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NEWS & VIEWS

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

9th Andrew Jenkins
10th Irene Stowell (90)
12th John Allison
 Oliver Hill
 Sue Baber
13th Sheila Naish
 Jody Stowell
16th Miles and Sheila Naish - W.A
22nd Emma Palmer (Smith)
27th Rebecca Brett (Fenwick)
 Sarah Melling (Griffin)
28th Sarah Clark
28th Grace & John Griffin - W.A.
29th Richard Jaehme

OUR FLAG

Our flag was flown at half mast on 3rd October to mark the passing of Brian Cook on the 2nd October and on the 20th for his funeral at St John's, Kenn.

Our flag half-mast for Cyril Willcox's funeral on Monday 5th October.

On the 6th in celebration of the birth of Jasper Stanley Porch.

And again at half mast for the funeral of Jean Naish on Friday 9th October.

On Friday 23rd October to mark the death of Win Cole aged 102 on the 22nd.

At full mast on Monday 26th October in celebration of Margaret Bessant's 80th Birthday



Christingle in Kenn 2020.

Due to Covid restrictions we won't be having the usual Christingle Service this year.

However, moves are afoot for a different kind of Christingle celebration involving Oranges, Candles Fruit, Sweets and pointy sticks.

More info soon,

Fran, Julia and Caroline

Front Cover

An opportunity to do a bit of colouring during this strange time.

Dear Friends,

October was a sad month for the village as we lost four wonderful and much-loved local characters and also so sad that we could not all come together for funerals as we would normally do. However, it was heart-warming to see the support that the local community gave in whatever way they could.

I know that other people in the village have also been bereaved and so it seems appropriate that November is a month for us at church of remembering, a time to pause and reflect.

We will be remembering those who gave their lives during conflict, those who we have loved and lost more recently and those who continue to need our help in difficult times.



For the 'Remembering our Loved Ones' service on November 22nd - if you have anyone whose name you would like remembered at the service then please do fill in a slip in the porch at St John's and put it in the post box there.

At the end of the month on November 29th we have a 'Toy Service' where we shall be collecting toys to give to the Foodbank for distribution at Christmas to remember children in need. So please if you would like to donate, please place your gift in the box in the porch at church.

November 29th is also Advent Sunday and we move to a season of looking ahead, looking forward with hope and encouraging one another as we wait.

I know this will be a vastly different Advent but we do have plans for a Christmas for all ages and more details will be in December's magazine.

Finally, I'd like to recommend a book, maybe a Christmas book. It's a bit of a modern 'Winnie the Pooh' and it's called 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' by Charlie Mackesy. Some of you may already know it. It has some lovely, thought provoking passages like these:

'What do we do when our hearts hurt?' asked the boy. We wrap them with friendship, shared tears and time, till they wake hopeful again.'

And 'When the big things feel out of control....focus on what you love under your nose. This storm will pass.'

Blessings, *Fran*

Guerrilla Bagging comes to Kenn

Several beautiful cloth bags appeared at Kenn church in time for a morning service.

They were to be distributed at no cost!

There was no clue as to who had made them, but they did bear a label from Morsbags.org 'Sociable, guerrilla bagging'

Further research on the internet revealed Morsbag to be an international movement dedicated to fewer plastic (including long life ones).

The method is simple, *make bags out of fabric, give them away.*
Apart from the Morsbag label there needs to be no back story, no follow up.

Except of course, there is human curiosity and if you look up Morsbag.org there is a wealth of information and encouragement on a well planned website.

Have a look! JB&JB

Heaven Preserve Us Christmas Packs. -

I will be happy to make bespoke selection packs for Christmas gifts, These packs contain a marmalade, a jelly and a chutney, prices vary with the size of the jars. *TO ORDER ONLY.*
Orders by the end of November please for delivery in the second week of December.

Also available to order will be Mincemeat (Gluten free, Vegan, but contains Brandy for preservative purposes!). Orders by 10th December please.
All profits to the Yatton Moor General Fund

Thanks, Julia Bush 01275 873554

Cakes in November.

This month I will be baking on Friday 13th. Sponges, Fruit cakes, Lemon Drizzles, Marmalade Cakes, Spicy Apple Loaves etc.

This month and next, profits will go to the Blay Family in Ghana, for the children's school fees.

Orders by Thursday 12th please. Delivery by arrangement.
Thank you, Julia Bush

The Kenn Christmas Card

Keep warm and Dry, Protect Villagers, Save Lives, Help Others

Did any of you wonder last year as you were delivering Christmas cards around the village, getting cold and wet "Should I be doing this today?"

Well this year we might need to be asking ourselves that question even more.

Should we be walking up to front doors and posting many handled cards through letter boxes?

Are we socially mixing more when we are still meant to be vigilant and responsible, keeping our distance and trying to minimise the spread of Covid, especially in winter?

This village has always prided itself in what it can achieve for charities in need. This year in particular, **Weston Hospice** has missed out on considerable income as its charity shops have been closed during lock down and in fact many have not re-opened.

We are going to set up a Just Giving page for Weston Hospice.

Please will you consider making a donation to this page rather delivering Christmas cards?

You will keep warm and dry, protect villagers, save lives and help the people that the Hospice supports.

Details of the site will be published in the December magazine.

Don't worry, you will not miss out on the Christmas card. Margaret has kindly agreed to print The Kenn Christmas Card in the centre pages of December's magazine.

You can then take it out and display it among your other Christmas cards. Please support the Just Giving page this Christmas and do something positive during these challenging times.

Jenny Pascoe

If you would like your Christmas Greetings added to the Village Christmas Card, please let me know before the 27th November so that your name can be included.

Margaret



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Postponed - Covid 19

North Somerset Times

Don't forget that copies are freely available in the porch at St. Johns from Wednesdays.



MONDAYS

Recycling & food waste 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd. 30th November
Dustbin 2nd and 16th November
Garden Waste 2nd and 16th November



Clevedon Salerooms

FINE ART AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

Tel: 01934 830111

Email: info@clevedon-salerooms.com

Antiques, Interiors, Collectables & Jewellery
12th November - 10.00am

Viewing at Saleroom
by appointment or On-Line

Auction On-Line

Quarterly Specialist Sale
Thursday 3rd December 10.30am

Viewing at Saleroom
- by appointment or On-Line

SALE WILL BE ON LINE
Catalogues can be viewed at
www.clevedon-salerooms.com

Our thanks go to the Naish family for sharing with us this report on Jean's life written by her late husband Ray.

Murial Jean Naish

Murial Jean Naish, known as Jean, was born in Clevedon, one of nine children of Fred and Daisy Fortune. She attended St Johns School Clevedon until she was 11, then moved to Highdale School, Clevedon. During her years at Highdale School, she joined the Girl Guides. When the war broke out in 1939 lots of evacuees moved to Clevedon from London. As a Girl Guide Jean was asked to go along to the Reception Centre. She was asked to help comfort the many evacuees until they could be found homes in Clevedon. Many of the children were in great distress, but many found good homes with Clevedon people.

When she left school in 1940, at the age of 13, she got a job at the Lexicon Library, Clevedon. The wages for which were 7 shillings 6 pence a week (just over 30p a week in today's money). She saved the proceeds from her work until she was around 16, when she was obliged to do war work. So she joined Folland's Aircraft Parts Factory near the Curzon Cinema House.

When she was a teenager she and her sisters Brenda and Audrey joined a concert party run by Mrs Pearl Wilcox. They raised huge amounts of money entertaining people for the war effort, like 'Red Cross Week' and 'Spitfire Week etc...

Jean stayed at Folland's Aircraft Parts until the war was coming to an end, when she had to leave and moved onto a job in the Ticket Office at Clevedon Train Station. When the service men came back from the war they were offered their pre-war jobs back, so again she had to leave her post.



Upon leaving the Ticket Office Jean took a job as Wages Clerk at Woodington's Boot Factory Clevedon and stayed there until her Marriage to Ray Naish in April 1950.

On her marriage to Ray, they moved to Court House, Kingston Seymour to live with Ray's Grandmother. There was a great shortage of houses at that time, due to so many being blown down by bombs during the war. After living there a few years they moved to Stone Lea, Kenn, near Kenn Post Office.

In the early 1960's they moved into one half of Stonehouse Farm, Kenn where their three children Miles, Jeff and Heather were brought up. Ray was then moved back into the house where he was born and Ray and Jean lived there until the year 2000. They then moved into a bungalow that they had built, in what used to be their vegetable garden at the farm.

While in Kenn, Jean became a founder member of Kenn Women's Institute and also the Kenn Mother's Union. She was for many years Secretary of Kenn Alter Guild, a post she held until her retirement in 2007. She did much work organising the cleaning and upkeep of the churches interior for many years.

(Muriel) Jean Naish - 15.8.26 — 17.9.20

All the family of Jean Naish would like to thank everyone for all the kind words, cards, letters, flowers and visits.

Since our dear mum (Jean) was reunited with dad, Ray (17th September 2020) we have been overwhelmed with everyone's kindness and love at this very sad time.

Our family have been so grateful for all the support from the church, villagers, friends and family .

We were so touched by everyone coming out to clap in Kenn Street on Mum's farewell through the village in such horrible weather on the 9th October.

You can't imagine how much this meant to us all in these very difficult times. Thank you .

Mum will be desperately missed by us all with her warmth, kindness, love and humour.

Every day she would make you smile.

Also everyone that knew mum in the past would know what a talented person she was and how she supported village and church life.

We all have such fond and loving memories of her that will be treasured for ever .

Thank you all once again from all the family.



Church Floodlighting -

Now the nights are drawing in - you may wish to remember someone by having our church floodlit.

If so, please contact David Pugh 874278.

A small donation towards the cost of power is appreciated.



Book group.



Technology failed us this month.

We humans are hard wired to communicate with each other, so we ended up having book group by phone and Email.

A group member suggested we read 'Maus' a graphic novel by Art Spiegelman. The novel has an intertwined double narrative. Firstly, Art asking his father about his experience as a Polish Jew and holocaust survivor. It is an integral part of their family history. At the same time Art and his father experience the same fraught relations between any father and son. The second narrative is Art's father's account of his time in concentration camps. A strangely compelling read. Made even more engaging by Spiegelman's postmodern technique of drawing Jews as mice, Germans as cats and Poles as pigs.

Other personal reading included, 'The Witnesses' and 'Four Days in a Lifetime'. Two books by Georges Simenon which are not about Maigret. Rather they are psychological stories which get into the minds of the characters.

Also read was 'Following Hadrian' by Elizabeth Speller. The story of the 2nd century Roman Empire especially following Hadrian's travels and intrigues.

Our next meeting is on Monday 23rd November 2020 on Zoom.

Stay safe and well.

Book group.

Church Opening for Private Prayer

During the winter period, St John's will be open for private prayer on Sundays from 11.00am until 4.00pm and on Wednesday afternoons from 2. 00pm until 4.00pm



Bird News

My comment last month that Fieldfares and Redwings might arrive by the end of October was rather cautious with a North Easterly airflow mid month bringing some sizeable flocks. Robin Mackay saw some on Kenn Moor, others were seen at Kingston Seymour and Congresbury Moor. It is likely that most of these birds will have moved on to Southern Europe.

Swallows finally left their nesting sites at the end of September. Two along with two House Martins were over Cadbury Hill on the 10th **and I didn't see any subsequently.**

On the same date there was a large mixed tit flock at Cadbury containing Great, Blue Coal, Marsh and Long Tailed Tits with at least one Chiffchaff.

Visits to the sea wall produced plenty of migrants, with lots of Meadow Pipits passing through and Wheatears - seven on the 5th and still one on the 22nd.

A juvenile Marsh Harrier, probably from the Somerset Levels population was seen on two dates and on the 19th it was joined by a Merlin and a Short Eared Owl.

Various wader species were on the move including a tiny Little Stint seen at a distance of two metres by John Croxton.

Some species that come from the Arctic (and have never seen a human) can be ridiculously tame.

Two Brent Geese were on the old Kenn Estuary, with at least 500 Shelduck on the wider estuary.

Trevor Riddle. 01934 835208.

Hi Robin and Marianna

Thank you, once again for thinking of our Christmas project to support. You're about two weeks ahead of our big social announcement, so very on the ball.

As always Caring at Christmas will be going ahead, providing compassion, care, medical and emotional support, food, clothing, wellbeing, housing, advocacy and companionship to those who are street homeless at a particularly hard time of year.

We've spent the last 6 months hitting the drawing board to make sure the event is COVID safe and that has meant a change of venue on the 25/26 and 27th to ensure social distancing. So we will be taking over Lakota, Pizza Bianchis and the Stokes Croft Beer garden to create our Christmas pop-up support festival that is safe, hygienic and well managed for both our beneficiaries, volunteers and staff.

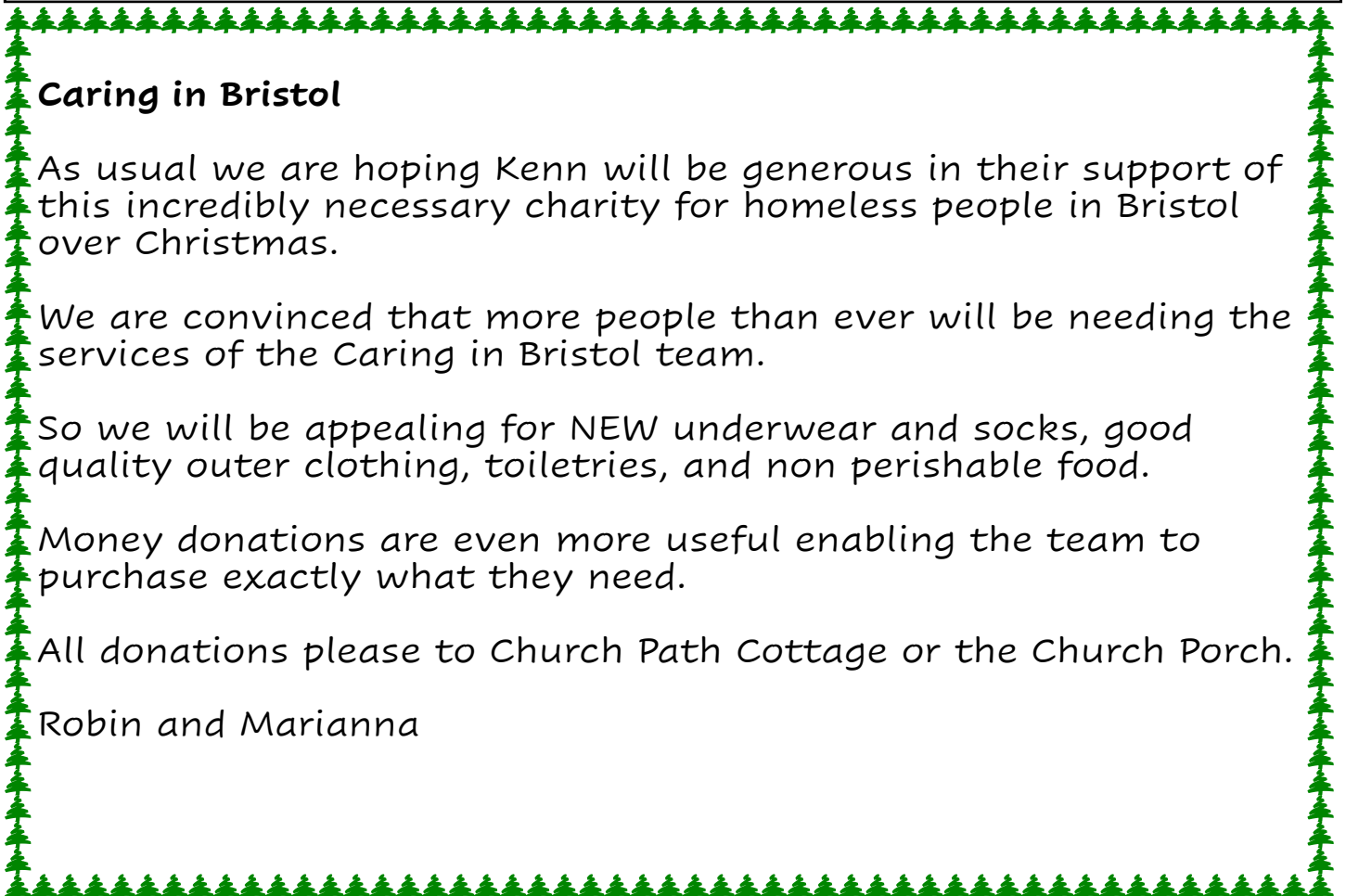
We'll be ramping up the medical checks and attendees access to health support. You can see the video and impact of last year's event here: <https://caringinbristol.co.uk/project/caring-at-christmas/>

We will be recruiting volunteers soon and providing our downloadable donations lists from our website.

This year alongside Caring at Christmas our Cheers Drive project will be running every day until March, providing over 5000 meals to those on the edge of street homelessness and in very temporary accommodation, alongside those who have faced financial devastation.

We're immensely proud of both projects.

Kind regards, Antonia



Caring in Bristol

As usual we are hoping Kenn will be generous in their support of this incredibly necessary charity for homeless people in Bristol over Christmas.

We are convinced that more people than ever will be needing the services of the Caring in Bristol team.

So we will be appealing for NEW underwear and socks, good quality outer clothing, toiletries, and non perishable food.

Money donations are even more useful enabling the team to purchase exactly what they need.

All donations please to Church Path Cottage or the Church Porch.

Robin and Marianna



SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2020

Kenn W.I. has 24 members this year.

It has been a very peculiar year as the Coronavirus Pandemic meant that all activities ceased from March. Until that time members enjoyed the programme that had been arranged.

It is hoped that the remainder of the programme can be moved to 2021.

At the December meeting members exchanged cards and Santa delivered a present to each member. The Hall had been beautifully decorated and we all ate mince pies and felt very festive. Our speaker was Sarah Cooke, a weaver who uses discarded items such as tin foil, crisp packets and computer wires and makes the most amazing things.

In January we discussed the Resolutions for the National AGM which sadly were not used. They were on female crash test dummies, modern slavery, talking about death and dying and finally protecting the limited supply of helium. The results were sent to the Avon Federation. Members and their guests also enjoyed lunch at Carriages in Tickenham.

Nick King came to talk in February and described to us all the products that can be made from goat's milk and their therapeutic uses.

Members organised the Coffee Morning in the New Room in aid of the chosen 2020 charity, the Bristol Centre for Seafarers.

In March we were treated to a fascinating talk by Mrs. Jane Bell about the Romans in Kingston Seymour. Members served the coffee at the Village Market also in aid of our chosen charity.

Then came Lockdown! We arranged to meet in the open air behind the Village Hall in August with members bringing their own chairs, food and drink. It was a purely social occasion.

A projected visit to the Bristol Centre for Seafarers has been postponed and items made for them still have to be delivered.

Kenn was due to host the Group Meeting in April, we wait to see if we will be able to hold it in 2021.

All other Group activities have been cancelled.

Our President, Mrs. Woolf, has delivered notices and letters to each member during this time and there have been frequent telephone calls to members with the exchange of news.

The Committee have all agreed to serve another year and we all hope that it will not be too long before we resume our normal activities.

Ann Holtham

SERVICES FOR November 2020

1st. November All Saints

8.30 am St John's: BCP Holy Communion
 11.00 am All Saints': Holy Communion and Patronal
 6.00 pm Zoom Service

8th. November : Remembrance

10.45 am St. John's: Act of Remembrance and
 service
 3.00 pm All Saints': Act of Remembrance and service
 (booking needed)
 6.00 pm Zoom Service

15th. November: 2nd. Before Advent

8.30 am St John's: Holy Communion
 11.00 am All Saints: Remembering our loved ones
 (booking needed)
 6.00 pm Zoom Service

22nd. November : Christ the King

8.30 am All Saints': BCP Holy Communion
 11.00 am St. John's: Remembering our loved ones
 6.00 pm St. Mary's Musical Meditation streamed

29th. November: Advent Sunday

8.30 am All Saints': Morning Prayer
 11.00 am St John's: Holy Communion (Toy Service)
 6.00 pm Zoom Service

Congratulations to new Grandparents



Phil and Jackie Porch of Duck Lane, Kenn became grandparents for the first time on Sunday 4th October when Jasper Stanley Porch was born at 2.59 pm weighing 7lbs.

Proud parents Becky and Rob Porch also live in the village, at the coach house of the Old Vicarage.

Our flag was flown on the 6th October in celebration

Paul and Kate Hallett who live the West Wing of Kenn Court are pleased to announce the arrival of their first grandchild Anaya Hope Hallett.

Anaya was born on the 7th October weighing 8lbs 8oz and has a good hairstyle.



Sadly no Christmas Market this year.

However, people have still been busy and Mary Ashton is now offering some of her Christmas bits.

Christmas face masks £3.00 (with flexible nose contour)

Terry's Chocolate orange Christmas trees £4.50 (chocolate orange included)

Ferrero Rocher Christmas trees £2.00 (chocolate included)

To make your order please contact - Mary Ashton Tel 07929715089
Mary.ashton@hotmail.co.uk Facebook / messenger WhatsApp



Chalice Handbell Team under new administration!

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Margaret Hooker of 63 Mendip Road, Yatton, BS49 4HP, Tel. No. 01934 833751, will take over as leader of the Chalice Handbell Team with immediate effect 09.10.2020.

All contacts, bookings, and queries in future should be addressed to Margaret. We are in lock-down as far as bookings at the moment are concerned but a maximum of 6 of the team are meeting socially occasionally at Margaret's.

Regards, Geoff. Marchant.

Margaret Bessant celebrated her 80th Birthday on Monday 26th October,.

Our flag was flown in celebration.

She writes —

“Thank you so much for the many cards and good wishes received on my 80th Birthday. I’ve had a wonderful week !”



Robert Brian Cook 16.4.32 — 2.10.20

The Revd Fran Binding conducted Brian's funeral at St John's on 20th October with a 'covid' limited congregation, so we share her words with the village.

"Brian was a man of many facets as we will hear from Richard who had a few names – including Grango and lucky Bob.

You will know that Margaret and Liz love their singing, that they have missed very much over the last few months and although Brian was NOT a singer (as Margaret said, he invented notes) he enjoyed music, especially opera and so this afternoon's music has been chosen with great love and care.

Although we have not known it, he has, in a very different way been part of all our lives, as he was involved in producing the original seal that we now are so familiar with around our fridge doors!

His life was full and he always had so much more to do than just work. At various stages gardening, opera lover, fishing, expert home wine maker, ballroom dancer, Roman and Greek historian but most important of all husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. I have chosen this reading from 1 Corinthians because ultimately the most important thing in Brian's life was love.

Love for his family and theirs for him."

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

Margaret Cook, Liz and Martin Jaehme and our family would like to thank everyone in the village who have been so kind and supportive following the death of Brian Cook on 2nd October 2020.

We have received so many cards, letters, flowers, bulbs and offers of help and support that we have been astonished. We were also so touched by the number of people who stood outside their homes to applaud Dad as he made his final journey along Kenn Street. Thank you all so much! It is very comforting to know that Dad was loved and respected by so many people in Kenn.

Once again we realise just how special our community in Kenn is.

The love, kindness, thoughtfulness and friendship we have experienced from so many neighbours has been wonderful. Thank you all so much.

Liz Jaehme

Editor's note - due to ill-health Richard Jaehme's fascinating and amusing eulogy for his grandfather was delivered by a recording - the family have asked that his words be included in our magazine, but sadly, lack of space will not permit this. If anyone would like a copy, please ask me and I will forward it with pleasure. Margaret 874077 margaret.john@btinternet.com

Personal memories of Brian Cook

About 14 years ago, we knew Liz, Martin, Richard and Chris Jaehme well. It was good news for us that Liz's Mum and Dad, Margaret and Brian, would be moving into West Haven, immediately opposite us.

Since then, Brian and Margaret have become such good friends and neighbours. They have fitted so well into the Kenn community, helping and taking part in many village events.

We remember in particular how Brian loved working in the garden, spending many hours filling it with beautiful shrubs and flowers, particularly roses.

We remember how delighted he and Margaret were when they had their much-loved Kara, and their many walks with her around the village.

We remember their Friday night shared dinners with Liz and Martin, and seeing them both walking down to Carpenter's Farm, looking smart and happy, ready for many family celebrations.

We remember seeing many visitors to West Haven, including their lovely grandsons, Richard and Chris, and more recently, Richard's wife, Kim, and children Evie and Willow, and Chris's partner, Courtney.

We remember the pride on Brian's face when he watched Margaret and Liz sing so beautifully at the concerts they organised in the Village Hall with their choral society.

We wished we had known Brian for longer and as a younger man.

Sadly, in the later part of his life, he has suffered illness, but he bore this so well and with such dignity.

Of course he has always had the wonderful, stalwart support of his devoted wife, Margaret, and Liz, Martin and family, not forgetting the company of Kara at his side.

Our impression of Brian in the years we have had the pleasure of knowing him, is that above all he was a loving and much-loved family man.

He and Margaret built up a close family unit who supported one another through difficult times, but also knew how to enjoy themselves and have a lot of fun. Alongside this Brian also managed a very successful career. He was a man who had led a fulfilling and good life and seemed happy with his lot.

He was always the gentleman; friendly, affable, with a generous spirit and a lovely smile!
He will be greatly missed.

Jan and Colin Bedford and family



Mask buyers of Kenn,
'Take a Bow!'

You have earned a
certificate!

Thanks to mask sales over
September there was
enough profit to fund
another surgery for a
child in the developing
world born with cleft,
courtesy of 'Smile Train'

I received a certificate
made out to
The Mask Buyers of Kenn.

It is on display on the
Village Hall noticeboard.

Julia Bush



LUNCH AT ST JOHN'S KENN.

Usually on the first Monday of the month, 12.00 noon to 2.00pm.

Goodness, it is now seven months since we last got together for lunch in the church. I will continue to post this flyer for the monthly event. It is a way of holding hope in our hearts. Looking forward to a time when we can come together again for food and conversation. Realistically I think it is still many months before we can have our lunch at St John's again. But it will happen one day.

Please witness here that I have £50 left from funds. I will use this as start-up money for when it is safe to gather again.

Stay safe and well. Caroline.



Neighbourhood Watch

Received 23rd October



The PCC — Police Crime Commissioner launches poll to seek views on police enforcement of coronavirus regulations

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Sue Mountstevens has launched a one-question poll to understand local people's views on police enforcement of the regulations set out by Government to reduce the spread of Coronavirus. Please see the attached document for more information and how to register your view.

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/media/32958245/police-enforcement-covid-19-survey.pdf>

This weblink contains a link to the poll itself. The direct link to the poll is as follows:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XSD2LHG>

Supper Club and News from The Drum

For various reasons, sadly, none of us made it to The Drum on Supper Club night in October.

However, some have continued having meals there during the month.



Jamie has some generous offers in the restaurant at the moment, including a meal and drink for £10. You may have seen the details on Facebook or the board outside the pub.

He continues to work hard to encourage our support.

The next Supper Club should be on Wednesday 18th November. Let's hope we can make it this time!

You can contact Jamie on jfthomas314@gmail.com or phone him on 07393 743471.

Our Monthly Missive from The Limes

When I was a kid there were only two “naughty” words I knew which began with the letter “B”. One had an “l” in it and the other a “u”. On very rare occasions my mother had been heard to utter the second word, but the first never passed her lips.

KN&V may never rise to the ultimate summits of culture and wit but it does have its standards so I won’t go into these words in detail except to say they are used to express intense frustration, possibly anger, and to create emphasis when used in a sentence. In other words they are associated with emotions.

In recent time I have added two more “B” words to my vocabulary. Both have remarkable similarities with the first two in that they can also represent frustration, anger and other emotions. They also have much in common with each other.

In case you haven’t guessed, the two words are “Brexit” and “Broadband”.

Both have now been around for some time. Both originated from the government. Both promised wonderful futures. Both have been subject to delays, incompetence at high levels, broken promises, misinformation, frustration, and give rise to high emotional responses. Both are slowly creeping closer to some sort of resolution. Both are going to be expensive. One may make life more convenient but one will certainly not.

So in the light of this and also the other disaster area – Covid of course, what can I write to fulfil Margaret’s original desire for articles that are “amusing and informative”? Well, read on...

Broadband IS getting closer. We have visible signs of work. Cables are dangling from poles like fruit ready to be plucked and little green cabinets appear like Martians from outer space. Therefore I thought it timely to look at this in a little detail and give readers the opportunity to have an educational outing. In fact I’m thinking in terms of a broadband nature trail.



To recap slightly, there are two companies installing rural broadband in the area. One is Gigaclear who I slagged off well and truly a few months ago after they reneged on doing anything for Kenn. The other is Truespeed, who although not perfect do appear to be doing a reasonable job to keep us informed of their delays.

To get fast broadband you need a connection to the main internet. In practice this means cables. If none are in place then they have to be installed. You can either drape them from poles or put them underground. If you are lucky there may be tubes (ducts) already underground you can shove cables through. BT for example are now required to make their ducts available for competitors, (which to me seems a bit stiff when you have done all the work in the first place but never mind).

In general Gigaclear prefer to put stuff underground and dig their own trenches for cables and Truespeed tend to go overhead but also do some underground work and also use BT ducts where they can.

Although Gigaclear have given up on Kenn they are doing some work in the area and have installed ducting as far as Kenn Moor Road. It is not connected up and they haven’t crossed Kenn Pier and there is nothing in the ducts but they are currently cabling Claverham and Yatton so they are active in the area.

So how do you connect all this to the internet? You probably don't realise but most major roads in this country have telephone cables alongside, connecting the towns and cities to each other. Many of these now also have internet cables. The A38 near Langford has such a cable and is where Truespeed patch into the internet. I'm a little unclear where Gigaclear patch in. It might be the A370 or the A38.

Anyway, at this stage the route of the cables from Kenn to those points is fairly easy to trace. For our tour let's start at the Kenn bus shelter where you will see a large green cabinet alongside. It is from here that Truespeed will connect the village. If you proceed along Kenn Street you will see Truespeed's cables strung along poles and loops in place ready for connections. In places it disappears underground and then re-emerges. As you get beyond Duck lane it does disappear and then there is a new set from the pole at the end, going along Kenn Moor Road towards Kenn Pier.

Head that way. Opposite Avon Plants is a manhole in the verge. This is the nearest Gigaclear's ducting got to us as they approached Kenn. There are further manholes towards Kenn Pier and signs of trenching in the road and then a green cabinet which is also Gigaclear's. As you pass houses, look for little plastic boxes in the ground outside the properties. This is where you can connect to Gigaclear's network if and when it ever happens.

So along Kenn Moor Road you have Gigaclear ducting underground and Truespeed overhead on poles. Neither are connected up yet. Anyway, at Kenn Pier, turn right. Truespeed's overhead cables carry onto the houses and then stop. Looking down you can see Gigaclear's trenching along the road or verge all the way to the Blue Flame where there is another Gigaclear green cabinet. Carry on following the road and then the trenching takes a turn first right and then first right again all the way to the traffic lights at Brockley. This may well be where it will connect to a main internet cable.

Now carry on over the road towards the airport. You may see more signs of trenching. At the A38 lights stop looking, turn right and zoom down to Langford. Here we will pick up the Truespeed route.

Head towards the vet school and you will see more trenching in the road. This is Truespeed's. It goes all the way to Congresbury where you will see fresh tarmac in places. There some apparent gaps. This is where it will make use of BT underground ducts.

Carry on through Yatton and the same happens, particularly at Frost Hill where there are fresh signs of work. Now carry on through Yatton all the way to Kenn and back to the Truespeed box. Congratulations, you have now traced the broadband infrastructure.

Of course there are all sorts of variations on this nature trail. You could count the number of green cabinets or boxes in the road. You could even take selfies with them and send them to the editor. You could count the number of cable loops dangling. You could walk it, run it, cycle it. The possibilities are endless. Good clean fun for all the family.

Stephen

Cyril James Willcox

Robert, Rosemary & family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of condolences and support.

May we also thank all the kind friends who made dad's funeral a joyous departure in these difficult times.

Many thanks.



St John the Evangelist, Kenn

Ray Naish used to say that at weddings in Kenn all the bells were rung in celebration but at funerals only one bell tolled.

(This was his little joke as Kenn only has one bell.)

Apart from Sunday services, Our bell rang out three times during October

On Monday 5th for Cyril Willcox's funeral - Prior to the service John Griffin rang The Tellers on our bell 3 x 3 for a man and 90 x 1 for each year of his life.

On Friday 9th October John rang for Jean Naish's funeral - this time 2 x 3 for a woman plus 94 x 1 for each year of her life.

Tuesday 20th October for the funeral of Brian Cook - 3 x 3 for a man plus 88 x 1 for his age.

The average age was over 90—John wondered if this was a record. It is for Kenn.

This month November, John will ring for Win Cole - 2 x 3 for a woman plus 102 x 1 for her age.

This will really increase the average.

Winifred Violet Cole 10.1.1918 - 22.10.20



Win Cole, nee Staples originally of Riverside Farm, Kenn has passed away peacefully at home in Yatton.

Her funeral service will be held at St. John the Evangelist, Kenn at 12.30pm on Thursday 5th November when she will be buried with her late husband Tom.

Win was our 'cover girl' in March this year and regularly contributed letters to News and Views.

We send our sympathy to granddaughter Lynnette and Win's huge family. She was Aunty Win to so many villagers

We hope for a report on her life in the next magazine.

Our photograph was taken at Kenn Christmas Tea Party in the early 2000's

CHRISTMAS PLANS

We have agreed with Ali and the family Lochraine, our brilliant house band, that we can do outdoor carols and the official lighting of the Christmas tree lights on **MONDAY 21/12/20 at 7pm.**

Obviously we will have to work out how we can socially distance the event, if the restrictions have not been lifted by then, but hopefully we will be able to get Christmas off to an enjoyable start.

WATCH FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robin and Marianna

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2020

North Somerset Parking Review Extended

- ✦ Plans to bring new parking charges to Clevedon, Portishead and Nailsea have been put on hold.
- ✦ The new tariffs were proposed earlier this year in response to ongoing problems across North Somerset.

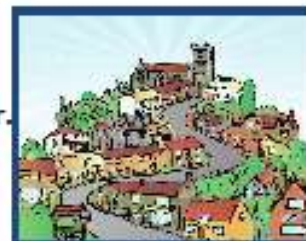


On the 21 October North Somerset Council (NSC) agreed to extend the review to better assess the impact of the current Covid-19 pandemic on parking habits before changes are made, and to continue work to look at options to introduce residents' parking permit schemes.

Having listened to feedback from residents and town/parish councils (**Kenn Parish Council sent comments expressing concerns at the charges proposal**) they confirmed they will not be taking forward proposals for new charges at this time, but will continue to look at the management of parking in North Somerset as part of longer-term planning.

North Somerset commitment to increase walking & cycling

Proposals to make walking & cycling a more natural transport choice for residents and visitors to North Somerset have moved a step closer. NSC's Active Travel Strategy is a 10-year plan that aims to increase opportunities for walking and cycling, tackle the climate emergency, improve public health and boost the economy.



The strategy will be open to public consultation via NSC website from the 2 November until the 14 December 20.

It includes proposals such as:

- ✦ creating active travel neighbourhoods in our existing communities,
- ✦ ensuring new developments make active travel the natural choice from the outset
- ✦ prioritising walking and cycling over motor vehicle traffic wherever possible.

Through delivering high quality walking & cycling networks and increasing publicity and awareness of these, the strategy aims to increase walking and cycling trips by 300 per cent by 2030. They are urging everyone to get involved.



2020 Meetings

7:30pm in the Village Hall

2 November – Council Meeting

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