

# KENN

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**“70 years on”**

See John Hazell's explanation on page 2



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

### St John the Evangelist, Kenn ALTAR GUILD



November Sarah Clark, Clare Hibbs  
and Ann Holtham  
December - Everyone to help please

### Our Flag

Our flag was flown at half-mast on 10th October to mark the passing of Mary Ashton's father Noel Dunne, who had been living with her recently.

Our Flag was flown at half-mast on Thursday 19th October for the service held at St. John's to Celebrate the lives of Heather and John Saxby.  
John passed away on 5th June and Heather on 25th August.

### “70 years on”

When I saw the picture of the three “young lads” (Eddie, Ron and Hartley), which was taken on the occasion of the Queen's Coronation in 1953 in Kenn News & Views last year, I thought what a great idea it would be to re-create that picture on the occasion of our King's Coronation this year – 70 years on.

After making a few phone calls, I was informed, in fact, the 3 were 4!  
So after a few more phone calls, and a quick search on Amazon for top hats, we were ready.

Thus, **Eddie Russell, Ron Moore, John Staples and Hartley Staples** met up again on a sunny Saturday afternoon to recreate the original picture, which was taken on what was the “Village Green” by Wally Moore's cottage. Their combined ages are now 344.

They all used to live within two miles of each other in Kenn and Hartley and John still live in Kenn. The last time they think they were altogether at one time was approximately 70 years ago.

The “boys” were presented with a box of Heroes each, and had a glass of bubbly to toast the occasion. This was followed by an hour or so of recollections of boyhood memories from living in Kenn - which was very entertaining.

John Hazell

Dear All,

Inevitably the conflict in Israel and Gaza has been very much on our minds and in our prayers over the last few weeks and the sense of 'shalom' that seems to be so lacking in the Holy Land at the moment other than from the mouth of Yocheved Lifshitz one of the Israeli hostages to her captor, which was very moving.

John Angle, one of the clergy in our team, has strong links with Gaza as he has helped set up a school in Gaza city -The Lighthouse School (Al Minara in Arabic), which is between the hospital and the Orthodox church which have both been subject to shelling and tragic loss.



As yet the school is still standing though with broken windows and shrapnel damage. We watched a short video in church sent to John from the headmaster's young daughter, Christel, asking for prayer and explaining how she misses the home she has had to flee from. Subsequent to making the video she lost six cousins in a bombing raid that hit the orthodox church compound next to the school.

Archbishop Justin continues to call for an urgent humanitarian ceasefire, and for aid to reach the civilians of Gaza. He urges a just peace that gives freedom and security to all peoples in the Holy Land.

This is my constant prayer but I also end up shouting at the radio regularly as I listen to news reports recently, a way perhaps to vent my anger about what others say and my frustration at feeling unable to adequately voice what I feel or make a difference!

Among all the strident opinions and moral outrage, I find myself focusing on Christel and her plight and also on the words of the Sharone, Yocheved Lifshitz' daughter 'The way to peace just got longer but when the voices of love are silenced then the voices of hate become louder.'

Peace be with you,

Love,

Fran



### **1) Calling all Kenn's Crafty Children**

On Saturday 25th November we will be making Christingles ready for the service on Sunday. Oranges, fruit and sweets make this a fun activity that smells really good.

Please bring your parents/carers to help or sign you in at 2.30pm. It will take about an hour.

If you can't come to the service you can take a Christingle with you.

Looking forward to seeing you,

The Christingle Crew - Julia Bush

### **(2) Kenn's Christingle Service 2023**

This ALL AGE Service will be held at Kenn Church at

**11am on Sunday 26th November.**

This is the main fund raiser for The Children's Society, a very forward thinking charity that helps thousands of children and young people who are having a tough time.

You will have a chance to donate at the service and all through 'til the end of December.

Hope to see you there.  
Julia Bush

PS There will be 'Sparklers' - bring gloves

## Village Market

Thank you to all who came along and supported the market in October, the hall was bursting with stall holders and shoppers, we had to make use of the outside space to accommodate all the produce!



Julia and Andre organised the refreshments and the proceeds went to The Blay Family in Ghana, they were delighted to be sending £140 which will be so appreciated by the family.

If you are looking for an easy way to raise money for a favourite charity and would like to run the refreshments, we would love to hear from you.

**The next market is:**

**Saturday 11th November from 10am to 12pm**

Remember there are only 2 markets until Christmas so if you are searching for that unique gift for someone special come and have a browse.

Please note that this month the WI ladies will be supporting their charity, St Peter's Hospice, by providing the refreshments, so we hope to see you there.

If you would like to run the refreshments or would like a table for the December Market please get in touch.

**Maggie Hobbs 876277 or Lyn Burnett 870189**

A Big 'Thankyou' to everyone who sipped and munched at the October Village Market, in aid of the Blay Family in Ghana. A magnificent £140 was raised.

Julia Bush

## 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.

## Vacancy for Village Hall Cleaner

For the last couple of years Carly, then Sue and Colin, from Stonehouse Farm have been doing a wonderful job of cleaning our Village Hall after events. The Village Hall Committee is extremely grateful for all their hard work.

Sadly, because of other commitments, Sue and Colin would now prefer to give up this role.

We wonder then, if there is anyone who would like to take up this job? Maybe you know someone else who may be interested? This would involve about two hours cleaning per week, and is paid at a reasonable rate.

If you would like to find out more please contact:  
Jan Bedford 01275 343960 Lyn Burnett 01275 870189  
or Sarah Clark 01934 833307

We look forward to hearing from you!

## YELLOW TEAPOT

The Yellow teapot will be offering a warm welcome to the Village Hall on Monday 20th of November from 2.30 to 4pm.

All the usual ingredients, tea and coffee, biscuits and cake, chatting and laughing.

Julia Bush



KENN CHURCH ROOM - CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 25th November 10.00 - 12 noon**



CHARITY GIFTS - (was present aid)

Hostess Celia Andrews

*Come along to choose Christian Aid gifts to send worldwide.*

**Village Hall Booking Secretary:**  
Lyn & Nigel Burnett 01275 870189  
[Kvhallbooking@gmail.com](mailto:Kvhallbooking@gmail.com)

**Parish of Yatton Moor**  
Parish Office 01934 832184  
[teamoffice.yattonchurches@gmail.com](mailto:teamoffice.yattonchurches@gmail.com)

**St John the Evangelist Priest in charge;**

**Revd Fran Binding 01934 830120**

**Churchwardens**

John Ball 01275 874077  
078 1667 1304  
Julia Bush 01275 873554

**Church Floodlighting**  
David Pugh 874278

**Village Flag Flying:**  
Marianna or Robin 340323  
Chris Taylor 872781

**Altar Guild Secretary:**  
Marianna Mackay 340323

**News & Views:**  
Margaret Ball 01275 874077

Email; [Margaret.john@btinternet.com](mailto:Margaret.john@btinternet.com)  
Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn



**Saturday 11th November  
10-12 noon**

**North Somerset  
Times**

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



**NOVEMBER Waste collection MONDAYS**

**Recycling & food waste 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November  
Dustbin 13th and 27th November**



**CLEVEDON  
SALEROOMS**



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

**Antiques, Interiors, Collectables  
& Jewellery**

**Thursday 16th November  
Auction starts 10.30am**

**Viewing Wednesday 15th November  
10.00am—5.00pm**

**Quarterly Specialist Sale**

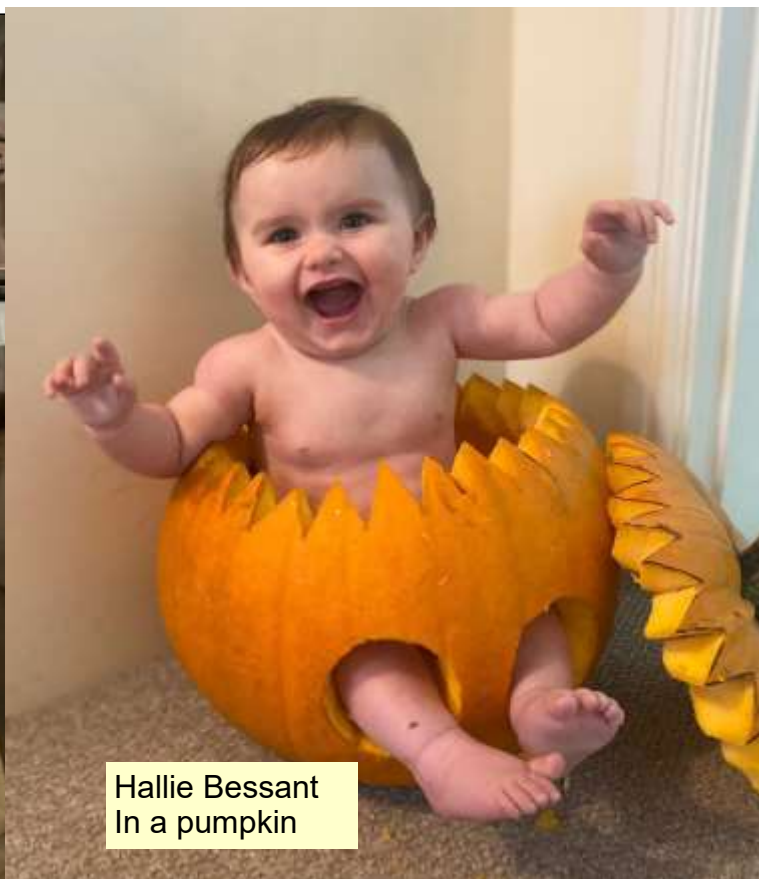
**Thursday 7th December  
Auction starts 10.30am**

**Viewing Wednesday 6th December  
10.00am to 5.00pm**

**Catalogues can be viewed at  
[www.clevedonsalerooms.com](http://www.clevedonsalerooms.com)**



Margaret Cooke  
Dancing at KVH



Hallie Bessant  
In a pumpkin

### Charity Quiz Night

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Village Hall

Doors open 7.15pm

Quiz starts 7.45pm

£10 per team (3,4 or 5 people)

Kenn Village Bar

Raffle

Please call Sarah to book your team

07818044647 or 01275 871381

*Just space for 2 more teams!*

All Quiz and Raffle proceeds to



# St Mary's Church CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>  
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 Reg Charity 1132177





St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

## **Sunday Services at St. John's Kenn And All Saints' Kingston Seymour November 2023**

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**ALL SAINTS' DAY**

**11am All Saints'**

**All Together in Church**

**November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**10.45am St John's**

Holy Communion with act of remembrance in the churchyard

**3pm All Saints'**

**Service of Remembrance beginning at the village memorial**

**November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**11am All Saints'**

**Holy Communion**

**November 26<sup>th</sup>**

**CHRISTINGLE**

**11am St John's**

**All Together in church**

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
8.15am Morning Prayer on Zoom**

## Yatton Local History Society

Tuesday November 7th  
7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church

There will be a talk on Brycgstow to Bristol  
in 45 Bridges by Jeff Lucas

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

[yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com](mailto:yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com)



**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm - St Mary's Church, Yatton**

**WEST MENDIP ORCHESTRA with Joss Wort (piano)**

The West Mendip Orchestra is Somerset's principal amateur orchestra and will be joined by local pianist Joss Wort playing Beethoven's 2<sup>nd</sup> piano concerto.

Joss is from Yatton and after attending Backwell School entered the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and is now in his third year.

The WMO has been performing for many years and was originally known as the Winscombe orchestra and their performances are highly regarded.



For their concert at St Mary's, the programme will also include orchestral music by Brahms and Rimsky Korsakov.

Full details are on the Yatton Music Society's website [www.yms.org.uk](http://www.yms.org.uk).

Concert starts 7.30 tickets £10, students £5, children free.



## KENN W.I.

November is the month of the Annual General Meeting and when a new Committee will be chosen. Nominations were taken at the October meeting. Alison Soars will complete her voyage to Australia in the 1800's. We all look forward to that very much indeed.

Edna Baber won first prize with her entry in the competition at the Group Meeting at Tickenham during October. She made a splendid picture featuring birds with real feathers. It is a tour de force. The entries were judged by the speaker for the evening from the Cadbury Wild Bird Centre. He brought four magnificent birds with him and spoke about each one.

Kenn W.I. is due to hold the Spring Group Meeting.

Several members attended the Celebration of the lives of John and Heather Saxby in St. Johns Church at Kenn and afterwards at the Village Hall on October 19<sup>th</sup>. John and Heather died within 9 weeks of each other and the day would have been their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, which made it a very bitter-sweet occasion. Heather had been a valued member of Kenn W.I. for more than 20 years and was our go to person for readings. Mary Ashton spoke very movingly about her membership and Heather will be much missed.

On 6<sup>th</sup> November, Kenn W.I. will mark the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Women's Institute in Kenn with lunch at the Mendip Springs Golf Club. The W.I. has a collection of scrap books that it has made over the years and another is being compiled to mark this momentous occasion.

The current membership hope that the W.I. in Kenn will continue to go from strength to strength. They would be delighted to welcome new members. Please come along on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2p.m. You will be certain of a warm welcome.

Ann Holtham

## Bird News

October is a prime month for migration and good numbers of Curlew, Redshank and Dunlin were by the old Kenn Estuary early in the month with 100 Ringed Plovers and 70 Oystercatchers notable flocks there. A few Wheatears were still trickling through along with bigger numbers of Meadow Pipits and Skylarks.

John Croxton spotted a Merlin no doubt attract by these small birds just over the Kingston Seymour side of the estuary. A Hobby was seen to unsuccessfully chase a Meadow Pipit across the Dowlais Farm Reserve. Shelduck have returned in large numbers with counts up to 750 between Clevedon and Weston.

October is the month for migrating Skylarks and these pass over in daytime often calling as they head south. Woodpigeons are also on passage, several hundreds on some days also going south. Half a dozen Siskins were by the Strawberry Line on the 9th, more travellers grounded by poor weather.

A single Fieldfare at Wemberham Lane, Yatton on the 7th was my earliest ever Autumn record but 'lots' were seen by Jackie Huxtable at Cooks Lane, ten days later.

Water Rails have arrived for winter with two calling loudly at each other on the Yatton section of the Strawberry Line with another on the Congresbury stretch. Stonechats have also appeared in good numbers with five at Wemberham Lane and four on Congresbury Moor and others at several sites.

Three Snipe on YACWAG's Kenn Moor Reserve were early (21st) perhaps pushed south by poor weather up country.

A walk along the Little River to Phipps Sluice produced a remarkable 100 Mallard, these too may well have been on migration. Many species have a mixture of largely sedentary and migratory birds and Mallard is one such example. Two Great White Egrets, two Kingfishers and a Green Sandpiper were near the sluice.

The Pied Wagtail roost at Stowell's and Smarts in Yatton had dispersed by mid month, 100 Pied Wagtails on the 6th was my last count.

Finally, Jill and I inspected the bird boxes in St John's churchyard and found nests indicating that both had been occupied.

Trevor Riddle. 01934 835208.

[birds@yacwag.org.uk](mailto:birds@yacwag.org.uk)

Robin and Marianna invite you to witness the

## LIGHTING OF KENN'S CHRISTMAS TREE

SINGING OF POPULAR CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
ACCOMPANIED BY THE RETURNING  
LOCHRIAN FAMILY BAND.

MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE WILL BE SERVED AT  
CHURCH PATH COTTAGE  
7.00pm start

# Friday 15th December 2023

### **AGM The Friends of Kenn Church - Tuesday 24th October**

**Churchyard/Church Maintenance** - Thanks to Jo Leonard, Chris Taylor, Tim Taylor and Ben Woods, the churchyard is looking good. Thanks were also expressed to Joan Stevens who daily locks and unlocks the toilet, a facility which is greatly appreciated by delivery drivers. Also thanks to so many other people who work quietly supporting the church in Kenn, Notably the Flower Arrangers and members of the Altar Guild.

Coronation Flowers, as the Coronation of King Charles III was only 4 weeks after Easter., our flower arrangers were offered finance for the flowers, however due to their generosity, no monies were accepted so the cheque for £200 was cancelled.

The Church Room continues to be used for Monthly Coffee Mornings and as a village base for our House for Duty Priest Fran Binding as well as being used by other groups. Although the facility for 'Warm Spaces' was offered, the invitation was not taken up and the payment to cover the extra electricity from North Somerset Council was returned to them.

Margaret Ball Secretary

## Clevedon Food Bank.

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

What a response you all made to my appeal for Harvest donations to the Clevedon Foodbank!



It was a tremendous amount of both food and monetary donations. Thank you all so much for your generosity.

I delivered just over 50 kilograms of food and cleaning products to the food depot plus £1,150.00.

What a magnificent response from our wonderful village!

This time last year I asked if every household in the village could donate 1 chocolate advent calendar to the Foodbank.

You responded by donating 104 calendars for local children to enjoy. Well it's that time of year again when your generosity is being called on to donate chocolate advent calendars in time for distribution before 1st December.

Please leave the calendars either in the new collection box inside the village Church porch or leave them in the front porch of Carpenters Farm, Kenn Street.

I will be delighted to take them on your behalf to the Foodbank collection and distribution depot in Clevedon every Friday morning.

Any other food donations will also be greatly appreciated, as man cannot live on chocolate alone!

Many, many thanks.

Liz Jaehme

For anyone wishing to donate direct - these are the bank details

Clevedon and District Foodbank CIO

Account Number: 41477102 Sort Code: 40-17-50

# Lunch Break

We've been organising Lunch Break for a year now, with just 1 month off in May. During this year we've made 22 soups, served delicious homemade cakes, selection of cheeses and bread (now donated by Pullin's), and countless cups of tea and coffee.

We've sung carols, and Happy Birthday.

We've donated £655 to Clevedon Foodbank.

But most importantly of all, once a month our lovely Village Hall is warm, open, and ready to welcome anyone who fancies coming along for lunch.

Thank you to everyone who helps, by making the cakes, helping to wash up and tidy up, and coming along supporting Lunch Break.

A suggested donation of £5 goes towards the cost of the lunch and any leftover money is donated to Clevedon Foodbank.

If you're free on the first Monday of every month, please pop along to the Village Hall, a warm welcome awaits.

**Next Lunch Break - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 12.30 - 2pm**



**Christmas Lunch Break Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**



Sarah and Tim

**If you walk along the unlit roads of Kenn  
Please carry a torch and wear something reflective.  
CAR DRIVERS cannot always see walkers,  
especially those in dark clothing, until they are almost alongside their car.**

## **A Celebration of the lives of John and Heather Saxby of The Orchards, Kenn**

**19th October at St John the Evangelist, the date of their 55th Wedding Anniversary**



*John Saxby 2.5.33—5.6.23*

*Heather Saxby 27.2.42—25.8.23*

St John's Church was filled with family, friends and neighbours for the service to celebrate the lives of the Saxby's who had lived in Kenn for more than twenty years.

The Service opened with 'Jerusalem' - Heather was a keen member of Kenn W.I. A reading from Corinthians, then Fran read memories from the family, followed by a friend, Sheila Carter and Mary Ashton for Kenn W.I. when we learned many facets of their lives.

How they had met while on holiday in Gibraltar, in the mid 60's, became engaged and married in 1968. Fiona and Robin followed, which gave them both great pride and joy, then of course their grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren.

John was a chartered accountant in Budleigh Salterton, in the 70's and 80's played cricket for Winscombe and taught his family the basics of golf at Worlebury Golf Club. They both loved their dogs and caring for their lovely garden.

Heather was born in Swansea, loved horse-riding. In her youth around Caswell Bay in Wales, later at Urchinwood Manor where she successfully competed in dressage. Heather was a member of 'Riding for the Disabled'.

In their later years they enjoyed their foreign holidays - The Galapagos, South Africa, Canada, South America among many others. The ladies of Kenn W.I. really enjoyed hearing of their travels.

The Celebrations continued at Kenn Village Hall, with refreshments and a toast to the couple.

We send our sympathy to the Fiona, Robin, Jamie, Dane, Asha and Effie-Jean.

The Village flag was flown at half-mast for the occasion, as it had been on their passing and their private family funerals.



## Welcome to Ilexmead

JP and Hayley are pleased to welcome to Kate (JP's sister) and Pete Dommett, their son Tom, and dog Finch, to Ilexmead, next door to us at Little Carpenters.

Kate and Pete have moved to Kenn from Clevedon and own the Fallen Tree Micro Pub on Hill Road (Pete is a proper beer guru!).

We feel very lucky to have family so close by and hope they will love living in Kenn as much as we do.

## LENT RETREAT 2024: HILFIELD FRIARY

Following enquiry, it is possible to book a 2024 Lent retreat at Hilfield Friary from

**Fri 23rd - Sun 25th February.**

Still Winter I know, but it is the last time Nickie & I will be able to lead a benefice weekend away with you. There may be snowdrops out by then!

14 places only, so book early! Full board £150. Lifts available.  
Some twin bed rooms; limited en-suite.

Email/call: the office: 01934 832184 [office@yattonchurches.org](mailto:office@yattonchurches.org)

or Nigel: 01934 283340 [nigelbthomas1@gmail.com](mailto:nigelbthomas1@gmail.com)

Pax et bonum, Rev Nigel

## Charity Christmas Party/ Disco

Saturday 9th December.

Kenn Village Hall .

Tickets available from Heather  
07773253978

Please do send me a text I will deliver tickets to you

£8 each



## Our Monthly Missive from the Limes

The other Sunday I spent a pleasant afternoon searching my previous articles. I've said before that I don't keep back copies and that is true but something cropped up where I thought I could reuse a couple of them and it occurred to me that if I searched my Sent items mailbox and Deleted items mailbox I could probably retrieve at least some of them.

The trigger for this activity is that on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 7.30pm at St Andrews Church Centre, Clevedon, there will be a Prose and Poetry evening in aid of Changing Lives Charity and I've offered some of my writings. By the time you read this you may have missed the event but I'll put in a plug for it anyway.

Looking back at my articles I was reminded what a wide variety of topics have been covered since I started in April 2020. I have tried to keep articles "informative and amusing" but not always succeeded. However our editor seems generally happy enough and if the editor is happy we are all happy.

Anyway to this month's theme. I thought I'd pen a few words about Home Automation. Yes you read it right! Not the normal sort of topic you'd expect but I have a couple of items in my house that I'd like to tell you about that seem to have extraordinary intelligence.

So what is Home Automation? Sadly it is not automated cleaning or washing, or automated shopping and putting everything away in cupboards. Nor is it automatic preparation and cooking of meals and clearing it all away. In a sense it is therefore nothing actually useful.

True we have washing machines, dishwashers, online ordering and delivery etc and if you go to Lakeland you'll find all sorts of kitchen aids and gadgets which would con you that kitchen work is a doddle and highly enjoyable. I can tell you whatever the aids and toys, kitchen work isn't for me. My cooking is basic at the best of times.

According to Wikipedia: "Home automation or domotics (a new word for me!) is building automation for a home. A home automation system will monitor and/or control home attributes such as lighting, climate, entertainment systems, and appliances. It may also include home security such as access control and alarm systems".

My daughter is an expert on Home Automation. In her house, curtains could open or close at the touch of a button or by a voice command or on a schedule. Lights could come on, dim and even change colour remotely and the heating was also controlled in a similar way. Being connected to the internet all this could be controlled when they were away from home, even in another country and could give the illusion of a house being occupied.

In addition she had a camera which recorded all activity outside so they knew for example when the bins had been emptied. It could even recognise faces so they could be notified that the postman had been.

Needless to say the TV, Netflix etc were all connected into this.

What was amusing is that my son-in-law, a scientist, had no idea how it all worked and when colleagues asked him about home automation he said "Speak to my wife".

Before you all get carried away there is a note of caution. If you want to be automated, make sure that what you get is compatible with everything else. Common standards still need some work.

Also my kids had trouble when they wanted to connect the heating system to the internet. Gas engineers had no idea and they weren't electricians anyway and electricians aren't IT people and weren't much better so they had to hunt around for installation folk who knew what they were doing.

Also you can take all this to an extreme. A friend was looking for a new electric toothbrush and for the sum of £400 or so she found she could purchase one that would connect to WIFI. Apparently it could send you an email after use about your "toothbrushing experience". Hmmm.

So what has all this to do with my situation? I'm not going to reveal what automation I have here but I will tell you my toothbrush is remarkably unintelligent.

However there are a couple of items here you may find interesting or find you have shared my experiences.

The first is my hearth rug. It is a relatively new acquisition after the old one wore out. I had trouble finding one the right size, colour etc and it happened to be at the time my daughter was visiting Uzbekistan. The pictures she sent back of that country were stunning. It was like something out of the Arabian Nights. I said to her please could she find a Magic Carpet shop and get me a new carpet. She actually did find a shop of that name but by then I was sorted. However I do wonder however whether my new carpet had some connection with that shop as it seems to have mind of its own.

When I am not looking, it moves. I kid you not. I push it against the hearth, go out of the room and when I come back later it has moved back an inch, so we have this little game of keep pushing it back. I'm tempted to hide behind a settee and wait for it to move. If I catch it in the act I can have strong words with it. I wonder if I can connect it to the internet and automate a command to send it back.

The other item is my washing machine. For some reason it has developed a degree of malevolence towards me. Perhaps it doesn't like the taste of the washing detergent I use or I have done something else to offend it.

Whatever the cause it has two ways of getting its own back on me. The first is to borrow a sock. You put 12 socks in and only get 11 back. It's almost as if it is taking a tithe as payment. Next time I use it, the sock mysteriously reappears. Most annoying.

The other trick it has – and this shows real expertise and intelligence – is to turn all my clothes inside out. If I try to outsmart it and put them in already inside out in the expectation they will end up right, they stay inside out. If there is a pillow case in the machine it also then puts everything inside the pillow case. It used to do the same with quilt covers, it would not only turn the cover inside out but put everything else inside. This could make it a little easier when carting the laundry to the washing line but dragging it all over the lawn because of the weight was somewhat counterproductive.

I have fixed that one by clipping the quilt cover closed before it goes in the machine and am awaiting the machine's response. So far I think I have foiled it but you can never be sure with washing machines. On one occasion I put a cleaning tablet in and it bubbled up all over my floor. These are sneaky bits of kit.

Stephen

**When consulted on this review Kenn Parish Council strongly objected, twice, to this change.**

## Parliamentary Boundary Review

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is an impartial review of all constituencies in England. This is required by parliament to rebalance the number of electors in some constituencies. The number of constituencies in England had to increase from 533 to 543. The new map of constituencies proposed by the commission therefore has significant changes. The review has made sure that all parliamentary constituencies will have roughly the same number of electors. This means that each MP will represent between 69,724 and 77,062.

### Changes following the review

The Boundary Commission for England have concluded their review and submitted their final report and recommendations. You can read the report on the [Boundary Commission for England website](#). The orders which give effect to the boundary changes are due to be made by 1 November 2023. The new constituencies will then take effect at the next UK Parliamentary general election. This election could be called at any time before January 2025.



It has been recommended that North Somerset is split between three constituencies:

- Weston-super-Mare
- North Somerset
- Wells and Mendip Hills

The constituencies of Weston-super-Mare and North Somerset will remain within North Somerset Council. Wells and Mendip Hills constituency will sit within [Somerset Council](#).

Areas that were previously in the North Somerset constituency:

- Kenn – the whole of Kenn will now form part of the Wells and Mendip Hills constituency.
- Kingston Seymour – the whole of Kingston Seymour will now form part of the Wells and Mendip Hills constituency
- Yatton – all polling district wards in Yatton (Claverham Ward, Horsecastle Ward, North Ward, South Ward) will now form part of the Wells and Mendip Hills constituency.

### Your local authority will not change

If you live in one of the areas which will be in a different constituency at the time of a parliamentary election, your local authority will still be North Somerset Council. The only change is that during parliamentary election you will be voting in a different constituency.

These changes will not affect your local council services, bin collections or schools. The boundary changes only relate to parliamentary constituencies (the area an MP is elected to represent in parliament). Services and council tax in your local area are set by your local authority and this review does not change local authority boundaries.

### Changes in voting arrangements

If you usually vote in person, then you will still be going to your usual polling station. If that is unavailable, then another suitable venue will be selected within the area.

For postal votes, these will be sent from and returned to the authority that represents your parliamentary constituencies:

- North Somerset Council for Weston-super-Mare and North Somerset constituencies
- Somerset Council for Wells and Mendip Hills constituency

If there is a combined election then you will be sent two separate postal packs, to be returned to the relevant authority in the separate envelopes provided.