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Sadly an ancient apple tree at Carpenters Farm was felled by Storm Francis on the 25th August. Nobody was hurt!

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St John the Evangelist, Kenn

September Services

**13th September 11am
All Age Harvest Service**

**27th September 11am
Spoken Service**

Our church will be continue to be open
for private prayer

each Wednesday 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Sundays 11.00am - 6.00pm

throughout September

Hand sanitiser and cleaning wipes
available.

Please wipe every surface you have
touched and take the wipe home for
disposal.

Welcome to Fran

Licensing Service for Rev Fran Binding

The Rev Fran M Binding was licensed on Mon 3rd August, as House for Duty Priest for St John the Evangelist Church, Kenn, and All Saints Church, Kingston Seymour.

Usually Licensing Services are quite big affairs attended by representatives from the local community, Parish Council and schools, as well as members of the congregations, including those from the priest's previous parish.

The whole thing is headed up by the Arch Deacon, and followed by scrumptious food and lots of chat.

Due to the present Covid restrictions, Fran's service was held via Zoom, led by Arch Deacon Adrian Youngs and attended by the minimum number of church officers legality required, and a small group of Fran's family and friends.

Never mind!

Fran has hit the ground running and has contacted lots of people by phone, email and any other mode of communication she can lay her hands on.

We welcome her to Kenn, and look forward to meeting her in more orthodox ways when the situation allows.

JB & JB



Dear all,

Thank you SO MUCH for a wonderful welcome at Kenn and for my first church service in church since the end of March. Thank you for giving my paper boat a home on the altar (see below).

I made it at the beginning of lockdown with the plan to take it into church for my first service not knowing that would be in Kenn!



These are challenging times for me, to get to know a new community and as we approach Harvest Time we have had to be imaginative in thinking about how we can celebrate and give thanks for those who work so hard to keep us fed and watered.

We do have a plan and I hope you will join in – a Welly Walk and Messy harvest bags! Details are elsewhere in this magazine but a Welly Walk is planned for our Harvest weekend and in collaboration with the Yatton Moor Team and Yatton Methodist Church Messy Harvest bags for families which we will deliver on Friday 11th September having quarantined them first!

Check out the details elsewhere in the magazine.

We will have a Harvest Service at 11am on the morning of September 13th, which will be different because of current regulations but still great fun, as well as hopefully meeting some of you after your Welly Walk in the afternoon to pick up a prize!

Harvest is about giving thanks for all God's gifts but also to think about how we share what we have.

Our offering this year will be for the Foodbank and a box will go in the church porch for the week leading up to the service in which you can put your gifts.



This is a tough time for many people and Clevedon Foodbank does amazing work supporting local individuals and families in need. I do hope you can help. Check out the website for what is needed.

www.clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk

I am so looking forward to the coming months getting to know Kenn better and thinking about how best I can use the time I have to best serve this community.

Stay safe, keep well, Fran

Fran took her first service at St John's on Sunday 9th September.

It was a time of great feeling for all of us, especially for Fran, as it was the first time she had worshipped in a church since March.



She started the service by telling us that at the beginning of that last service in her old parish, she and her congregation had brought little homemade paper boats, to remind them that Christ was with them in the uncertain waters that lay ahead.

Fran then placed her boat on the altar at St John's to signify that that part of her 'journey' had come to an end.

Heaven Preserve Us

There is a selection of Heaven Preserve Us items in the porch at Quercus, Kenn Street.

HPU jams, marmalades and chutneys are packed in recycled jars and (if they are good enough) lids. Some varieties eg Blackberry and Apple, Blackberry and Rhubarb, and Plum are made with village fruit and British Sugar, so very low food miles involved.

There is a selection of masks next to the above, sold in aid of Smile Train, the charity that provides life changing surgery for children in developing countries born with cleft palate.

September Cakes.

On September 11th I will be baking the sort of cakes I usually make for the Village Market. Fruit cakes, sponges, spicy apple loaf, carrot cake, lemon drizzles etc.

This month the profits will support the Blay Family in Ghana

To order, call me on 01275 873554. Delivery to be arranged. Thank You
Julia Bush

Julia also welcomed the three generations of one family at Stonehouse Farm, Full details on page 17 from Jan and Colin Bedford

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Joe Thole (Apple Acre)

Upright Piano available -
possibly with help to transport.

Contact Jo Batten - 0777 6143 900

Blay Family News - 23rd August

Hi Mummy.

Thanks a lot for your quick reply. Am glad to hear all the information given by Tim I appreciate it but here all farmers keep all hens in the fence 24hours and being fed inside - no outdoor games for them but green leaves are given to them 3 times a week which helps to produce very good and healthy eggs.

For now I have learnt enough about them and have started buying the wood and cement for the fence making. I don't have much but I think of it that it will help me with the kids needs sometimes as you may not get the chance every time to send us some fees from time to time and moreover they are growing and their bills will be growing eventually that's why i want to start poultry business.

Will keep you updated.

Michael Blay. God bless you.

Useful Numbers:

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Church Floodlighting:

David Pugh 874278



**Due to Covid
Postponed**

North Somerset Times -
copies available in the
Church Porch.



Mondays

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Dustbin - 7th, 21st September

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Viewing at Saleroom - check!

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Morning of sale from 9am

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View On Line - Auction On Line



KENN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On an absolutely beautiful, hot afternoon in August members of the Kenn W.I. were able to meet under the shade of a splendid tree behind the Kenn Village Hall.

Nineteen members, complete with their own chairs, drinks and refreshment, sat in a socially distanced circle and caught up with each other after weeks of shielding.

Some members were unable to attend for a variety of reasons, but we were assured that they were all well.

Marion Hulance explained what was happening to Denman College, the WI's own college in Oxfordshire. It had been reported that because it has lost money during the lockdown it will need to close.

There are various options available, such as selling the building and leasing it back or moving the London Headquarters there. You may be sure the solicitors and accountants are exploring every possibility.

The Village Hall has reopened in a limited way and the Committee are exploring the chances of members being able to meet there in December so that members can exchange greetings and meet each other again.

Sadly the Carol Service has been cancelled for this year as even if circumstances changed there would not now be time for the host Institute to make all the arrangements.

With luck there will be a Spring Group Meeting in April.

We all look forward to being able to return to 'normal'.

Ann Holtham

Church Floodlighting

Now the nights are drawing in, you may wish to remember someone or celebrate an event, by having our church floodlit. If so, please contact David Pugh 874278.

A small donation towards the cost of power is appreciated.

Welly Walk!



A Kenn harvest celebration with a difference!

Please would you like to help put our Harvest Welly Walk together by decorating a pair of old wellies?

All ages are welcome to take part.

You could plant them, paint them, cover them in stickers or whatever else you might think of. When they are ready, they would need to go in a prominent place so that they can be seen by passers-by.

The plan is - they will be put out on Saturday morning 12th September ready to be viewed that weekend and until the end of September.

A map will go out to every family who has a 'Messy Harvest' bag with copies in the Church Porch for anyone to pick up showing where the wellies are on the Welly Trail.

On Sunday afternoon 13th September our new vicar Fran will be in the Church Room from 2.30-4.30pm with a small prize for those who have completed the walk and ticked off their wellies on the map. It would be lovely if you could pop in, social distancing maintained, and say hello as she hasn't had the chance to meet everyone.

If you would like to join in, then please can you let Julia, Quercus, Kenn Street 01275 873554 or Caroline, Chapel Cottage, Kenn Street, 01275 343133 know so that you can go on the map.

St John's the Evangelist Kenn

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KENN PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's News

Many thanks to all of you that have taken the time to email, phone and comment to myself or other Parish Councillors about the wild flower project on the Village Green. I have had many comments from without the village too.

This was something that we decided to implement as a trial, which has been very successful.

The flowers have been a joy to look at. Thanks to Rob and Mark for the planting.

We are thinking of rolling this out next year in other places around the village, if you have any suggestions let us know

Rob is looking at seeds for flowers under the trees, we shall how they go.

Parish Council will have a meeting shortly, Eleanor will supply details soon. We have had to liaise via email etc but we are still here and if needed just email us, or call any of us. Covid has certainly altered how things work.

Stay safe everyone, Sheila

Yatton Moor – Zambia Link

A Message received in August from our link parish in Zambia

So happy to hear from you and the happenings in Yatton and your country. So sad. The world has changed indeed. All of us look to the He/She above to preserve us.

The pandemic was mild in this part of the world until 2nd week of July when relaxation measures set in and people thinking the disease is something we can live with.

Gosh, now we are terrified at the rate of infections. The numbers of Brought In Dead is increasing to our Medical facilities, especially in big towns. The young ones have not been in schools since March. Online education is not for everybody for a variety of reasons.

Kabwe is equally affected with its proximity to Lusaka. But God is standing with us so far. All is quiet.

The Church at St. Georges has had changes of Priests. Father Chawelwa is preparing to retire and taking care of the Archdeaconry. The new Priest for Kabwe South is Father Chisanga who transferred from Northern Diocese.

In an effort to survive the hard times, we have built a public toilet and constructed a number of shops for rent on the northern side of our perimeter wall. The toilet venture, operated since May 2019, has raised the Church income considerably. When the Shops come on board, we should be able to do a few things for other congregations in the Parish.

On a sad note, today we bury one of our Canons in Luanshya, near Ndola. He passed on a few days ago.

May our Lord continue to look after us and our loved ones.

Ernest

Book group.

Like most interest groups we have had August off and did not meet up.

I know from conversations that we are all reading novels, or books for courses some of us are doing.

It will make for a very interesting swap and share when we meet in September.

We will probably go for a date early in September.

We do need to discuss a venue as the pub's opening hours are rather erratic.

Stay safe and well. Book group.



Bird News

We start with an 'honorary' bird, a Muntjac deer in Mike and Iris Callow's garden at the end of July. I had heard barking in Littlewood earlier in the month which may have been a Muntjac, the regular Roe Deer are usually quiet.

Rob Treble and John Croxton reported Hobbies over Kenn early in the month and there were several sightings in the Decoy pool area of Kenn Moor, but then all went quiet.

Decoy pool did have three singing Willow Warblers and these would be on autumn migration.

John Hayden spotted two Red Kites soaring very high over Kenn Street during the hot weather and local Peregrines are returning to pylons.

There was good news of successful House Martins on the new Chestnut Park estate in Yatton with Raven and Green Woodpecker seen at Kingston Bridge.

Great White Egrets were on Kenn Moor and by Clevedon Craft Centre.

A pair of Tawny Owls were calling heard from Duck Lane.

Autumn passage was getting going at the sea wall with lots of Ringed Plovers and good numbers of Wheatears prominent.

A Kingfisher was quite an unusual record there.

Trevor Riddle
01934 835208

Cattle Egrets with
cattle - Catcott Lows
in Somerset.

Photo - Paul Marsh



Supper Club and News from The Drum

Supper Club has returned to The Drum!

On Wednesday 19th August, 13 of us had a meal in the restaurant and 3 more joined us for a drink.



Jamie was there to welcome us and make sure we were happy with our “socially-distanced” seating. He then took great care to finish the cooking and serving of the meals we had pre-ordered from his menu.

Our waitress was the welcoming - a smiling and very competent Drew Summerell.

The food was delicious!

It was such a pleasure to get together again and times felt almost normal!

We congratulated Jamie on his resilience in somehow keeping the pub running against the odds this year.

We wished him well through the coming uncertain months.

He remains determined and grateful of any support that we as villagers can give him.

The next Supper Club, all being well, will be on Wednesday 16th September.

You can contact Jamie then, or at any other time, on

jfthomas314@gmail.com or phone him on 07393 743471.

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DIARY NOTE — What's on in Kenn

**Wednesday 16th September - Drum and Monkey
Village Supper — meet from 7.00 pm**



Our Flag was flown on

15th August to celebrate VJ Day 75th Anniversary

and on 16th August for Dorothy (Dot) Bell's 100th Birthday

(Mike Bell's mum)

Wild Flowers on Kenn Village Green

Very many thanks are due to our Parish Council who, possibly prematurely, took advantage of the new planning rules and replaced areas of grass with a stunning display of Wild Flowers on the Village Green.



Much to the delight of many invertebrates and some locals and passing road users!

A well known local specialist was responsible for designing and carrying out this impressive scheme and I understand that a rarely used Transit-style system of pneumatic rubber compression was the most effective method of ensuring that the seeds were given the best start possible!



John Croxton.

With thanks to Jenny for the photographs

Neighbourhood Watch - Rogue Traders / Gardeners (Tree Specialists)

We have been made aware that there has been a sharp increase in calls relating to bogus "Tree Specialists" who have been preying on the older population within our communities, offering to carry out gardening work. Several residents are reported to have paid vast sums of money for poor quality work to the so called "Specialists" who have also taken the money and never returned to complete the work.



There are a few things that you should be wary of before allowing anyone into your home or garden.

1. Did they put a leaflet through your door claiming to offer discounts for OAPs?
2. Do they offer 20 / 30 / 40 % off for calling within a particular time scale of receiving your leaflet?
3. Do they offer Tree work and then claim to offer a host of other services seemingly unrelated?
4. Does it look like a professionally printed leaflet?
5. If you speak to an operator, do not be bullied into committing to their services or an appointment.
6. If they are in your home, phone a friend and ask them to come round.
7. You can ask them to leave at any point during their sales pitch.

These are just a few points to look out for, but the best rule to go by is that if you require any work you should find the person yourself or go by the recommendation of others that you trust.

There are plenty of websites that can steer you in the right direction to find the right company.

And of course there are some genuine, honest companies so make an informed decision, but remember: **"If you're not sure, don't open the door".**

Thanks to Jan and Colin Bedford for keeping us in the picture on Neighbourhood Watch issues

Revd Avril Gaunt

When I heard that Avril was retiring, I thought of the many years of her outstanding service to our two villages of Kenn and Kingston Seymour, also Yatton Moor as a whole.

Then my memory took me back seventy plus years over the life our village churches and I realized how very fortunate we have been in the quality of many of our Ministers.

Just lovely, gentle, caring, supportive, encouraging human beings.

Avril ranks with the very best of them.

We have been blessed villages indeed.

I am sure that Avril has received loving thanks and appreciation from us all, and we wish her well, and peaceful times ahead.

Now we look forward to Fran's time with us.

John Griffin

photo - Avril at Kingston Seymour on Sunday 6th September when she was formally thanked for her many years of service to us all.



Thanks

Having posted a copy of our Church Leaflet to Julia Stallings Key, in Augusta, USA we were delighted to receive a lovely reply together with a cheque for \$250. (August News and Views page 13)

HELP more contributors are needed for Kenn News & Views.....

Photographs by email, also gratefully received.....

Margaret Ball — 01275 874077

email margaret.john@btinternet.com

Dorothy (Dot) Bell

Our flag was flown on Sunday 16th August to celebrate the 100th Birthday of Mike Bell's Mother.

Dot lives in Clevedon and our photo shows her doing a reception outside her home.

Dot has been isolated. like a lot of us, since March and the family would like express their sincere thanks to John and Celia Andrews for regular contact with Mum.

John was able to give her communion for the first time in nearly six months.



Also pictured — some results of Mike Bell's latest hobby. These two rocking horses have now gone to new homes.

Welcome to Stonehouse Farm

We would like to welcome to the village Carly and Mike Nash.
(Yes, the name is a great coincidence, but this time without an "i"!)

Carly and Mike have moved in with Carly's Mum and Dad, Sue and Colin Wright, and 3 children Dylan - 16, Jack - 11, and George - 8.

Carly has been a good friend of our daughter, Amy, since their school days at Clevedon Comp. In their friendship group are also Kelly and Emily Burstow, who used to live in Kenn at Meadow Lea. Carly works as a Senior Care Assistant, but she also has a huge talent for flower-arranging. A few years ago Kelly celebrated her wedding in the Village Hall. Carly, Emily, Amy and other friends were her bridesmaids. Carly transformed the Hall, both inside and out, with the most beautiful natural displays of flowers and plants.

All the family are pleased to be living in Kenn. They look forward to the time when they can become involved in the community life of the village as it should be.

Welcome to them all!

Jan and Colin Bedford

Bees and Plants

Two people came up to me and said how much they enjoyed my article on beekeeping last month and one person emailed me with similar comments, so at least some folk have read it. By my calculations it could be as much as one percent of the village have seen it, so that can't be bad.

I have wondered if I should make it easier for avid readers of KN&V to express their appreciation or otherwise for my ramblings. I've considered having a box by my door for the plaudits and a wheelie bin next to it for the adverse comments. Just an idea.

On the basis of such strong encouragement I thought I would continue the beekeeping theme, mainly because I have run out of ideas for anything else, although since I started writing this I have an idea for October should Margaret still be so desperate for any old rubbish.

Anyway this month I decided I would address one or two of the misconceptions folk may have about bees and the environment.

So let's look at the topic of flowers and saving the planet. Often you find the two subjects mentioned together. My train of thought on this has been sparked by the lovely display of wild flowers on the village green. They are truly beautiful and there is talk of expanding the scheme next year. If you haven't seen them, then go quick before they are over, although I suspect by the time you read this there won't be much left.

Lovely as they are however, they are not going to make much difference to the bees or save the planet, although to be fair that was never their purpose. Honeybees generally fly up to 3 miles in search of forage. They can go further and all sorts of experiments have been done with dishes of syrup to tempt them on. However beyond 3 miles they have to "top up" with nectar they've collected on the way so after a time it becomes a pointless exercise. I suppose a worker could come back to the hive and say "Guess where I have been today? I've been to Weston", and be greeted with the response: "Where's the nectar and pollen then?" "Oh, I ate it on the way." Whack. Bruised worker retreats.

Typically they go a mile and a half so they are quite parochial.

That is still an awful lot of countryside they cover so a few square yards on our green isn't going to be a huge factor. Sorry.

What about the sumptuous nectar in our Kenn wild flowers you say? Surely they will go for that? Here are some more facts and figures. In order to produce 1 pound of honey, 2 million flowers must be visited.

A hive of bees must fly 55,000 miles to produce a pound of honey. One bee colony can produce 60 to 100 pounds of honey per year.

An average worker bee makes only about 1/12 teaspoon of honey in its lifetime. That's a lot of work and we are going to need a much bigger village green to have an impact.

If we look at the timing of flowers and blossom over the year it is quite interesting.

Honeybees are about the only insect around in reasonably large quantities in the spring, which makes them so attractive for top fruit pollination in orchards. As beekeepers we don't usually get much surplus honey then (except for this year) as it is used up in feeding the rapidly increasing brood and so this early blossom (subject to decent weather) is important to the well-being of the colony as is hawthorn and hazel which are also appreciated by the bees.

That blossom period takes us to May. June is known by beekeepers as the "June gap", because once the blossom goes there is not much around for the bees to forage on and in fact in a bad year the bees can starve. Our main harvest is in July and in our area it is mainly bramble, rose bay willow herb and clover, supplemented by anything they can find in suburban gardens from Clevedon.

So what can we do to help the bees?

There are two groups of people that can help: the farmers and the gardeners.

First, the farmers, who clearly have the most potential to influence things. How about a different crop? My efforts to suggest farmers grow borage or field beans haven't got anywhere. This is understandable as around here it is mainly pasture. If they could encourage clover that would help. Maize or sweet corn is useless to bees. Fields of buttercups are actually harmful if the bees haven't got alternatives and dandelion is better but not ideal. Oil seed rape has mixed views from beekeepers for reasons I may go into another time.

What about gardeners? A curious fact you may be unaware of is that keen gardeners may resent bees. The reason is that when bees visit a flower they pollinate the flower. A flower once pollinated (or strictly speaking, fertilised), starts to wither and so its flowering period is shortened.

If you want to help bees we need a lot of flowering plants in June. If you want to know what plants are suitable, the RHS website has downloadable lists of plants you can try. Some will be more suitable for bumble bees who have longer tongues and can reach some nectaries (where the nectar is secreted) better than honeybees.

Do bear in mind that although growing bee friendly plants may make you feel good it isn't going to make a huge difference in the scale of things - but we don't need to tell anybody that, do we?

Stephen Brain

Yatton Methodist Church and Yatton Moor Team Churches are organising...



IN A BAG



All that is needed for children age 3-11
to celebrate Messy Harvest at home

- Grow your own lettuce, bread making, origami fish,
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All in a bag with YouTube instructions!!



WELLY WALK

Details of
**HARVEST
CELEBRATIONS
IN KENN**

see pages 8 and 9