatton Local History Society

Tuesday May 3rd 7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church

There will be a talk about Chuff chuff to the seaside on railway journeys to Weston-super-Mare by John Crockford Hawley

If you are not a member and want to join or want to register an email address please contact YLHS at yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

Everyone welcome

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 :
Priest in charge
Revd Fran Binding 01934 830120

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

Village Flag Flying:
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Chris Taylor 872781

Altar Guild Secretary:
Marianna Mackay 340323

Church Floodlighting:
David Pugh 874278

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Margaret Ball 01275 874077
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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



with coffee morning

Saturday 14th May 10.00-12 noon

North Somerset Times

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



MAY WASTE COLLECTION - MONDAYS

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SNOOPY the Musical !!!

I'm musical director and pianist in a few weeks time for a Tickenham Drama Group's production of 'Snoopy the Musical 🎵'

I've been busy rehearsing and Tony has been busy building Snoopy's kennel!

It's great to have live theatre thriving again in our area after the past two years... Tickenham Drama Group are our nearest theatre club and a talented group who have won many awards.

'Snoopy the musical' is based on Charles Schulz' Peanuts comic strip characters: Irrepressible genius Snoopy who wants to be a writer and feels his talents are just not being recognised by the humans, kind-hearted Charlie, his sister Sally, bossy Lucy, her blanket hugging brother Linus, tomboy Peppermint Patty, her pal Violet and Snoopy's sidekick the bird Woodstock.

Do come along and support our production, you are guaranteed a warm welcome (Maggie Hobbs is on the door) and a fun, fabulous and uplifting show.

There are 4 performances

7:30pm Thursday 19th May - 7:30pm Friday 20th May

2:30pm Saturday 21st May - 7:30pm Saturday 21st May

Tickets are available from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/tickenhamdramagroup

Or from me

Hope you can make it 🐾

Best wishes
Sue Parker



New Bishop for Bath & Wells announced 28.4.22

I am delighted to share the news that at 10am this morning Downing Street announced that the Rt Revd Michael Beasley is to become the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells.

I am very much looking forward to having him as my new colleague and to welcoming him and his family to Bath and Wells in due course.

Bishop Michael will be joining us from the Diocese of St Albans where he is currently Bishop of Hertford but he has also played a key role in the Archbishops' Covid task force, drawing on his background as a scientist.

"Bishop Michael shone through the discernment process as someone who has the qualities we are seeking. He is deeply relational, has mission at his heart and is highly respected by clergy and laity in his current role. He has offered leadership and vision in St Alban's and has spoken and worked effectively in the public square, most notably making use of his epidemiologist background over the Covid-19 pandemic. He comes from a rural background and brings experience of a wide variety of church traditions and church sizes and much more besides including church planting, pioneering and work with children and young people."

Fran



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

Services at St. John's Kenn and All Saints' Kingston Seymour May 2022

May 1st

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

May 8th

10am* St Mary's Yatton Moor Team service - thank you and farewell to our Rector Revd Tim Scott

May 15th

11am All Saints' Holy Communion

May 22nd

11am St John's Holy Communion

May 29th

10am* All Saints' Yatton Moor Team Holy Communion

Sunday 1st and 15th 6pm Team Evening Worship on Zoom
Every Tuesday and Wednesday 8.15am
Team Morning Prayer on Zoom

LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH: LLF

All around us we see changes in our understanding of human identity, family structure, relationships, and sexual activity. Attitudes are changing, legislation is changing.

What does it mean for followers of Jesus Christ to walk in love and faith today?

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.

INTRO DAY- Pastoral Principles: Saturday 14th May 10am – 4pm @ Chapter House, Yatton. Arrival 9.45am. Drinks provided. Bring a packed lunch, a bible, a notebook.

SESSION 1: Wed 25 th May @ 7pm	Learning Together	Chapter House
SESSION 2: Wed 1 st June @ 7pm	Identity	Chapter House
SESSION 3: Wed 8 th June @ 7pm	Relationships	Chapter House
SESSION 4: Wed 15 th June @ 7pm	Our bodies & sex	Chapter House
SESSION 5: Wed 22 nd June @ 7pm	Life together	Chapter House

Authorised Course Leader: Darren Chalmers – assisted by Rev Nigel + Jeannie Osmond LPA

MONEY MANAGEMENT COURSE

A free Money Management Course is being organised in May to be held at Yatton Methodist Church, with the support and encouragement of local churches.

Money Coaches from Christians Against Poverty (CAP), will be running the 'Money Course' over 3 weeks, with the intention that this initial course will help churches see how it could be a real help in the local community. The plan is then to run more courses in the Autumn, with much broader advertising and promotion around the communities of Yatton and Claverham.

The 'Money Course' gives a number of simple pointers which can have a hugely positive impact for the whole family, such as guidance in budgeting or saving. Help with developing good money skills can be particularly helpful in these times with so many people's finances badly affected by COVID and/or rising energy costs.

The course which has limited numbers, will be on three Wednesday evenings the 11th, 18th and 25th May starting at 7.30pm. If you wish to know more, or to book a place, contact Martin on 07495 309091 or email: buckley.martin45@gmail.com



Viva Palestina!! CLAVERHAM VILLAGE HALL on Sunday May 1st 5–9pm.

An evening of live music with Faris Ishaq; authentic Palestinian cuisine with Alissar Amali; stalls of produce + items from the Bristol Palestine Museum; traditional dress display; stalls; short film - *Liwan: a story of cultural resistance*- from Bristol Palestinian Film Festival; live-link to Bethlehem to meet musician Zaid Hilal.

Tickets £10 cash on the door. Entry + Meal - £15 [cash/cheque] Book meals in advance by email from now up until April 25th.

alcy_am@yahoo.com

helen1962@hotmail.com

TEL: Michael Loader 07934 463317 Rev Nigel 07817 356651

Bird News

Jeff Naish provided some interesting bird news at the beginning of the month. He had seen an unusual wader which from his description I think was a Common Sandpiper. These birds were formerly summer visitors but a few winter here now so this may have been a wintering bird or an early migrant. He also reported Wheatears and a Barn Owl on Kenn Moor.



Jackie Huxtable reported a Swallow on the 8th, the first very local record and there are still just a few at their nesting territories nearing the month end. Conversely our summer warblers seem to have arrived on time or even a bit earlier than in recent years. Greenfinches have recovered well from the trichomoniasis disease and are singing their trilling or wheezing songs all around our villages. Chiffchaffs are abundant, 22 along the Strawberry Line between Yatton and Congresbury.

There was an amazing flock of 17 Wheatears along the sea wall (actually in Kenn Parish) and three turned up on my local patch in Wemberham Lane, Yatton. The Hinkley Connect contractors have left some heaps of top soil and the bare earth with some weeds proved attractive to them - two more were there the next week and a pair of Linnets are resident. Skylarks were singing near the railway and on Easter Day a Mallard with 13 ducklings was a timely seasonal sight. On the sea wall a few Whimbrel have arrived on passage.

There has been no sign of our Marsh Tits on Cadbury Hill over the winter so a specific search was implemented. We heard two calls (no sightings) in two hours but there was a Mistle Thrush, the resident Nuthatches and a Willow Warbler there. Similarly the Treecreepers in Littlewood seemed to have gone AWOL but I did hear one and in a two hour watch our warden John Croxton had two sightings then we got one on the regular survey. The Swans are nesting right by Claverham Drove, perhaps the reedy ditches in the middle of the Moor are too quiet for them.

A Red Kite over our house was pointed out to me by a visitor (!) - it was pretty high and on warm days parties of Buzzards drifted over and a Kite was reported over Kenn Village Hall. The easterly airflow brought tiny Lesser **Whitethroats from Ethiopia, one was singing from Stowell's tall hedge.** And on the early morning of the 25th a Cuckoo was calling at Congresbury Golf course. Trevor Riddle - 01934 835208

*Ps. Spotted 27.4.22 - Cuckoo, no calling so assume female, from kitchen window. In field at rear of home!
Caught what appeared to be caterpillar then flew out of sight - John Croxton*

"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.

The "Pop Up" bar will be open from 7.00 -10.00pm -

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

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

We look forward to seeing you all,

Nigel and John.

Save the date - next "Pop-up" Bar Friday 7-10pm July 1st.

The Yellow Teapot

April's gathering, despite being smaller than usual due to it being a Bank Holiday, Covid and life in general, was just as noisy as usual.

In May we will meet in the Village Hall 2-30 to 4-30pm on Monday 16th, for cake, tea, coffee and chat



Monday 16th May – 2-30 to 4-30pm.

Julia Bush

BATH & WEST SHOW 2022

Portishead deanery have been invited to help with the show's church tent this year - Friday 3rd June 9.30am - 4pm.

We are 1 or 2 people shy of forming a team. This is an opportunity to attend a fantastic country show for free and join a delightful team for some light duties in the busy tent.

If this appeals to you, please contact:-

Jeanie Osmond: jeannieosmond@me.com

Rev Nigel Thomas: nigelbthomas1@gmail.com

Christian Aid Week in Kenn 2022. Sunday May 18th - Saturday 21st.

This year Kenn households will receive a 'delivery only' Christian Aid Week envelope.

If you wish to donate using it, please take it to Quercus, Kenn Street
This info will be on each envelope.

Quercus will be swathed in Christian Aid bunting!

Other ways to donate.

Online at caweek.org

By phone 08080 006006

Send a cheque made out to Christian Aid

To: 35, Lower Marsh, London. SE1 7RL.



Christian Aid started after WW2 sending food and humanitarian supplies to refugees and displaced persons in Europe.

In the 60s and 70s their focus moved to the developing world, forming close ties with local organisations, with the accent on agriculture and food production.

Over the last decade, while continuing to help people produce food where possible, Christian Aid now works with people affected by Climate Change,

AS THIS IS THE MAIN CAUSE OF WORLDWIDE HUNGER AND FOOD POVERTY.
Christian Aid works with people of all faiths and none.

Kenn has a brilliant record of generously supporting Christian Aid, thankyou to everyone who has donated over the years.

Julia Bush. 01275 873554

PS If you can't get to Quercus, phone me and I will collect your envelope as soon as I am passing your address.

Thank You

Sizzle has had to have an operation to re-attach her hamstring to her leg after a hockey "incident". That's right, she's still playing at her age!!

Everything is healing fine, and Sizzle wishes to Thank everyone in the Village that has wished her a speedy recovery.

But, we would also like to especially thank John Ball who on spotting Sizzle on her crutches in the Village went home and re appeared moments later with a mobility scooter for her to borrow.

It's been a Godsend, especially as we went away to Dartmoor for Easter, and so Siz was able to get up the hill to the pub to buy me a pint, cheers John



Stuart Summerell

GOOD NEWS from John Croxton

On the basis that BAD NEWS causes stress, anxiety & mental health problems I have been checking out some GOOD NEWS items (there are plenty) to raise spirits!

Firstly: Temperature. Global. This site collates data from over 70,000 measuring stations across the globe with new observations each minute and updated every hour.

Compared to the 30 year average the past six years readings are:

2015 - 0.54C - 2016 - 0.27C. - 2017 - 0.26C. 2018 - 0.74C. 2019 - 0.36C.
2020 - 0.00C. 2021 - 0.11C. **All below normal!**

Scientific FACTS trump outrageous headlines!

Next: Some GOOD NEWS about Great Britain from the prestigious Yale university's ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE INDEX, covering 137 countries across the globe on no less than 47 environmental categories over a ten year period. Great Britain is ranked 4th overall and 2nd for reduced emissions a remarkable achievement which deserved wider publicity.

The above are just two reasons for optimism but there are many others, including:

1. Wrong Again: 50 Years of Failed Ecopocalyptic Predictions .
2. Scared Silly over Climate Change (from 2006)!
3. State of the Climate Report 2021
4. Exceptional Warmth & Climate Instability.
5. Cherry picking Antarctica
6. BBC's Climate Check February 2022.
7. The Environmentalist & The Neanderthal
8. Why I Believe Climate Change is Not the End of the World.
9. 5 Epic Earth Healing Projects?
10. Soil Carbon Restoration.

I would be happy to provide links to the above titles to anyone interested!

Now, to draw attention to earlier alarmist forecasts of Climate Disasters from the first Earth Day in 1970.

Here is just one of many extravagant claims made by leading scientists;

"The battle to feed all humanity is over. Humanity has lost!

Hundreds of millions of people are going to starve to death"

From Nobel Prize winning scientist Paul Ehrlich.

Some 72 years have passed and the world population has increased from 3.7 million in 1970 to very nearly 8 million in 2020, in addition to which deaths from famine have shown a remarkable decrease.....so much for alarmist scientific claims!

Sadly many people are still believing extravagant claims today.

Things are far from perfect, always have been, always will be, but please don't let pessimism rule your life.....you won't get a better one!

John Croxton

John.d.croxton@gmail.com

Our Monthly Missive from the Limes

This month I thought I'd talk about the birds and the bees.

Before I get too far and you wonder what your kids are going to read, I'd better clarify that I'm taking the title literally. I know it has other connotations but those aspects seem to be fairly well understood and it's not my job to educate you if not.

In practice it will probably only be the birds, not the bees this time, as otherwise I will run out of space and although last month Margaret gave me a three pager I don't want to push my luck and also you can have too much of a good thing.

So why the birds and the bees? Partly because it is the time of year when we think about new life, typified by spring lambs and Easter chicks (and of course Easter itself).

Yes I know Easter is over and if I'd got more inspiration earlier I'd have covered it then but it's not too late to learn something new.

This leads me on to the other reason, which is that there is incredible ignorance over the subject. (Not from KN&V readers of course as you are an incredibly well learned and cultured lot) but KN&V does get passed outside Kenn to less fortunate areas such as Clevedon).

If you have read earlier articles (and if not why not?) you will know we ran The Limes as a smallholding for many years, which overlapped for a time with us running a B&B business. Often at weekends we would have families stay and we would invite children to collect the eggs or feed the pigs or whatever.

You can probably picture the scene. A little girl or boy would come out with me, eager to see what life in the countryside was like. A doting parent, usually the dad for some reason, tagged along to take photos of the happy event.

Once in the orchard, the child would open a hen house door and stand aside while the hens and cockerels piled out looking for their feed and we would go in and collect the eggs together, then carefully put them in a basket for the child to carry to Heather who would cook them for their breakfast. You can't have eggs fresher than that. At the same time we would also watch out for the cockerels, who sometimes would have a go at you when you weren't looking. Somehow they never learned who was boss and one in particular loved attacking the back of your knee when you were distracted.

Occasionally while this was going on, the parent – always the dad - would sidle up to me and the conversation would go something like this:

Him: So these eggs were laid by these hens?

Me: Yes.

Him: And these are cooked for breakfast?

Me: Yes

Him: So they are the same as the eggs we buy at home?

Me: No. We have a cockerel so these are fertile.

Him: What does that mean?

At this point you know the guy has no idea how chicks are made and so I have to give an impromptu talk on the facts of poultry life:

Me: A hen on its own will lay eggs, subject to feed, time of year, age and other factors.

Those eggs are unfertilised meaning that you can't get a chick from them.

If a cockerel is present he will mate with the hens in the usual way that most animals do and the eggs will be fertilised, meaning that if looked after in the right way a chick will develop inside and after a month will hatch out.

If the egg is just left the embryo does not develop and it can be treated as any other egg.

(Note - this is not strictly true but near enough for this article).

To make the chick develop the egg is incubated by the hen or in an incubator at the right temperature and humidity and also moved regularly.

Him: Thanks. I now understand.

He would go in and get ready for breakfast and I'd reflect on what did they teach in schools nowadays.

We hatched eggs both under hens and in incubators and I learned a few things I'd like to share with you briefly.

Firstly do you know what is inside an egg? Of course you do but let's go into a little detail.

The yolk, the yellow bit, will have a tiny white embryo on the top if fertilised. The rest of it is not food for development as you might think, but is absorbed into the chick just before hatching and sustains it for the first two or three days after hatching.

The white, or albumen, provides the food consumed during the chick's development in the egg. There are two types of white. One thick and the other thin. You may notice this when you crack open an egg. This helps cushion the yolk in the centre of the egg. There is also a string of white connected to the yolk, acting as an axle across the length of the egg, helping hold it in place.

The shell is porous to allow some gaseous transfer during incubation. If a hen is incubating the egg, oil from her feathers is also spread over the shell and acts as an antibiotic. The inside of the shell provides some calcium to the chick, which is why the shells from hatched chicks always seems thinner.

As the embryo develops it is possible to see through the egg with a strong light to see how it is progressing. This is known as candling as in the old days it was done with light from a candle.

Days 4 to 6 are best as you can see the heart and blood vessels forming.

Later on too much has developed to see through.

Once the chick is nearly formed it starts to use its lungs and a very high carbon dioxide content in the shell makes it spasm and the beak enters the air space at the blunt end of the shell and can start to breathe. Note that the chick grows with its head under its wing so it is very compact in the shell.

All poultry have a hard bit on their beaks as chicks, and at the start of hatching the chick spasms and the hard bit punches through the shell. The chick has a little rest and then does it again and again. Each time it does this it also rotates slightly in the shell so when its beak bangs against the shell it forms a cut line. Eventually it gets all the way round and forces itself out and we all go ooh and aah as we observe the newly hatched chick.

Isn't nature wonderful?

Stephen

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2022

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2022

MONDAY, 9 May 2022 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

AGENDA

1. To sign them minutes of the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting. (Copies available on the Parish Council web site or on request to the Clerk—see below)
2. To receive the Annual Report by the Chairman of Council on the Parish Council's year from May 2021.
3. To receive the Financial Report of the Parish Council.
4. To 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

Signed: Cllr Sheila Naish, Chairman of Kenn Parish Council – 19 April 2022

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



FREE FLOWERS 2022

Will be available in June, check at the end of May via the following:-

- Kenn Facebook page
 - A poster notice will be put up at the Village Hall noticeboard
 - An article will be put in the Kenn News & Views (if the timing works out)
- OR Ring a Kenn Parish Councillor at the end of May.....

To put your name on the list for flowers.

Nature recovery green paper – Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Government wants to know what you think about their initial policy proposals regarding protected sites and species. Their targets are to protect 30% of land and sea by 2030, and to halt species decline by 2030.

Feedback from the consultation is intended to help put changes in place that deliver on government goals for nature restoration.

This consultation closes on 11 May 2022.

[Nature recovery green paper - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/nature-recovery-green-paper)

2022 Meetings

9 May – Ann Parish Meeting followed by the Statutory Council
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

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