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NEWS & VIEWS

May - Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st Hartley Staples
Margaret Ball (senior) 95
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.

23rd April - Our St. Georges Flag was flown

St John the Evangelist, Kenn

Kenn Altar Guild

May Rota



Caroline Holden, and Jo Manning

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



Maundy Thursday at Kenn

Good Friday walk in Clevedon

Easter Eve at St Mary's, Yatton

Easter Cross at Kenn



Dear friends,

Thank you to all who helped us celebrate Easter and especially for a moving Maundy Thursday service using the wonderful space we now have at the front of church.

Also, very special thanks to those who decorated the church so beautifully. April was a busy month and May kicks off with Coronation get togethers.

Thanks to Stephen for the information in the magazine on the Village Hall last month highlighting that it is such a great facility for the village, much loved and cared for and such a good venue. We have a village wedding in church in July and the reception is at the hall – a match made in heaven in more ways than one!

We have booklets available in church of prayers leading up to the coronation if anyone is interested and would like to pick one up. Quite a nice memento of the occasion. Limited in numbers so when they have gone, they are gone!

We are continuing on our journey of discerning how we move forward with staffing the Yatton Moor group of parishes and also how we pull together as a group of 5 churches.

On May 13th we have an Away Day at St Andrew's centre in Clevedon so that as many of us as possible from our 5 churches can draw alongside each other to share food, stories, hope and faith.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to share in fellowship on a day led by Helen Fenn from the Diocesan Ministry Team.

Change is always difficult but I have found that the people that I work with and beside at St John's are open to that which promotes growth, builds on strengths, reaches out to those in need and reflects their understanding of a loving, caring God.

There is a hymn we sing every now and again in church which includes these words:

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place....*

For those who live in Kenn, those who visit and those who have found a home in one of the groups who meet here, there is very much a sense of 'all are welcome'. As someone who does not live here but works here and feels so welcome whenever I am able to join an event at the village hall, I am very grateful as I know many others are.

Love and thanks, *Fran*



We enjoyed a busy market on Easter Saturday, the sunshine brought out the shoppers and they appreciated the wonderful range of produce the market has to offer.

The ladies from the WI provided a wonderful selection of cakes for the refreshment table and raised £90 for St Peter's Hospice - a super amount! Thank you.

If you have a charity you would like to raise money for, please contact either Lyn or myself.

We would also welcome any new stall holders too.

Our next market is

**Saturday 13 May
from 10 am to 12pm**

and we hope to see you there.

Maggie Hobbs 876277 or Lyn Burnett 870189

King's Coronation in Kenn.

The aim is to have a fun weekend with the minimum of planning and work.

Sunday 7th May - We will have a 'bring and share' lunch.

Let me know if you are coming, then I can suggest savoury or sweet.

That way we will also know how many people are coming without selling tickets.

I have £195 left over from the platinum so I can get tablecloths and napkins from Macro.

To cut down on washing up we can have compostable plates.

No big washing up rota. We can have a bin for plates, swill them out then put on the compost. One for cutlery that can then go down to my dishwasher. One for leftover food, that can go in the brown food waste bins.

Can the children please bring their own games and entertainment ?

John and Nigel will run a bar and people can bring their own drink if they wish.

The toast can be a drink from the bar or BYO.

A champagne toast is labour intensive to organise.

Itinerary for the Coronation weekend.

Friday 5th May evening. Buster Jack Band in the Hall.

John H and Nigel will run a bar..

Saturday 6th May. Evening get together to prepare the hall for Sunday. Bring a bottle and a few cans.

Sunday 7th May.

12.00noon. Arrival. Bar open or Bring Your Own.

12.30pm. Speeches, toast and sing National Anthem.

1.00pm. Village photograph

1.30pm Shared lunch.

3.30pm. A knockout game where everyone joins in.

4.00pm Tea and cake.

All these times are flexible.

I suggest the only money that changes hands is over the bar.

Throughout the year we all do enough charity giving. Also, it creates another job to do.

Caroline and John.



Thanks go to everyone who continues to add to the collection box in the church porch at St. John's, Kenn.



Liz Jaehme kindly delivers goods to the Foodbank in Clevedon each Friday

Lunch Break

Thank you to everyone who came to the Lunch Break in April. The sun came out, there were spring flowers on the tables as well as an Easter Egg or 2! There's no Lunch Break in May because there are so many Bank Holidays. So, we look forward to June when soup, bread, cheese, cakes and tea and coffee will once again be served from 12.30 in our lovely village hall. A warm welcome awaits anyone who fancies coming along.

No Lunch Break in May

June Lunch Break - Monday 5th June 12.30 - 2pm

Sarah and Tim





KENN W.I.

At the April meeting of Kenn W.I. Jenny Pascoe came to talk to us on First Aid. It was a marvellous talk because she taught us how to instruct others if we were unable to do what is needed through our own physical frailty.

It was very reassuring to know that we would not be completely helpless in an emergency. Jenny has promised to come again and teach us more. Her talks are highly recommended and we would be delighted to see visitors.

Several Coffee Mornings have been held in the Church Room and the Village Market and we should be able to send £500 to St. Peters Hospice.

Diane and Peter Woolf go frequently to the Bristol Mission to Seafarers with our collections of clothing, woolly hats, jigsaw puzzles and toiletries for the sailors who often arrive in this country with nothing.

Twelve of our members went to the Group Meeting in Yatton where we were splendidly entertained by the Great Baldini who performed some amazing conjuring tricks. We wish we knew how he did them.

He was very impressed by the competition entries and found it very difficult to pick a winner. Sadly Kenn was unsuccessful this time.

Tickenham W.I. are to host the next meeting in October. The competition is to be something made with feathers.

A questionnaire asking members what extra they would like the W.I. to do has been circulated and now analysed.

As a result, Marlene Arney and Chris Honor will arrange visits to the theatre or cinema, Margaret Bessant will hold Plant swaps, Jenny Croxton will lead some walks and we will be arranging Craft days.

It is also hoped to set up a Kenn W.I. website.

At the next meeting Lisa Clarke will give a talk entitled The Chocolate Tart. It sounds interesting. Do come and join us, 2.30 on Wednesday 10th May in the Village Hall,

Ann Holtham

Yatton Local History Society

Tuesday May 2nd at 7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church

There will be a talk on Architectural Follies of Bristol and Somerset by Jonathon Holt.

If you are not a member and want to join or want to register an email address please Contact

YLHS at yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

Setting the Sails



AN AWAY DAY
FOR OUR 5 CHURCHES

SATURDAY 13th MAY 9.30-4.30

St. Andrew's Centre

Old Church Rd, Clevedon BS21 7UF

*A time to draw alongside each other,
to share food & stories, hope & faith.*

We will be led on the day by
Helen Fenn : Diocesan Ministry Team
Bring & share lunch. Lifts available.

Enquiries: Nigel 283340. Fran 830120. Office 832184

Kramer Durcan Duo (violin & piano/organ) at St Mary's, Yatton, 20th May, 2023.

This concert is the final concert of the Yatton Music Society's Spring Season and will host the return of these wonderful musicians to 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. Described by Strad magazine as 'a violinist of superior natural talent, an exceptionally sensitive interpreter and a phrase maker of uncommon expressivity' 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. Nicholas is also an acclaimed jazz pianist and appears regularly with London's top jazz musicians. In conjunction with a performing career he is also a composer and arranger and has written the music for the BBC series "A Painters World" and the channel 4 film "The Daughters of De Beauvoir."

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

'Concert and Cuppa'

What a joy! What a pleasure! What a privilege!
On a bright spring Saturday morning we were royally entertained by Sue Parker together with her daughter Ellie, Rachael Cooper and Colin Bedford.



Sue played the piano superbly mixing classical pieces, light operatic and popular songs in a truly inspirational concert.

Ellie sang a mixture of songs including a beautiful rendition of "Somewhere over the rainbow". Rachael sang some fantastic operatic pieces and Colin made his solo debut on the violin.

We then had coffee, delicious homemade cakes and lots and lots of chat.

We were raising money for the DEC Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal and the generosity of the people who attended was off the scale.

We were able to send the grand total of **£2015.00** to DEC
- a truly amazing sum of money!

Thanks go to all the performers, the team who served and washed up the refreshments, ran the Tombola, and everyone who came and donated so generously.

Marianna and Robin

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Marianna Mackay 340323

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David Pugh 874278

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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



with coffee morning

Saturday 13th May 10.00-12 noon

North Somerset Times

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



MAY WASTE COLLECTION - MONDAYS

Recycling and food waste 1st. 8th. 15th. 22nd 29th May
Rubbish 1st, 15th, 29th May



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

Antique and Quality Furnishings.
Jewellery, Collectables etc

Thursday 11th May

www.clevedon-salerooms.com

Quarterly Specialist Sale

Thursday 1st June

Catalogues can be viewed at:

www.clevedonsalerooms.com

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

KENN CHURCH ROOM

Saturday 27 May - 10am-Noon

For: Christian Aid

Coffee, cake - and chat

Anyone wishing to run one of the monthly Coffee Mornings for a charity of their choice, please contact Celia (01275 877806)



Kenn Village Hall News - Our Village Hall now has a lovely piano!

We would like to express our thanks to Chris and Kevin Cooper for the generous donation of their parents' piano following their sad loss earlier this year.

The Coopers had lived here in Kenn for over forty years and we really appreciate having their piano remaining with us in their memory.

It needed just a short trip down Kenn Street and we are grateful to James Griffin at Yeates Removals for arranging the move to its new home.

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



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

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

May 7th Coronation Weekend

8.30am St John's Traditional Holy Communion

11am All Saints' Celebration All Together in Church

May 14th Christian Aid Week

8.30am All Saints' Traditional Holy Communion

11am St John's All Together in Church

May 21st

11am All Saints' Holy Communion

May 28th Pentecost

11am St John's Holy Communion

Every Tuesday and Wednesday 8.15am

Team Morning Prayer on Zoom

Whitsun Treat

With
UKeBox

Backwell's Premiere Ukelele Band -
performing hits old and new.
Leader of the band - Ellis Johns.



**Donations on the day to
The Community Heartbeat Trust**

28TH MAY 4pm HOLY TRINITY, CLEEVE

FREE EVENT REFRESHMENTS

EVERYONE WELCOME

Bird News

A Barn Owl was reported hunting in the Cooks Lane area with another by the Strawberry Line at Congresbury.

A pair of Mistle Thrushes were scolding a Kestrel on Kenn Moor where there was a Kingfisher and another Kestrel. In fact there seems to be good numbers of Kestrels now along with Green Woodpeckers which have been very vocal in April.

Swallows were slow to arrive but lots Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps have been singing along with a few Willow Warblers most of which (the latter) will move on.

In fact a Willow Warbler was singing from a roadside tree opposite the Horsecastle Chapel in Yatton but it soon departed.



Mistle Thrush photo Emily Lomas

Wading birds passed through Dowlais on the estuary but it seems that the prolonged rainfall in March may have scuppered the Lapwings and Redshanks nesting attempts - there is time for them to try again.

A Rookery survey indicated a considerable decline in nests since 2016, but the fact that Ravens have increased in numbers since then may be a factor.

A singing Grasshopper Warbler was a nice surprise on the Strawberry Line at Yatton. These birds are well named, they do sound like a **Grasshopper**. **This is in contrast to Black headed gulls which don't have black heads and Garden Warblers which don't generally frequent gardens.**

Trevor Riddle
01934 835208

Thank you from the Blay Family in Ghana

A big 'THANKYOU' to everyone in Kenn who has given donations, drunk coffee, munched cakes etc in support of the Blay family in Ghana.

As a result I am able to send the summer term school fees for the three children of the late Denis Blay.

They and their mother are being cared for by Denis's younger brother Michael.

Michael and his wife have two children of their own so their house must be a lively place!.

I never cease to be amazed at Michael's optimism, despite Covid, rampant inflation (particularly in food prices) and all the other challenges that life throws at him, he continues to send messages of thanks and encouragement to me and everyone else in Kenn and in the congregation at St John's.

For more info, contact me.

Thanks,

Julia Bush 01275 873554

The Yellow Teapot

Many Thanks to Lyn for hosting the April Yellow Teapot gathering.

May's Yellow Teapot chatting, munching and sipping will happen on

Monday 15th from 2-30pm to 4pm
in Kenn Village Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Julia Bush



Christian Aid Week in Kenn. Sunday 14th May - Saturday 20th May

Firstly, a big 'Thankyou' to everyone who donated to Christian Aid Week in 2022.

Started after WW2 to supply food to European refugees, Christian Aid has grown over the years to help people all over the world grow food and share skills in acquiring clean water.



Now much of its work is concerned with combatting hunger caused by climate change.

Following the success of the Christian Aid Week Collection in Kenn last year, the format will be the same for 2023.

As many houses as possible will receive a 'delivery only' envelope, Envelopes will also be available at the Village Market on 13th May, from Kenn Church porch and where practical, on request.

Please return your envelope to the Mailbox at Quercus in Kenn Street, or to Kenn Church during services, OR call me and when I am passing your house I will collect it.

Thank You,
Julia Bush 01275 873554

Hi Margaret and John,

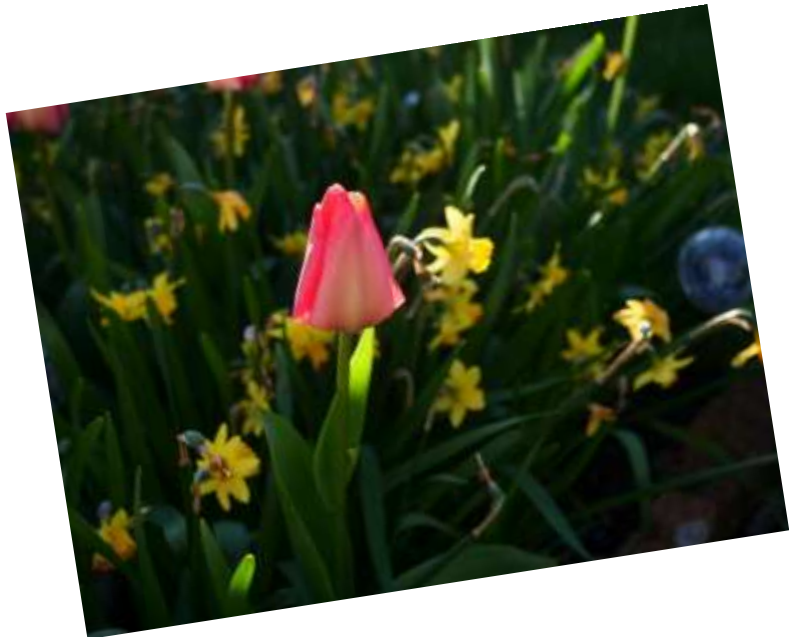
I'm currently rehearsing Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music" with Tickenham Drama Group.

It's one of the most popular and much-loved musical and we have a fabulous, strong cast. It's certainly one not to be missed.

Tickets are on sale online from [ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or call Lynne Purcell on 01275 852663.

Please can you share the poster in our Kenn news. Many thanks Sue x





T hanks go to Chris Holloway
for sharing these springtime
pictures of Kenn

Margaret

Our Monthly Missive from the Limes

The problem with deadlines is that they are inflexible. I'm nearly halfway through this week and have until 9am Friday to write something relatively useful or entertaining. At the moment my mind is filled with rubbish – and no comments please before I explain. I mean rubbish in the form of thinking about litter.

Some weeks ago, in a moment of rashness to which I sometimes succumb, I offered to organise a Village Litter pick. I have never done this before, as in the past others in the village have stepped into the breach, but I guess there comes a time when each one of us has to take up the torch from our predecessors, (younger people please note) – or wear the mantle or whatever simile you prefer.

Taking on the torch is one thing. Having to perform is another and I am grateful that others have been willing to share in the planning of said litter pick and we have started to sort out the details, some of which I will mention here. The rest you will get on the day.

Last month's KN&V requested folk to hold the date of the afternoon of Sunday 4th June for a Village Litter Pick and I have just realised in double checking the date that I had not put it in my own diary!

Anyway, that is when it is. It is voluntary but I really hope you can join us then.

We will meet at the Village Hall at 2pm for a briefing and instructions and then you are on your way. If you have hi vis jackets do wear them. Also bring gloves as you might encounter all sorts of odd things.

We will supply bags, some litter picking tools, more jackets and hopefully, refreshments when you arrive back at the hall afterwards. Children are welcome, BUT – not on the main roads please and parents, do look after them!

If you want to pick litter from an area beforehand, that is great – just let us know what area has been covered. (And speaking of areas, we are looking at Kenn Street, Duck Lane, Kenn Moor Road, Davis Lane and the main road).

Also I know that many of us pick up litter in the normal course of walking around and that is really appreciated and the Litter Pick is not meant to detract from that ongoing work, it is just that from time to time an in depth approach is a great encouragement and boost.

Also there are some roads such as mine that no-one in their right mind would walk along and so litter thrown out there tends to remain. Whenever I walk along Kenn Moor road I always breathe a sigh of relief when I get to Kenn Street as it is so safe compared to everywhere else, and then when you get to the main road you even have pavements!.

I was going to say it is interesting to observe the variety of litter along our roads but it isn't so much interesting as downright depressing. I regularly used to find discarded McDonalds wrappers along my verge and as far as I know the nearest McDonalds is miles away.

On one occasion there were 50 or 60 glass bottles together in the ditch. They didn't get there by accident. Coke and beer tins are another regular as well as wheel trims. Once I found a spoiler from a car!

Sometimes you get something from the back of a lorry. I have a roll of webbing if anyone wants it and from time to time I find odd bits of wood.

At one time we would often find empty plastic milk containers and similar items and you wonder why?

The only conclusion I could come to was that the local recycling lorries did not close their side panels and their contents just blew out.

Certainly along some of the slightly more remote lanes it seemed the litter was worse after collection day.

I never saw it happen however so all I have is speculation and it doesn't seem to be so prevalent nowadays.

In an ideal world we would not need a litter pick as legally it is the responsibility of the councils, in this case North Somerset but we all know what that means.

There was a recent letter in a national paper by someone who had successfully taken his council to court and won over the lack of rubbish collection but at the moment a DIY attitude and pragmatism are probably less stressful and more productive in the short term.

At the time of writing North Somerset have agreed to have a special collection for the waste we collect so perhaps I should not be too scathing about them.

In fact the member of the council we met with was very supportive although we yet have to see it in writing.

Anyway, that's about all I have for this month except to say we have local elections coming up just after KN&V is published and so there are no surprises I can tell you that after 14 years or so I decided not to put a nomination in for the Parish Council.

The members are a great team (well the previous ones were and I assume they will all remain) so do please give them your support and encouragement and bear in mind that while they do what they can they are often reliant on resources and help from North Somerset Council.

Stephen

KENN PARISH COUNCIL **2023**

2023 Meetings
4 May – Council Elections
 15 May – Statutory Ann. Council
 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.

For the local elections on 4 May 23

KENN – BROKEN STREET NAME PLATE

On 25/10/2021 you reported a Broken Signage to us. The North Somerset Council Officer has completed his investigation and closed the call with the following comments:

Thank you for your enquiry. This street name plate has now been added to our priority list for future works.

Only took 18 months!

2023 [Great Weston Ride](#), the long-established challenge bike ride from Bristol to Weston-super-Mare via the Mendips & Somerset Levels, to notify you of arrangements for this year’s event. The route goes through Long Ashton, Failand, Barrow Gurney, Winford, Chew Stoke, Compton Martin, Ubley, Blagdon, Cheddar, Rodney Stoke, Wedmore, East Huntspill, Burnham, Uphill and Weston so, as you can see, the event passes either through or near your local community, and this year’s Ride is scheduled to take place on Sunday 23rd July 2023.



Our aim is to try to ensure it doesn’t come as a surprise to anyone on the day, and advance notice should enable people to plan their own activities accordingly, This year we’ll be helping to raise funds for the Bristol & Weston Hospitals Charity, which supports the Bristol Children’s Hospital as well as NINE other local hospitals in our area.



Flood Action Guides

If your community has been affected by the flooding experienced across Wessex or if you want to raise awareness and preparedness in your community about flooding, we can provide printed guides for you to share with your community. They include:

- Flood Action Guide (adapted for your community)
- Personal Flood Plan
- FloodRe leaflet (helpful insurance guide)
- Flood Warnings (now what to do and when)