

# KENN

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### **KENN VILLAGE HALL 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

**Thanks go to wildlife photographer Neil Aldridge of Duck Lane for recording our festivities for posterity.**

Robin is organising a copy for the Village Hall and has the details if anyone would like them.. Margaret

# NEWS & VIEWS

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**October**

- 3rd Gill Taylor
- 6th Dave & Sue Pugh W.A.
- 7th Julia & Tim Bush W.A.
- 8th Robin Rogers
- 9th Angela Alexander
- 16th Cheryl Quinn
- 17th Callum Hobbs
- 18th Kayleigh Stowell  
Wendy & Sotoris Papasolomontos WA
- 19th Heather & John Saxby WA
- 22nd Troy & Julian Gale WA
- 23rd Robert Brown
- 24th Matthew Clarke
- 26th Justin Naish  
Margaret Bessant
- 27th Jack Treble  
Maisie Taylor
- 31st Roman Bessant

**New Baby Congratulations**

**Sue and Tony Parker are delighted to welcome a new member of the family!**



Oliver (Ollie) Stephen Buchan Jones arrived 15th September 2021, 6lb 2oz, to daughter Jen and husband Nick Jones.

Many cuddles ahead,

Sue and Tony Parker'

**The Village Flag**

Our flag was flown on Saturday 11th September to celebrate the marriage at St John's Church of Jerry Naish and Tom Lowe.

Revd Fran Binding officiated and they held their reception at Kenn Village Hall.

Jerry is a daughter of Jeff Naish and granddaughter of the late Ray and Jean Naish.

**Church Floodlighting**

St John's was floodlit on the night of 17th September in memory of Jean Naish who passed away last year.



Clevedon Foodbank currently need shampoo, tinned fruit and cleaning products.

Contributions can be left in the box in the Church Porch, or the collection points at the local supermarkets.

**Harvest Gifts**

Mike and Iris Callow and Margaret Ball senior (and junior) have expressed their gratitude for the Harvest Gifts received after our Harvest Services.

Greatly appreciated.

Dear friends,

As a follow up to my last letter huge thanks to those who helped make the harvest celebration weekend go so well. The church looked amazing,

Jerry and Tom's wedding was great fun and a real celebration and we had a full church on Sunday. We want to continue to consider how we can raise the profile of the climate change crisis and get involved in addressing the issues ourselves having begun to consider this more carefully at harvest.

Also, with the increasing pressure on household budgets this winter, I am sure our continuing support of the Foodbank will sadly be vital.

Messy Church harvest bags will go out to families at the beginning of the month with some really fun contents. Some people have been doing a lot of sewing!!!



I would like to invite you all to an **'All Creatures Great and Small' service at Kenn Village hall on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 11am.**

Let's celebrate and give thanks for our animal friends who can make such a difference in our lives and for whom we care, not just those who are pets but those who are working on our behalf like the police horses we see regularly and the dogs who are trained for people who need specialist help.

The bigger picture too of those birds, toads and insects who inhabit our gardens and are part of the eco system that we rely on.

Please bring your pet if you have one. I know dogs are easier to bring along and cats are more reluctant to travel! However, you could bring a picture or something else to represent your pet if they would prefer not to join us. The most surprising pet I've seen in a previous parish was brought in a sack and I was VERY surprised when the contents was revealed!

It won't be a long service, for obvious reasons, but a short fun packed one with snacks available for our furry guests. If you have a horse or pony and would like to join us then come along as there is lots of outside space. If it is fine enough, we shall all be outside so bring your coats. If, like me, you don't have a pet then please come along and help us celebrate and give thanks for the variety of creation!

If you enjoyed the community breakfast at Kenn at the end of August then breakfast is on offer at Kingston Seymour village hall on Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9.30am so please come along as you'd be made very welcome.

Love, *Fran*



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

## Services at St. John's Kenn and All Saints' Kingston Seymour October 2021

### October 3<sup>rd</sup>

8.30am	St John's	BCP Communion
11am	All Saints'	All Together in Church

### October 10<sup>th</sup>

8.30am	All Saints'	BCP Communion
11am	St John's	All Together in Church Pet Service (Kenn Village Hall)

### October 17<sup>th</sup>

11am	All Saints'	All Together in Church for Communion and Baptism
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### October 24<sup>th</sup>

11am	St John's	Holy Communion
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### October 31<sup>st</sup>

9.30am		Community Breakfast (Kingston Seymour Village Hall)
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**Notice of Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Kenn Church  
7.30pm Tuesday 19th October  
at St John the Evangelist, Kenn**

All Members of the Congregation, Parishioners and Villagers are  
invited to this meeting

# 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) £15**

**Pay on the day**

***Profits will go to Christian Aid***



*Scrambled Egg*

*Bacon and Ham*

*Tomato*

*Sausage*

*Baked Beans*

*Toast and Harvest Loaf*

*Marmalade and Jam*

*Tea*

*Coffee*

*Vegan Option*



## KENN W.I.

Members, visitors and guests gathered in the Village Hall for the September meeting of the Kenn W.I. It was heart-warming to see so many attending the meeting. We even had to get some extra chairs. Our President, Diane Woolf, was on holiday so the meeting was chaired by Marion Hulance.

There were three speakers, who were all local people and it was fascinating to hear them speak about their work and the fact that they all contribute to the wellbeing of the elderly and disabled, helping them to maintain their independence.

Carly is one of those lovely people who will do anything that is required – shopping, housework, and personal care. She has worked in the care sector for some time and there is a great need for her expertise.

Mary Ashton, who is a practice nurse will visit people in their homes and deal with ear wax. This is not something that can be done in GP surgeries anymore and while she is with her client she is able to assess whether there are any other problems.

The third speaker was Caroline Holden who has been counselling carers. Carers often feel that they have lost their own identity and Caroline was able to help them. They were warmly thanked.

Margaret Burdge and Edna Baber served us with a very welcome cup of tea. Edna told us that she had won a cup at the North Somerset Ploughing Match. This was the tenth time that her name will have appeared on the cup.

A Carol Service has been arranged at St. John's Church in Clevedon on the 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 p.m. We hope that members from local Institutes will be able to join us. The Avon Federation cannot hold a Carol Service in St. Mary Redcliffe this year so will hope to be able to go to the Parish Church at Westbury on Trym. It will be wonderful to be able to sing out favourite carols again.

Final payments were made for the Birthday Lunch at the Greedy Goose, a carvery, on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Members were reminded that the AGM will take place in November and that nominations for the Committee will be made at the October meeting.

The October meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 2.30p.m. on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Our speaker will be Rebecca Brett who will talk about her work in the Foreign Office. The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

Ann Holtham

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**COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 9th October  
10.00 - 12noon**

**North Somerset Times**

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



**OCTOBER WASTE -MONDAYS**

**Recycling 4th 11th 18th 25th**

**Dustbin 4th and 25th**



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*Gordano Scout District ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Clevedon Scout Group*  
**JOTA Amateur Radio Special Event Station GB8CS**  
 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Kenn Village Hall ~  
 From 9:00am onwards, Saturday & Sunday

**Jamboree on the Air** offers Scouts the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries without even leaving home! This is achieved with the help of licensed **Amateur Radio** operators. When Scouts want to meet young people from another country they usually think of attending a World Jamboree or another international gathering. But few people realize that each year about half-a-million Scouts and Guides talk over the airwaves for the annual **Jamboree on the Air**. Since 1958 when the first **JOTA** was held, thousands of Scouts and Guides have "met" each other through this event.

**FREE to VISITORS ~ do come along and meet our Scouts, Leaders and Operators!**

**For further information contact: Michael Clark (2<sup>nd</sup> Clevedon Scout Group) - 01275 879858**

**COP26 is the Global Summit that will take place in Glasgow during the first two weeks in November.**

COP 26 stands for 'The 26th Conference of the Partners in the Framework Convention on Climate Change.' There are 197 partners in the Convention, Alok Sharma, formerly (Secretary of State) is its President.



**The conference's aim is to limit Global Warming to 1.5 degrees C.**

Many charities and local authorities have become involved in demanding that COP26 be remembered as a turning point in the UK's fight against what North Somerset declared is a 'Climate Emergency'.

**St John's and All Saints Kingston Seymour have adopted suggestions from Christian Aid to show MPs and others in positions of influence that we care.**

The Christian Aid Totem is a little origami boat. These can be written on and sent as letters to MPs, or sent to Christian Aid to be part of a huge installation at the COP26 site.

Instructions to make the boat, and more info on what you can do, will be available after 4th October.

Also we would like to hear ideas from other groups and charities.

Thankyou, JB&JB



## Book group.

We will have book group on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in the New Room.



The mag will have already gone to press by then. We will discuss 'The Beloved' by Alison Rattle and 'The Thursday Murder club' by Richard Osman. Two very different novels. One set in 1848 Bridgwater and the other present time somewhere in Kent. I will report back on our books in October.

## The Yellow Teapot Kenn Village Hall

**Monday 11th October**

**2.30pm — 4.30pm**



September's gathering was great, lots of chatting and laughing, but next time I'll try to remember the teapot!

We will continue to meet once a month at the Hall, on MONDAY AFTERNOONS. Please note that it will not always be on the same Monday in the month.

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

Julia Bush

## Kenn Village Hall

The Pop-Up Bar on Friday 3rd September and the Concert by The Model Folk on Saturday 4th were well supported and thoroughly enjoyed, by around 30 people on Friday and over 60 on Saturday.



Our thanks go to John Hayden and Nigel Burnett for the organisation. The weather was kind and we were all socially distanced and well wrapped-up.

Margaret and John

**Elephant Hawk Moth** - This 'dandy' Elephant Hawk Moth took refuge indoors on July 12th and was later released when darkness fell at about 9.30pm.



It is a night feeder (note the extremely large eyes!) favouring honeysuckle in particular, hiding from predators during the day amongst the foliage. With wingspan of 7cm, it's not the largest hawk moth but certainly the most colourful.

Its name is derived from the appearance of the very large dark grey (sometimes green) caterpillar bearing some resemblance to an elephant's trunk, with 'scary eye' defensive markings to alarm any predators.



These are often found feeding on willow herb in August, which is another good reason to leave a wild patch of 'weeds' in your garden.

An excellent site I use frequently is [www.uksafari.co.uk](http://www.uksafari.co.uk). It's for anyone interested in wildlife, aiding ID with thousands of photos and information of UK fauna; insects, dragonflies, molluscs, spiders etc. The site is enjoyed by anyone, young & old; wildlife watchers, nature group leaders, teachers and conservation professionals.

Jo Batten

## THE DRUM & MONKEY

At the last Parish Council Meeting a discussion took place on the merits of registering the pub as an "Asset of Community Value". What this means is that in the event of a future sale a six month moratorium is imposed to give the local community the option of trying to purchase the property in the interest of preservation.



This does not imply an obligation to do so, nor is it a right of first refusal but it does afford some breathing space.

The simplest way of doing this would be through the Parish Council, however they are not inclined to do so.

Another way is through an "unconstituted community group of no fewer than 21 local members", so if there are another 20 people willing to put their names forward make yourselves known and we may be able to move forward.

This in no way implies a willingness to stump up any money, either now or in the future.

**Tim Bush**

## BIRD NEWS

At the end of August a friend reported a thousand Swallows (swarming over the Reed beds) at Stowell's one evening viewed from Wemberham Lane. I made three visits and clocked 500 on one trip. These were birds moving south, stopping over to feed up and roosting in the reeds overnight. After about ten days the show was over and the birds had moved on but by then a small number of Pied Wagtails were roosting. Swallows seem to have enjoyed a productive nesting season after a late start and a group of 50 were around Riverside Farm, Wemberham mid month.

Jeff Naish reported that Kestrels had nested on Tickenham Moor and that he had seen a Snipe and a Wheatear there. I flushed a single Snipe (from under my feet) on Kenn Moor and another by the River Yeo at Wemberham. There were Wheatears at both places too. The benign weather has been good for migrating birds so there haven't been many rarities locally.

A Spotted Flycatcher in Lilypool Drove was with a couple of Chiffchaffs and a flock of 25 Linnets was seen early in the month.

Kingfishers were spotted at Wemberham and the Little River, with two Grey Wagtails and a Green Sandpiper at Phipps Bridge on the River Yeo.

A YACWAG member enjoying the sunny weather in his garden in Yatton was startled to see an Osprey go over quite low and head off south.

The Autumn migration has appeared slow but with the fine calm weather fewer birds will have paused. The Kingston Seymour sea wall hosted just one Wheatear on the 22nd, with a handful of Meadow Pipits and no Swallows.

There was a combined wader flock of Ringed Plover and Dunlin (about 70 of each) with a single Little Stint, a tiny wader. There were two Stonechats, my first of the Autumn, but these are probably Mendip birds moving to the coast for winter rather than true migrants.

*Photo Mark Savage Little Stint*



Finally a Great White Egret was seen on the Somerset Levels wearing a colour ring had been ringed as a chick in Belarus! That seems one heck of a migration for a large bird with (generally) slow flapping flight. And when it reached England how did it find its way to all its congeners on the Somerset Levels? Nature is amazing.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

## LUNCH AT KENN VILLAGE HALL.

Oh, my goodness it was so emotional, us all being together again. We had the lunch on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September in the village hall. The first lunch for 18 months. It was so good to hear the hum of people talking, laughing and enjoying each other's company.



We kept the hall Covid safe, seating spaced out with good ventilation. Back to normal is the new normal while the virus still lurks.

As usual it was simple fayre. Soup, bread and cheese followed by coffee and biscuits. All for £5 per head.

We raised £75. £25 or £30 will go towards the next lunch. I will let the profits mount up then make a donation to the food bank every four months.

Next Lunch is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 12-2pm.

## Village Market

After such a long break we are delighted that Kenn Village Market and Coffee Morning will be back on:



**Saturday 9th October—10.00am—12noon**

Come along and browse and buy from the stalls, have coffee and a chat

Any queries — contact either - Lyn Burnett 870189 or Maggie Hobbs 876277

Julia Bush writes - There will be cakes (all the usual kinds) and preserves (ditto) at the Kenn Village Market in October. If you want to order something specific, call 01275 873554, by Thursday 7/10. Profits will go to the Blay Family in Ghana.

A big 'Thankyou' to everyone who has kept munching through Lockdown.

**A big 'Thankyou' to the Altar Guild.**

A big Thankyou everyone involved in keeping St John's in such good order since 'Opening Up' earlier this year, and always.



This was particularly evident at the wedding of Jerry (nee Naish, Ray's granddaughter) and Tom Lowe on Harvest Saturday.



Jerry wanted the church decoration to be as she remembered it from her childhood, and after the ceremony said that it was just as she had

pictured it in her mind, and 'Thank you' to everyone involved.

The arrangements of flowers/produce were beautiful, and the churchyard looked immaculate.



Thanks to Jean-Louis for the harvest loaf tractor for the Altar.



JB&JB

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**October Altar Guild**

**Heather Jenkins, Jean Woods and Tina Middleton**

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## Our Monthly Missive from the Limes

Gosh. October already. There I was, thinking that after my last article I had a decent breathing space and then I received a reminder email, saying that our editor needed contributions earlier than usual, ELSE it “will go into November if it is still relevant”. Yes ma’am, I’ll see what I can do.

As it happens I had half an idea and we’ll see if I can flesh it out into something worth reading. (No comments please such as “it makes a change..”) It will be slightly shorter as I’ve been away for a few days and couldn’t really work on it while I was away. However you weren’t far from my thoughts as I mulled over what gems to impart this month.

Some months ago while researching another article I had an idea, which for some reason I can’t remember was overtaken by another topic. Anyway while it doesn’t directly apply to Kenn, it does apply to life so it may be useful to some. Think of it as slightly philosophic in nature. There is one pun in the article so be warned. It also gets slightly technical but you will cope.

In a nutshell my point will be that what appears to be common sense or logical can be totally the opposite and actually cause harm.

I will illustrate with some recent examples, a couple of which are from beekeeping, which I happen to know something about and hopefully you will get my drift.

Earlier this year a note came round the Parish Councils suggesting that verges etc were not cut in May “because of the bees”. My response was that if folk wanted to leave the verges that was fine but don’t do it for the bees. In fact May is one of the best months for forage for the bees. The weather is warmer and blossom is out. They don’t need any extra help in May. However June is often a month bereft of forage. Blossom has finished and the main crop – mainly bramble in our area – hasn’t started. Bees have been known to starve in June and we beekeepers call it the “June gap”. Leaving verges in May to cut in June isn’t exactly the brightest thing to do. Score: enthusiasm/good intentions 1, science 0.

Let’s take another example from a certain wildlife group in the area known for its zeal more than for its science. I am told that members of this group suggested we should all grow or encourage dandelions, “for the bees”. While it is true that bees prefer dandelion over say, buttercup, and wax produced from dandelion pollen is bright yellow and looks nice, dandelion is not that good in large amounts. Pollen contains amino acids which are the building blocks of life. Dandelions only provide some amino acids and a bee in development requires a full range of amino acids. Flooding the area with dandelions just means the bees get a greater proportion of something that is not too good for them. It is like flooding your house with chocolate bars. Score: enthusiasm/good intentions 2, science 0.

Take a more topical example: the Hinckley power line connection. When it was first publicised, a fairly predictable response was to demand that all the cables went underground or along the Bristol Channel “for the environment”. (In practice a small section through the Mendips will now be underground but the rest will be overhead).

What people didn’t realise is that cables carrying these vast amounts of electricity get warm and rely on air cooling in order not to overheat.

According to an electrical engineering friend of mine, if they go underground you need four times the amount of copper to carry the current so they don't overheat. The world has enough copper for another 65 years at the current rate of use. In practice a lot of copper is easily recycled, which means so far our consumption is not an issue but you get the point.

Also, digging large trenches for ducting or pipes or cables is not itself environmentally friendly as you end up disturbing underground systems that have been there for generations.

Underground watercourses will change and farmers will find an area of ground that used to be dry is now damp or vice versa. When I moved to the Limes I connected onto mains drains and although that is all I did and there are no leaks, the drainage on the rhyne adjacent to it changed significantly afterwards and all I'd done was dig a trench.

For my final example I was going to discuss electric vehicles but have decided it is probably too much of a "hot potato" to do in depth as it may be that readers have strong views on the subject so I will only briefly touch on a few things you may not be aware of and hope I don't offend anyone.

We all can see that a non-polluting vehicle is a "good thing" but consider this:

Some of the vital components are lithium (for batteries), neodymium (for magnets and motors) and other "rare earth" elements.

Chile has the largest lithium reserves and Australia is the largest producer. Portugal is currently the only European supplier, getting it from an area either adjacent to or in a National Park. Processing it is not simple however. According to Wikipedia, mining and extracting lithium "presents significant environmental and health hazards".

Oops. Is that a good idea?

Neodymium is quite common. The largest producer is China but neodymium can't be used straight from the ground. It needs refining before use. Hmmm. Are we friendly with China or not? What if they don't like us?

Moreover consider recycling. The traditional car engine is really easy to recycle. Just melt it down and start again. Recycling the components of electric vehicles is difficult and as far as I can find out at present there are no easy solutions to reclaim the bits although I'm sure they will get somewhere in time.

However you can see where I am going with this. Are electric vehicles really as simple a solution as we think?

I could come up with other examples but I need to get this article off today.

So what can we conclude from all this? Our MP once mentioned to me the "law of unintended consequences" and that might be a good way of looking at these things. To me, there are two conclusions. Firstly there are times it is better to keep one's mouth shut and secondly life is like an onion. There is always another layer.

Stephen

# KENN PARISH COUNCIL

# 2021

## Parish Council Meeting – 6 September 2021

During Public Participation a discussion took place on the possibilities of making the Drum & Monkey a Community Asset to prevent it from being developed into office space, some of which are as follows.

### Community Assets forming a part of the Community Right to Bid.

The first stage is identifying and nominating buildings, or other assets such as land, that have a social wellbeing or social interests to the local community, also for the future of that community.

When a Community Asset is listed with the local authority (North Somerset Council), the local community will be informed if it comes up for sale within a five-year listing period. The community can then enact the Community Right to Bid, which gives them time to determine if they; (1) wish to proceed, and if so then (2) can they raise the finance to purchase the asset.

Several community organisations can nominate land and buildings for inclusion on the list:

- parish councils
- neighbourhood forums (as defined in Neighbourhood Planning regulations)
- unconstituted community groups of at least 21 members
- not-for-private-profit organisations (e.g. charities).

Community organisations also must have a local connection, meaning their activities are wholly or partly concerned with the area.

When the Community Right to Bid is activated it does not give the right of first refusal to community organisations to buy an asset. What it does do is give is time:

- six weeks to decide if they wish to bid to purchase, if so then
- six months to put together the funding necessary to buy the asset on the open market

During which time the owner cannot proceed to sell the asset.

A few issues when considering a community asset.

- to consider whether your organisation has the skills, or
- enthusiasm and person power to own and manage the building, land etc
- and whether there is strong community support for them to do so.

A need to look at the finances, a few of which are:

- what is the likely income,
- what are the running costs,
- how will you repair or refurbish the building in the long term.



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This is just a summary, more information is available online to help people thinking of this and advising on the various complicated aspects involved.

### 2021 Meetings

**01 November – Council Meeting**

The meetings will be held at 7:30pm in the Village Hall – agendas on the noticeboards before the above date