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WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO FOCUS ON...



...WILL GROW

NEWS & VIEWS

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

9th Andrew Jenkins
10th Irene Stowell
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
 Jo Manning
28th Grace & John Griffin - W.A.
29th Richard Jaehme



Christingle in Kenn 2021
St John's Church
11.00am Sunday
28th November
Everyone Welcome!

Kenn Parish Council - Chairman's notes

The memorial service for Mrs Jill Iles was held on Saturday 23rd of October. Jill passed away in 2020 during Covid and this was the first opportunity to pay respects. Jill was our North Somerset Councillor for many years, she was always helpful and her wealth of experience helped us greatly in a lot of issues, especially the Modwen site.

Personally I was grateful for her help and advice on many matters, she was always ready to help and listen. I have missed her greatly.

Our wildflower patches continue to delight! So pretty.

Our next meeting is on Monday 1st November in our hall, all welcome 7.30

Sheila

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.



Dear friends,

I've been away for a couple of weeks during October on delayed holiday breaks, feel refreshed and now feel like I'm settling in for the autumn and winter with the clocks changing and the days getting shorter, filling the freezer, and beginning to make Christmas presents! But it's not the usual feeling of preparation for the seasons of remembering, and I still can't quite plan as I would like as this month, with the rate of COVID infections rising, and the COP26 conference in Glasgow, I have much on my mind! However, at church we are addressing both these issues as best we can and carrying on with enthusiasm.

Like many I have times when I am tired of the restrictions and hope that life will soon return to 'normal' but as Nigel Thomas, the vicar of Cleeve and Claverham, said in a recent message to his parishes 'I want to encourage us as a church to be part of the solution rather than adding to the problem.' Thom M. Shuman (pastor, poet and member of the Iona Community) said, 'I will wear a mask because my faith tells me to love my neighbour as much as I love myself. Yes, it makes it hard for conversation and communication. I know that all too well, living with a person who has a hearing impairment. But I trust that by wearing a mask, I say something about how I care for the other person, far more than any spoken words might express. I will continue to wear a mask.' So, for now at St John's for we will continue to wear masks at our services unless we are leading in some capacity, continue to use hand sanitiser, and be aware of social distancing and sensitive to those who are vulnerable – Hands, Face, Space.

However, we are planning for all our usual services through November and December as well as the 'specials' with an all-age Remembrance Day service on November 14th, Christingle Service on November 28th, Carol Service on December 19th, Crib service on Christmas Eve and a Christmas Day family communion service. We are hoping that by Christmas the church will have a more user-friendly space at the front and we will have the new audio-visual system fully up and running which will allow us to be more imaginative in what we do both in services and for other events.

In the coming few months we will be refreshing the New Room and I hope to use it as a village base to regularly work in and meet and greet folk as well as it being a place that others in the community might like to use for meetings. More about this next month.

The first two weeks of November the COP26 conference will be held in Glasgow and Julia and John have an article in the magazine explaining a little more about that and what is going on in church. I do hope you have the opportunity to pop in and the boats will be there for the next week not just on Sunday and the church will be open as usual. The commitment on Sunday October 31st is that there will be someone in each of our five churches in the Yatton Moor Team praying for the conference during the five hours 11am-4pm as well as welcoming those who drop in for moment to reflect on this pivotal moment for the world.

You might like to look at this prayer on You Tube for COP 26 recorded by a member of the Iona Community. <https://bishopmethodist.org.uk/2021/10/11/a-prayer-for-cop26-to-watch/>

It reflects these thoughts:

That the decisions made during COP26 won't be empty words.

That those in positions of power will be held accountable to the targets that have been set.

That they will work with conviction to not only achieve these but go beyond them.

That the momentum is not lost after the talks have finished.

To all this I can say, amen, I agree.

Love and more prayers!

Fran





Sunday 31st October 2021.

A special day for every one.

Please come and join in.

**This is for absolutely everyone,
those of no faith,
and those of every faith.**

COP26, the Climate Change Summit, starts on Sunday 31/10.

For two weeks world leaders, climate specialists and ordinary people whose lives have already been irrevocably impacted by Climate Change, will meet in Glasgow, to thrash out strategies to enable world temperatures to rise only by 1.5 degrees C.

All five churches in Yatton Moor Team Ministry Claverham, Cleeve, Yatton, Kingston Seymour and Kenn will be open for five hours through the middle of Sunday to enable anyone and everyone to come to a quiet place to think, about what is happening to our world now and what will happen in the future.

At Kenn, following our adoption of the Christian Aid COP Campaign's Totem, a little origami boat, we are going to keep with our watery theme and support one the Earthshot Prize Competition's Aims 'Revive our Oceans'.

Write your thoughts on one of the little craft as it makes its way to COP26, or just sit and think.

Thank you,

JB&JB, Churchwardens, St John's, Kenn.

NB St John the Evangelist, Kenn is now open each and every day for prayer and contemplation.



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

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

November 2021

November 7th

8.30am St John's BCP Communion

**11am All Saints' All Together in Church – Patronal
(an all-age service)**

November 14th (Remembrance)

10.50am St John's All Together in Church for
Remembrance (an all-age service)

**3pm All Saints' Remembrance Service (beginning at
the memorial)**

November 21st

11am All Saints' Holy Communion

November 28th

11am St John's All-age Christingle service

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**Saturday 13th November
10-12 noon**

**North Somerset
Times**

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



MONDAYS

**Recycling & food waste 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th November
Dustbin 1st and 15th November**



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Kenn's Christmas Officially starts on

December 10th at 7.00pm

**With the switching on of the
Christmas Tree Lights
On the Village Green**

Followed by carols with music provided by Sue Parker

**Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
At
Church Path Cottage**

We hope you will all come along.

Welcome back to this Kenn Tradition

See you then

Robin and Marianna

The Yellow Teapot Kenn Village Hall

Monday 15th November

2.30pm — 4.30pm



Please join us for a drink and conversation as light or deep as you want to make it.

Julia Bush

SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS at the time,

Book group.



We met on the 29th September 2021 to discuss the 'Thursday Murder Club' by Richard Osman. This novel is a lively hoot about four people who live in a retirement village. One of their hobbies is investigating murders. They are delighted when two murders happen within their orbit. We liked the celebration of maturity and sharp older minds. However, the plot is laboured and we thought there were too many characters.

The group has evolved and we now seem to have our own 'Kenn book group' culture. This accommodates all our extra-curricular and work commitments. If you have not read the set book, no matter. We also share what we are currently reading. One reader shared 'Shambolic Therapy' by Mark Walker. The narrative is set in the local hills here in North Somerset. The characters are the trees on the landscape and describes their symbiotic relationship with each other. Another was 'My Way' by Tim Valentine who lives with cerebral palsy. This autobiography explores the changing attitudes to disability. We also covered 'Vanishing Kingdoms' by Norman Davies. Looking at once powerful and wealthy kingdoms in Europe. Tracking the pattern and reason for their demise. We have decided collectively not to meet next month. With rising covid numbers it seems to be the best option.

Book group.



Just a few of the Scouts communicating with others all around the world.

Due to Covid, no camping, but a great time was had by all.

Bird News

It has been a rather quiet Autumn this year, but 58 Goldfinches on wires in Duck Lane early in the month was a fine sight; Two Tawny Owls were calling there and 20 flighty Redwings on the 15th at Lilypool Drove were the first reported this winter. Nearby a pair of Stonechats were back on Kenn Moor.

There have been regular Kingfisher sightings on the Little River and in the Wemberham area together with a Peregrine on one of the pylons on calm days. The Goldfinch flock peaked at 60 with 20 Meadow Pipits in the same area. Ravens were visible and often audible there and two Curlews were a surprise as they are unusual east of the motorway. A Barn Owl was seen at dawn and 35 Rooks were feeding on a paddock- flocks of Rooks outside the breeding season are notable now.

The sea wall produced raptors in the form of Kestrels, Sparrowhawk, Buzzards, a Peregrine and a Marsh Harrier.

Jackdaws, Starlings and Meadow Pipits passed through in good numbers with Wheatears early in the month. A Water Rail on the salt marsh was most unexpected, no doubt a tired migrant. A flock of 60 Greenfinches was encouraging, they are recovering well from the trichomoniasis disease which decimated their numbers.

Trevor Riddle. 01934 835208.

Thanks to Mark Savage for this photo of a female Peregrine taken in Cornwall in October



A PRESENT AID coffee Morning will be held in
Kenn Village Hall Saturday 20 November 10am - Noon.



All are invited to go along to enjoy coffee, cake and chat - and give a gift that can help change a life. For at the end of the event people are asked to gather round to choose where donations will go: emergency shelter; clean water; antibiotics; children's schooling; a cow, beehive or goat; change of life schemes such as tools and seeds, business training and several other gifts.

Thank you cards sent by the charity will be displayed in Churches. Celia Andrews

Nicki from Cleeve and Claverham has shared this with us.....

Vaccine sharing -

I recently had a conversation in Holy Trinity with someone who was wondering whether she should accept her covid booster or whether it would be better to donate it to a developing country.

Perhaps you too are concerned and uncomfortable about the very unequal distribution of covid 19 vaccines worldwide.

Currently around 53% of vaccines are going to just 14% of the world's population, with the poorer nations losing out. Here in the UK 72% of the population have had at least one dose, while in developing countries the figure is a mere 2.3%.

I'm sure this will come as no surprise – we have known for many years now that those of us who live in the richest nations consume far more than our fair share of the world's resources, and the Covid 19 vaccines are no exception. But what, if anything, can we do about it?

Happily there are a couple of ways to donate vaccines (without turning down your booster jab!)

The following organisations run schemes that allow people to donate the cost of a vaccine to some of the most vulnerable communities in the poorest parts of the world.

The Vaccine Alliance's Covax scheme at <https://www.gavi.org/covid19> or

UNICEF at <https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/coronavirus/>

Think of the difference we could make if we all donated a vaccine for each Covid19 vaccine we've been fortunate enough to receive.

For some of us that would mean three I hope you'll join me – and our thoughtful friend in Holy Trinity.

Kenn Village Market



It was lovely to welcome everyone back to the Village market in October after such a long break.

We were well supported and would like to thank everybody who came. We were able to give £102.00 through refreshments to Joyce to be included in her book sales which has gone to Weston Hospice Care.

The next market will be on

13th November 10.00am—12 noon

when the WI will be providing the refreshments for Seafarers.

Look forward to seeing you.

Lyn and Maggie

The usual selection of cakes will be available at the November Kenn Village Market - To order or buy on the day.

Also Heaven Preserve Us Jams, Chutneys and Marmalades, some at reduced prices with shorter dates (early 2022).

Julia Bush

01275 873554

I have, today sent a cheque for £156.50 to Weston Hospicecare. This was a wonderful amount, raised at the October Village Market, from the sale of refreshments and books/pictures. Thank you all. Same again next month please! Joyce Down



KENN W.I.

At the October meeting of the Kenn W.I. both the Treasurer and the Secretary were on holiday so President Mrs. Diane Woolf presided with the very able help of past Secretary Mrs. Irene Stowell, who read the minutes of the last meeting and took notes.

Mrs. Woolf introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Mrs. Rebecca Brett who spoke about her work at the Foreign Office. Her talk was very much enjoyed by those who attended and Rebecca will be asked to return to tell members more of her adventures. There were several visitors who had come to hear her. We very much hope that they enjoyed their afternoon and will come again.

The November meeting will be the AGM and nominations were made for the Committee who will be elected for the coming year. From their number a President, Treasurer and Secretary will be chosen. There will not be a speaker at that meeting but there will be an opportunity for members to get to know each other better as we have been so fortunate as to have new members.

The Flower Demonstration will take place on November 17th in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. All the arrangements that the demonstrator shows us will be placed in the draw for several lucky people to take home. It has been decided that because of social distancing and colder evenings meaning the **doors will be closed, members from local W.I's will not be invited this year.** This will leave plenty of room for our own members, their friends and people from the village who wish to attend.

The Birthday Lunch was held at the Greedy Goose on October 20th and as usual the carvery was delicious. We were delighted to welcome our W.I. Advisor Donna Butcher and retiring President of the Avon Federation, Jean Sims. Judging the rising decibels a very good time was being had by all those who attended.

Plans are still being made for the Carol Service at St. Johns Church, Clevedon, on Monday 6th December at 2.30 p.m. The Avon Federation Carol Service is being held at Westbury-on-Trym Parish Church this year.

Ann Holtham

‘Lou Beale and Carole Price are directing “**The Herbal Bed**” by Peter Whelan which will run from **WEDNESDAY 17th November - SATURDAY 20th** in Tickenham Village Hall.

This play, specially written for the Royal Shakespeare Company, was performed in Stratford in 1996 and featured the young David Tennant and Jo Fiennes.

It tells the story of Shakespeare’s daughter Susanna, who is married to John Hall, a puritanical doctor specialising in herbal medicine 16th c style. Susanna and the local draper, Rafe Smith, are accused by Jack, Dr Hall’s apprentice, of adultery. She brings a case of slander against Jack which is to be held in a Consistory Court in Worcester Cathedral.

Will the truth come out?’

Maggie Hobbs



LUNCH AT KENN VILLAGE HALL.

At the last lunch people just kept coming. So much talking to be done. So much chatter and gossip to exchange. All the tomato and red pepper + the parsnip soup was all gone. Jenny’s fruit cake disappeared. Hardly anything to clear up as it had all been eaten.



The washing up mounted in the kitchen. Sue, Tony, Sarah and Tim stepped in and had the place sorted in a thrice. From now on, each month, I will get someone to work with me. We can serve, clear up and washup together.

Sadly, these are covid times. Today (23rd October 2021) we are being asked by government advisers to do all we can to avert new restrictions. Covid numbers in this area are the highest in the country. I think it best to not have the lunch in November. It will get colder and we will not be able to ventilate the hall sufficiently. I will never know if this is the right decision.

Next Lunch may be on Monday 6th December 2021 12-2pm depending on Covid numbers.

Stay safe and well. Caroline

Clevedon Food Bank.

Clevedon Food Bank is planning ahead for Christmas Their first request is for children's Advent Calendars. These mean a lot if they arrive at the right time, so it would be helpful if they could be at the Foodbank during the last 2 weeks in November.

They are also planning for Christmas Hampers, which will be packed 14/15th December. Last year they sent out 450, and expect the need to be at least as big, taking into account the end of furlough payment, and £20 less /week in Universal Credit.

Details of food items needed will be listed on the website and social media (regularly updated). I will try to pass on this info via the Kenn Facebook page.

Also needed are small gifts.

We have been asked to look for things suitable for men and boys, the two groups least often considered.

The items should be new and in only their original packaging, so they can be checked for suitability.

Meanwhile, day to day items are still needed.

As of 26/10 Long life Milk, Breakfast Cereals, small microwaveable sponge puddings and all household cleaning products are the 'Most Wanted'.

Thanks to everyone leaving items in the box in Kenn Church Porch and the designated bins in shops and supermarkets throughout Clevedon.

Julia Bush

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

supported by the trussell trust

HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS CHRISTMAS

In the week leading up to Christmas Clevedon, Nailsea, Portishead and Yatton foodbanks will be giving out Christmas hampers, and parcels to local individuals and families in crisis. Please support us by purchasing an item from the shopping list

DONATE FOOD
Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.

DONATE MONEY
Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- Christmas Cake
- Savoury Biscuits
- Hot Chocolate
- Chocolate/ Sweets
- Toilettries
- Long Life Squirry Cream
- Long Life Juice
- Pringles
- Soft Drinks

Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

www.clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk
info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1163153

“Pop Up Bar”

After the success of our first “Pop up Bar” we plan another on the Friday 5th November from 7pm in the Hall.

Come along for a pint and chat, no fireworks please, just too many animals in the village.

Nigel & John

Weather permitting, we shall light the bonfire.

John and Margaret

Nailsea Choral Society
DIRECTOR TOM WILLIAMS

FAURÉ
REQUIEM

SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 7.30pm
Nailsea Methodist Church
Tickets £12 (u18s £6)
www.nailseachoral.org.uk

Victoria Meteyard Soprano
Edmund Danon Bass
Sam Bardley Organ

making music
Logo

Reg charity no. 263411

VILLAGE HARVEST BRUNCH 23/10/21

It was a joy to see so many friends and neighbours for Saturday’s Harvest Brunch staged in the village hall. It was wonderfully organised (as usual) by Julia who brought together an efficient and friendly team.

The conversation flowed freely whilst a goodly crowd enjoyed their scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, beans and tomatoes, as well as vegan alternatives, and copious quantities of toast and marmalade. Sue Pugh was in charge of the excellent cooking and the other helpers served, cleared and washed up expertly. A very smoothly run event.

Caroline ran a profitable raffle and at the end we had made approximately £255 for Christian Aid

But more important was the getting together, after being isolated for so long, and enjoying each other’s company.

Thank you Julia.

Marianna

KENN HARVEST BRUNCH 2021

Saturday 23rd October at Kenn Village Hall

10.00 am till midday (last orders 11.45am)

Adults £6 - Under 12 £3

Family (2 under 12 & 2 over) £13

Pay on the day

Profits will go to Christian Aid

Scrambled Egg
Bacon and Beans
Mashed
Sausage
Baked Beans
Toast and Harvest Salad
Marmalade and Juice
Tea
Coffee

Following a chat with a lady who was visiting St Johns Churchyard recently, Robin received this letter - Janet was brought up at the old Post Office

Musings and memories of a Kennite

Dear Robin ,

You have released a flood of memories and I have written pages already. I will send the first bit that will probably do for several editions so let me know when you want more.

If asked for just one memory of Kenn it would be the sound of the wind in the telephone wires.... When I replaced the mattress on my ancient wooden bed 27 years ago, my mother told me she went into labour on that very mattress 50 years earlier. So I was almost born in Kenn. Mum was bundled off to Winash Nursing Home at Six Ways in Clevedon where I arrived October 1944.

My earliest memory ,sometime in 1947, occurred when my parents had moved from Clevedon to a flat in Kenn Vicarage. The vicar Mr Probert, and his wife had several children. Dad worked at Ake's Garage on Ken Road, Clevedon....Mum was around somewhere and Mrs. Probert's new baby was in it's pram crying. Little Miss Busybody ,all of 3, lifted the child out. All this must have been a bit of a disaster. Mrs Probert smacked me and I was found later with a tearstained face asleep under our grand piano.

Mr Probert left Kenn for the parishes of Isle Brewers/Isle Abbots in the Ilminster area, stayed many years till his retirement and is buried across from the South door of Isle Abbots church.

Easter 1947 found us living at Kenn Post Office. Clara Moores the widowed postmistress was Grandma. At the age of 4 and 7 months I enrolled at Kenn C of E School. Many older children left and started at the new Secondary Modern school in Clevedon in the September. I stayed at Kenn until it closed and then Johnny Watts(later Bees) and I caught the bus to Kingston Bridge with Mrs Griffiths our teacher. We were collected each morning by taxi and taken to Kingston school. We could get a direct bus home in the afternoon. The other 14 Kenn children went to Clevedon.

Probably after the NHS started 5/7/1948 Kenn children had eye tests. We sat on a little chair in the playground with the eye chart pinned to the school door. My mother was helping so witnessed what happened. My right eye was covered but I was silent, seeing nothing, as I had an undetected lazy eye. Perhaps the little girl doesn't know her letters the nurse ventured. A very indignant reply came that I did know my letters but could see nothing. I had a pad stuck over my eye with plasters to keep it on and then later a pirate patch with my NHS glasses.

There was a high round coke stove in the class room for winter warmth making a warm smokey smell. Mrs Moore from down Kenn Street dished up our lunches from silver containers and there was a tiny room at the bottom of the playground where she washed the dishes.

Does anyone recall the Christmas play at school 1948? I was so excited I was ill and didn't perform but I was one of three little kittens and had the lines "Do not cry ,Bo Peep, we have found our mittens and we will find your sheep"

That's enough for now but there are many more and someone might remember the name of the girl who came to school by pony and trap...next time

Janet Skinner nee Say

Advance Notice: On-Line Advent Course

Advent Sunday is on 28th November and begins the season of preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Jesus at Christmas.

The Team of Yatton Moor is planning an 'on-line'

Advent Course - on Wednesdays 1st, 8th & 15th December at 7 pm

The theme is 'Unwrapping Christmas' and the course will follow the same format as the on- line Lent course we held:- a brief introduction and prayer from John Angle, a video with Peter Walker "on-site" in the Holy Land and then the opportunity for group discussion. Please keep an eye out for further details.

St Mary's Church

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**Saturday 27th November
10am - 2pm at**

Yatton Junior School

Adults 50p - Children free

Refreshments, lunches, plants,

lots of games and lots of stalls

Father Christmas arrives on his sleigh at 10.30am

St Mary's Christmas Fayre is promoted by Yatton Moor PCC

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Our Monthly Missive from the Limes

By the time you read this it will be less than 2 months until Christmas.

I wonder what you are expecting for Christmas? Power cuts, no fuel, no internet, no turkey, no toys..... Perhaps even another lockdown at zero hours' notice. On top of that according to the media it is supposed to be a cold winter although I think they are just guessing as I could find no confirmation of that anywhere.

So if that is the case what will we do?

We'll have two options. One is we'll have to talk to one another or do jigsaws (how awful) and the other is that we'll have to go out for walks and exercise. (For some people there is actually a third option but that is beyond the scope of this article or this publication. If you want it spelt out get a copy of a Year in Provence and read the section on winter).

I seriously hope that none of the above comes to pass but the mention of it as a possibility gives me something to hang this month's article on. You see, if we have to get out and about, a little guidance or some suggestions on walks might be appreciated. You can use the time between now and Christmas to "limber up", ready for outings. If this is not appreciated, just go and hide this copy of KN&V from anyone who might want to "encourage" you to get active.

I was going to document a couple of walks but when I did a word count I realised it would be well above the 1200 words or so I set myself each month once I've included various bits of waffle, so this month I am describing just a simple, short walk but one which has caused many a walker to throw up their hands in horror and say "I can't do this!"

Let me say that although Kenn is a nice place it is not well endowed with walks. There is not a lot of choice available and in winter many of them can be a bit of a quagmire as we are so low lying and the water just lies low with nowhere to go. However if we have a really cold (i.e. frosty) winter this walk may be ideal.

Anyway, this is a circular walk which is quite short and on the flat. Half is on roads and half is over fields. We will do it in a clockwise direction as it is easier not to get lost. Once you have mastered that, all sorts of variations are possible, such as doing it in reverse.

From the Kenn Street/Kenn Moor Road junction walk towards Yatton. If your walking stride is similar to mine then 380 paces later on the right you'll find a shiny, newish gate into a field. Almost buried in the hedgerow by the road is a footpath sign, only visible from the Yatton direction, which confirms you are in the right place.

Go through the gate (it's best to open it first – ha ha) and start to follow the hedgerow on your right. At the far end of the field you will see a gate in the middle of the far hedgerow. Head towards that.

Go through the gate and head at 45 degrees to the right to the far right hand corner. As you get closer you will see the field opens up to your right. Keep going to a newly revealed far corner. There will be another gate and a kissing gate. Go through and follow the hedge on your left. It turns to the right and keep following it. You are now heading towards Kenn Street. The old orchard, where folk coming from the other direction end up and get lost is on the other side of the hedge. Listen out for the cries of their wandering ghosts and smile self-righteously that you have not made their mistake.

Follow this hedge almost to its end. There is a gate in front of you which at the time of this walk was tied up and virtually impossible to undo. Either bring some baler twine and replace the old cord or climb over and hope you don't have a large muddy dog with you to lift over.

Yes I know it's not good to climb gates but then footpaths should not be blocked.

Immediately past the gate turn sharp left and over a stile – yes you do have to climb this time and it has a couple of new bars so you'll have to work harder to get your leg over. (Gentlemen – if you are accompanying a lady, according to Victorian etiquette at this point you must turn your back as she climbs the stile in case she inadvertently displays an ankle).

You will see a nice shiny new yellow footpath disc pointing 45 degrees to the right. This is the correct route as shown on the OS map but it takes you over what was once a field but now a mown lawn, past some outbuildings on your left and through a garden onto a drive. It's best to take this route but when I came in the summer I actually went straight on at the sign and through a gate onto a track leading to the drive so I didn't disturb anyone, but it is so overgrown it's not worth doing, so go through the garden as described.

If you are brave enough to come from the opposite direction from Kenn Street there is an old "Permissive path" disc pointing you down that drive and track. The idea is that you follow this as a diversion from the official route, as I did in the other direction but it is poorly signposted. The problem is that once you get there you end up at the entrance to the orchard where there is no sign and even experienced walkers are hoodwinked into going straight on into the orchard and then are lost for ever. It's like a lobster pot or eel trap. Once in you'll never reappear. You are doomed. North Somerset council were informed and were supposed to clarify the signage but only did half a job. What you should do when you get to the orchard entrance is to turn left, go through the gate nearby and then you will get to the stile I mentioned earlier. Of course you could ignore the permissive path sign and just do it properly first time, going through the garden and lawn as per the map.

Anyway, back to the walk. Once you are on the drive follow your nose. You'll end up in Stonehouse Farm farmyard and then reach Kenn Street by the old chapel. There is a footpath sign at that point.

If you want a longer walk, head down Kenn Street (i.e. turn right) for a few yards and you will see another footpath sign on your left. This takes you on a meander past farm outbuildings and you wonder where you are going but hold your nerve. It turns right, then left and you come to a field. What you want to do is go straight across with no hesitation or deviation, across a bridge over the River Kenn and across another field and eventually you will come to a footbridge across the rhyne and out onto a tiny lane by Avrils. If you go left it will emerge onto Davis Lane and if you go right it will emerge onto Davis Lane so you can't go wrong. If you go left you can then turn left again at Davis Lane and go over the motorway bridge and onto the main road (where there are pavements!!) and back to Kenn. Be warned, it's a lot further on foot than you think.

If you go the other way, at Davis Lane turn right, that will bring you to Kenn Pier and you should know where you are by then. Davis Lane is narrow at that section so you might want to diet before doing this so it's harder for the cars to hit you.

Finally, don't forget the Country code. Keep animals such as dogs and children under control, don't leave a mess, shut gates etc. I don't want the hordes of eager villagers following my every word and trying this walk upsetting local farmers.

I need all the friends I can get, especially as at the moment I haven't a clue what I am doing for Christmas.

Stephen

KENN PARISH COUNCIL**2021**

Parish Council Meeting – 6 September 2021

Items raised by residents:

- **Drum & Monkey (D&M)** Recalling that the recent planning application for this property had been refused, Kenn residents, in attendance, enquired if the Parish Council should now register it as a Community Asset to protect it from development. Councillors provided details of the requirements for registering Community Assets, however, felt that because it had already been marketed for sale and an expression of purchase/change of use applied for, therefore, the initial deadline had already been missed.
- **Village Tidy-up** An enquiry was made why litter clearance and village tidy-ups didn't take place. The history of when these used to be carried was discussed, also, the limitations which are now applied to such initiatives. After the meeting the Clerk supplied information on North Somerset's Adopt a Street Scheme.
- **Green Waste** Cllr Griggs provide an update on the issues related to this NSC service.
- **Road Closures** A discussion took place on the various road closures in the local area related to the programme to replace pylons and works to upgrade the sewerage infrastructure. And again, it was recalled the consequential impact on Kenn Street. Along with the continuing effect of lorries using the village street to access business premises on the moors.

Some other items covered in the meeting:

- **Queen's Jubilee Commemoration** No responses had been received to the Parish Council's invitation to provide suggestions on how to commemorate this. After a discussion it was agreed to progress obtaining and installing a new bus shelter and attaching an engraved plaque stating this had been done for the jubilee.
- **Designating Kenn Street as a 20mph limit**, it was reported that a representative of the 20's Plenty Group had been invited to the next meeting.
- **Bristol Airport planning appeal inquiry** A copy letter provided by the constituency's MP, expressing his concerns to the appeal inquiry on congestion of transportation on the roads and the impact it would have on the quality of life of his constituents, was noted.
- **NSC Active & Sustainable Travel** NSC highlighted some of the free support and funding to help local businesses enable and encourage active travel. They are keen to involve town/parish councils in this work around active and sustainable travel and would like to hold an active and sustainable travel focused town/parish meeting in early 2022, and were asking:
 - (1) Has your town or parish council declared a Climate Emergency or adopted a similar motion around climate change?
 - (2) If it has when was this declared?
 - (3) What actions are planned or already underway?

2021 Meetings**01 November – Council Meeting**

The meetings will be held at 7:30pm
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