

# KENN

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NEWS & VIEWS

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**Clevedon Foodbank.**

I have the Clevedon and District Foodbank Summer Update and can pass on the link if you are interested in a round up of all the work that has been done by the Foodbank this year.

It includes details of their throughput (6 Tonnes of food over the last 18months) and various schemes targeting specific areas of need such as (School) holiday hunger with their Lunchbag project.

There are other schemes running such as 'Eat Well Spend Less'.

Soon there will be the Harvest Festival boost in which, traditionally, a large proportion of the tinned goods used throughout the year are received.

**Meanwhile, goods needed now are:  
tinned veg, UHT Milk,  
one pack meals (rice or pasta based)  
Orange juice in small cartons,  
cleaning materials and toiletries.**

Items can be left in the box in the church porch, or at specific bins in the local supermarkets.

Thank you, Julia Bush

NB. The Clevedon Foodbank already has enough uncooked pasta, soup and baked beans.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KENN**

**KENN ALTAR GUILD**



**SEPTEMBER ROTA**

Margaret Bessant with Ann Holtham  
more volunteers welcome

**Flower Arrangers, please note  
that our Harvest Festival is on**

**Sunday 12th September**

**with the wedding of Jerry Naish and Tom**

**Lowe on Saturday 11th September**

**Please may Harvest Decorations be in  
place by Friday 10th evening**

Dear all,

September, a month of fruitfulness and the beginning of autumn mists. It is also the time when children and staff return to school. A feeling I remember all too well from when I was a teacher. A mixture of excitement for new beginnings and sadness at leaving the holidays behind. Blessings on you all!

We also think about the beauty of our world this month, giving thanks for its abundance at our Harvest service on September 12<sup>th</sup>, but also thinking about how we too often abuse it on Climate Sunday on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

I have used the pictures below often as a striking image of our world in this context.



The church will be beautifully decorated for our Harvest service but also in preparation for the wedding of Jerry Naish and Tom Lowe on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>. Jerry has very fond memories of seeing the church decorated for harvest which is why they chose this particular weekend to be married. The wedding is at 1pm so please think of them and do pop into church sometime, either to join us for the Sunday service, or just to see the decorations in all their splendour. The church is now open every day.

Thank you to those who have helped make bean bags for this year's Messy Harvest bags which will go out to families at the end of this month. As usual they will be filled with activities, a story, and other surprises. When schools have settled back and we are a little clearer as to how this will pan out with regards to Covid, I hope to meet up with those who have received the Messy Harvest bags to talk about what else we might be able to do with young families face to face rather than via a bag on the doorstep! Watch this space.

I wish you all a happy September when maybe we can all spend time focusing on our beautiful world and how we should love and cherish it.

Love, Fran



## LUNCH AT KENN VILLAGE HALL.

Usually on the first Monday of the month, 12.00 noon to 2.30pm.

I am so excited to be starting the lunches again. I have booked the village hall for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

We are used to giving each other plenty of room.

So, the lunch venue has been changed from the church to the hall. Seating at the tables will be spaced out.

Brilliant, I cannot wait for us all to be together again for lunch and laughter.

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

Would anyone object to us giving the takings to Clevedon food bank?

I had £50 left over from the lunches 18 months ago. I have spent £25 on sundry items for the new room.

The remaining £25 will be enough to finance the first lunch.

Stay safe and well. Caroline.

## Book group.



It seems like an age ago that book group met at the beginning of June. We were to discuss 'The Beloved' by Alison Rattle.

One member had not read the book.

As the narrative has several twists a discussion would have ruined the read.

So, we held over reviewing the book until the next group. Instead, we shared our current good reads. Life events took over and there has been no further group this summer.

We are going to meet again in the second week in September. The group will read 'The Thursday Murder Club' by Richard Osman. Apart from discussing the 'who done it' we can also discuss why this has been such a popular 2021 crime novel. We will also revisit 'The Beloved' by Alison Rattle.

Book Group.

## Masks and Jams and Cake!



There is a complete selection of Heaven Preserve Us jams, jellies and marmalades in Kenn church which is now open every day.

Also a selection of masks. PLEASE BRING CHANGE.

Put payment in the wall safe (by the doorway)

### September Cakes.

I will be making cakes on THURSDAY 9th SEPTEMBER for delivery on Friday 10th. All the usual varieties and any special orders.

Profits will go to **The Mercy Ships**. A school friend of my daughter, a paediatric nurse, has done several tours with them, so this organisation has a special place in my heart.



Please order by phone/email/shout across the street etc, delivery to be arranged.

Thanks, Julia Bush 01275 873554

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## Kenn Village Market, 9<sup>th</sup> October.



After such a long absence we are happy to announce the re-opening of Kenn Village Market and coffee morning in the hall on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> October 10-12 noon.

As before there will be Home made Jams and chutneys, cakes, vegetables and hand crafted items plus other local produce.

Anyone wanting to have a table to sell your items, £2 a table, please contact Lyn Burnett 01275 870189 or Maggie Hobbs 01275 876277.

We look forward to seeing you.

Lyn and Maggie

## A busy weekend for Revd Fran Binding



**Saturday 28th August** Fran officiated at the wedding at All Saints' of Margaret Medd and Yatton Churchwarden Mike Cooke—a joyful occasion for family and the Team of Yatton Moor



## Sunday 29th August

Fran hosted the Community Breakfast at Kenn Village Hall - an opportunity for her to have a good chat with local people.



A most enjoyable event with good food, good company and lots of chatter



Snaps of just a few of those who came along



## News from the Blay Family in Ghana

Hello mummy,

I hope everything is fine by the Lord God's grace.

Sorry for the delay of this message I thought you said this month you are busy and will back to me on September so I was not checking my emails but something told me to check my emails and fortunately I saw your message I was glad see it.

How was the family wedding I hope it went Good.

About the school fees for the children's this Term, Christiana will pay 1,000 Ghana Cedis in Pound sterling is 120.84 and Emmanuel's Own is 900 Ghana Cedis in Pounds is 108.58 While Reuben's Own is 800 Ghana Cedis in Pounds is 96.67. Total for the Fee is £325.94,

The School fees has Increased because of Text's Books they use in Class room and School will be Opening on Seventh September next month.

Here are some pictures of them. Lord God almighty richly bless you all.

Michael Blay



## **LOVE CLEEVE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th September**

Love Cleeve Festival has been organised to celebrate our village community after a difficult 18 months but also to stimulate interest in ways in which our village [s] might respond to the challenge of climate change. As a parish church, we wanted to be involved from the start and Holy Trinity is hosting 2 days of faith-filled events with our guest, Brother Hugh SSF from Hilfield Franciscan friary. Do take the opportunity to come to one or more of the events taking place over the weekend in 4 different venues.

There is something for everyone!

Most of the festival is free - the booking of tickets is required for some events.

*Love Cleeve is a Covid-Safe Festival.*

### **Details**

Visit: [Home \(lovecleeve.co.uk\)](http://lovecleeve.co.uk)

[\(2\) Love Cleeve Community Festival | Facebook](#)

[https://instagram.com/lovecleevefest?utm\\_medium=copy\\_link](https://instagram.com/lovecleevefest?utm_medium=copy_link)

Peace and all good wishes, Nigel Thomas



Useful Numbers:

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**Saturday  
9th October  
10—12 noon**

**North Somerset Times -**  
copies available in the  
Church Porch.



**Mondays**

**Recycling 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th September**

**Dustbin - 6th, 20th September**

**Green Waste - 6th, 20th September**



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## INSPIRING WOMEN

### KENN W.I.

Members, visitors and guests gathered in the Village Hall for the August meeting of the Kenn W.I.

It was the first time that we have been able to use the Hall for many months and we all felt that we were a step nearer to a return to normal business.

Those attending had a very delicious lunch of soup and sandwiches prepared for us by

Caroline Holden and Lyn Burnett. The Hall looked so attractive, the tables were beautifully laid and there were flowers on each table.

We all send our thanks to the arrangers. Later in the proceedings we were given a lovely cup of tea, served by Rose and Joyce Jeffery.

While we were eating our lunch Steve Loader, a chaplain at the Bristol Centre of the Mission to Seafarers spoke about the work of the Mission. He was given some clothing and a great many woolly hats. It has been a very difficult time for Seafarers, because during the pandemic they were unable to come ashore. Fortunately, normal service has been resumed. Steve also touched on the issue of modern day slavery which is rife on the ships which call at the port. We hope that he will be able to visit us again.

We were all very disappointed not to have been able to visit Felicity James' new garden and hear a talk from the designer. She will invite us next year when the garden will have matured further. We all look forward to that.

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 is hoping to hold a Carol Service in St. Mary Redcliffe. It will be wonderful to be able to sing out favourite carols again.

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

Dona Butcher, our W.I. Advisor, was a guest at the lunch. She said she was delighted to be with us all and said that W.I.'s are gradually reopening. We have been so fortunate in Kenn in having a suitable space that allowed us to come together. She was thanked for coming.

The September meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 2.30p.m. on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Three Kenn residents will tell us about their work. We are aware of the wealth of talent there is in the village and we look forward to hearing about some of it.

Ann Holtham



St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

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

### September 5th

8.30am St John's BCP Communion

11am All Saints' Holy Communion

### September 12<sup>th</sup>

8.30am All Saints' BCP Communion

11am St John's All Together in Church for HARVEST

### September 19<sup>th</sup>

11am All Saints' All Together in Church for HARVEST

### September 26<sup>th</sup>

11am St John's Holy Communion

### Weekly

Sundays 6pm on Zoom Team Evening Worship

Tuesdays and Wednesdays from Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 8.15am

Morning Prayer on Zoom

Please contact [franbindingkks@gmail.com](mailto:franbindingkks@gmail.com) for Zoom links

**Kenn's Harvest Festival - Sunday 12th September 11.00am**

**Gifts for Clevedon Foodbank will be gratefully received**

**Our Harvest cash collection will go to the Send a Cow Charity**

## The Yellow teapot is Back!

The August meeting with the Yellow teapot was successfully held both inside and outside the Village Hall, on a sunny but blowy afternoon.

There were drinks, cakes and biscuits, but really everyone most enjoyed was meeting up for the first time in 18 months.

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.

The September meeting will be on Monday 13th, 2.30 - 4pm.

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

Julia Bush



## Pop up Bar: Kenn Village Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

We are planning to have an inaugural/trial "Pop Up" bar 7.00 pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September in the hall.

A number of people expressed an interest in the idea and we hope we can get together as a group to make the idea a regular feature for the village community.

Look forward to seeing you.

Nigel Burnett & John Hayden

## Christmas Carols on the Village Green - diary date

The band is booked for 10/12/21.

Fingers crossed we will be able to stage this event again this year.

Robin

## KENN VILLAGE HALL 100th

The weather forecast was not looking promising for the big day, but preparations continued with a sense of hope which was fully justified.

The rain stopped and well over 100 people enjoyed a fabulous tea party, mainly outside.

Delicious scones (baked in the village), clotted cream and strawberry jam (provided by Rodda's of Cornwall) as well as magnificent cakes made for a truly scrumptious re-past.

We were also privileged to have a beautifully decorated cake made especially by Jean Louis Maurin, a work of art as well as a gastronomic treat!



This was cut for us by Irene Stowell our longest serving Hall Committee Member and past Treasurer.



We were royally entertained with gorgeous music organized by Sue and Tony Parker.

Felicity Tran and Oliver Martin sang beautifully and the Kenn Choir performed with gusto.



A highlight of the day was the arrival of the awesome steam engine owned and driven by Fred Thomas. There were many admiring glances.



Also John Ball brought along the 1921 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost and Field Marshall tractor.

A late decision to run a bar proved a great success with many enjoying a foaming glass of ale or cider. Thanks to Nigel and John for providing a splendid service.

Obviously a big thank you to the helpers especially to Caroline for organizing the serving and washing up rota,

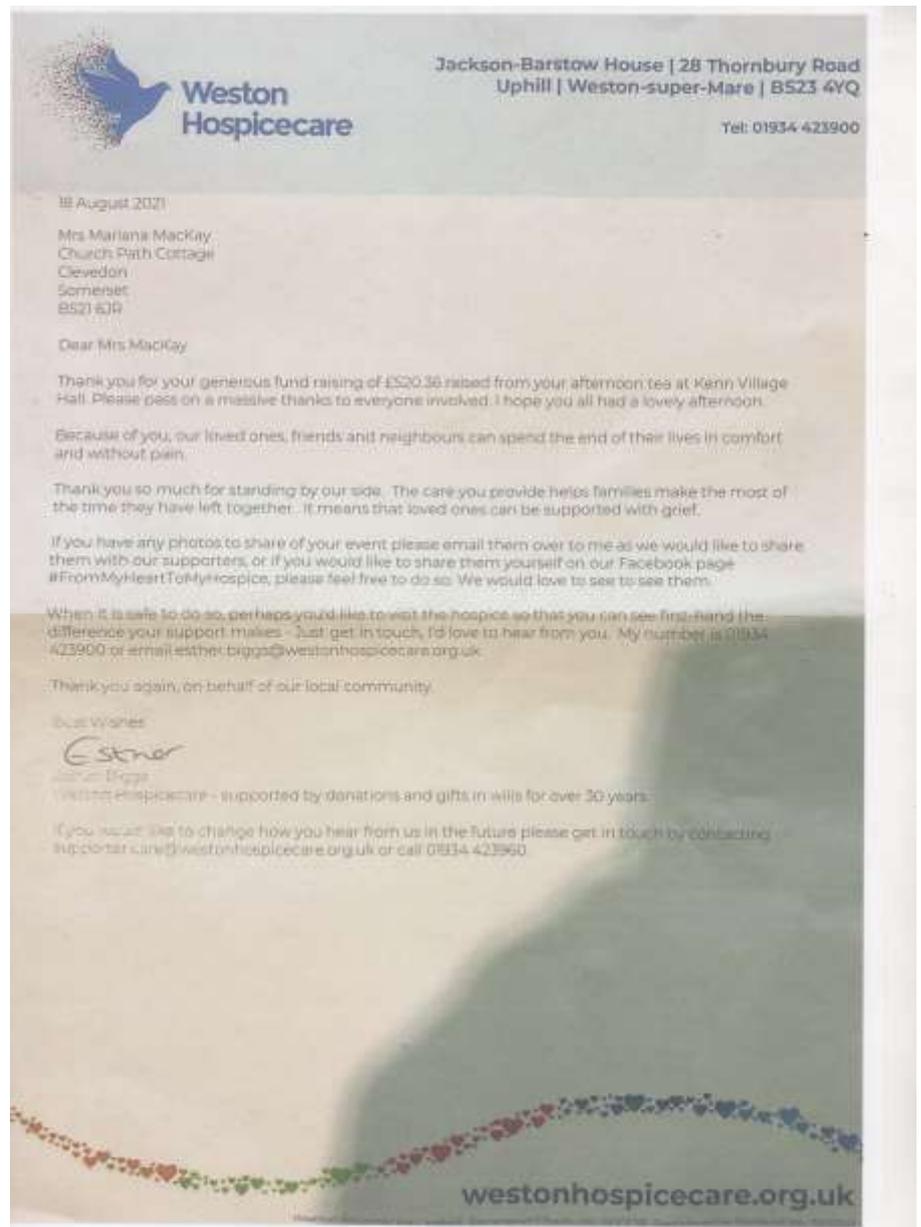
Neil Aldridge for taking the village photo from a very precarious perch,

Marianna and Sarah for the food side and ALL the helpers on the day.

The event was a great way to celebrate a return to some form of normality and let us hope we can have many more in the months and years to come.

We also managed to raise £520 for Weston Hospice through many generous donations.

Robin



# THE MODEL FOLK

Are Playing Kenn Village Hall

**On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**In celebration of 100 Years of Kenn Village Hall  
Doors open at 8pm – Entry is £5 on the door**



Our sound is an eclectic cocktail of influences that could loosely fit in the folk canon. Live shows are full of self-deprecating humour, romance, pathos, audience engagement and interaction; this creates an intimacy which feels more akin to a family get together than a gig; with tunes such as Nipples for Men and Naked in The Kitchen, our aim is to get everyone smiling and tapping their feet. As one recent gig attendee said to us “you may go not knowing the songs, but you end up wondering why on earth you hadn’t known them all your life!”.

## Bird News

The mid summer Mistle Thrush flock on Kenn Moor was down to 11 birds at the beginning of the month and had disappeared a few days later.

Much more exciting was an Osprey spotted by John Croxton perched by the Kenn River. It is possible that this was the bird seen in the same area in April now on its return migration.



Kenn Moor was generally quiet with a juvenile Green Woodpecker the only other sighting of note.

**Thanks go to Dean Ward of the Cider Cottage at Kenn Court for the photo**

A Peregrine has been regular on the pylons by Wemberham Lane but now work is starting to replace the steel pylons with a new design that may not have suitable perching spots - we shall see. Ravens and Kestrels also use the pylons at times. Nearby the first returning Little Egret appeared whilst Moorhens were still producing new broods of chicks.

Autumn migration started slowly but started to pick up towards the end of the month. Five Wheatears and a Yellow Wagtail (not yellow at this time of year) were at the sea wall on the 24th. Waders were represented by a mixed flock of 150 Ringed Plovers and 100 Dunlin. A Great White Egret was also present along with a pair of Egyptian Geese, another species introduced to this country. Good numbers of Swallows were passing through.

Bryan Thompson noted a Red Kite flying over Kenn on the 17th, there have been fewer records this year. Another was near the Strawberry Line it flew so low it almost knocked my correspondent from her bicycle!



September is a peak migration month, and the time when an unusual species might well turn up in your garden.

Trevor Riddle - 01934 835208

**Thanks to Mark Savage for this photo of Dunlin and Ringed Plover at Clevedon Yeo**

## Comings and goings

To all fellow Kennites,

Just to say that Matt and I are moving to Mudgley, Wedmore, to build another home. So exciting times ahead.

You will still see us mooching around Kenn to visit to my two special aunties Julie and Margaret and of course Clare, Matt, Sam, Tom and Ella.



Kenn is a very special place for me. I've been here since I was 3 and left, then returned 16 years ago.

Wherever you live, if you have great neighbours, life is just so much sweeter.

I will miss Heather (my best mate, with whom I have enjoyed endless cups of tea!), Rob and Jo, Rosemary and Robert.

Matt and I would like to introduce Nigel and Wendy Hobden to Hazel Cottage and trust you will give them a warm welcome

Take Care All

Matt and Jilly Butland XXX

## KENN PARISH COUNCIL

### Chairman's notes

Once again the wild flower patches on various parts of the main road have been stunning and well commented on and received.

The next meeting is Monday 6th September in the hall, all welcome.



Still looking for ideas to mark the Queens Jubilee.. something for the village. Please get your thinking caps on and let us know

Sheila

## Neighbourhood Watch



**More than 1000 wearable tech wristbands handed out to safeguard people living with dementia.**

More than 1000 wearable tech wristbands have now been handed out as part of the Avon and Somerset Dementia Safeguarding Scheme, launched last year in collaboration with the Senior Citizen Liaison Team Charity. Using Near Field Communication (NFC) technology, the wristband stores essential information about the wearer, including their name and details of next of kin.

This information can be used by emergency services, health professionals or community members to get the wearer back to safety should they be found whilst lost or confused. There are still plenty of wristbands available to the public and care homes, free of charge thanks to charitable funding.

Sgt Stuart King, who leads the initiative in addition to his role as a response officer said "I have been overwhelmed with the positive attention and wider support this scheme has received from the public. To hear the positive feedback and reassurance that the scheme brings to families and the people living with Dementia makes it all worthwhile. "I would like to thank Bristol Dementia Action Alliance Charity, Senior Citizen Liaison Team Charity, Wessex Water, Bristol Water and Western Power Distribution for the funding to purchase the NFC wristbands."

To apply for a wristband, visit the Dementia Safeguarding Scheme (also known as the Herbert Protocol).

Further information can be found here. Further support for families affected by dementia is available at the Avon and Somerset Dementia Forum on Facebook.

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/forms/dss>

<https://www.facebook.com/Avon-and-Somerset-Dementia-Forum-223932471281955>

### Vaccine Passport Scams

Please see the attached document for information from ActionFraud about fake emails claiming to be from the NHW. These say they can provide people with a "digital passport" to prove you've been vaccinated, but have links within them that can steal personal and financial information.

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/media/32959125/alert-vaccine-passport-scams.pdf>



## KVH 100th Party

Well done all for a fabulous, much enjoyed, community event!

Looking forward to us being able to have more get togethers in the future. I received this lovely message from Oliver Martin and wanted to pass it on to you:

*'Hi Sue, can you pass on my heartfelt thanks to the Kenn Chorus and the Village Committee for my lovely card and gift, very much appreciated and I had a wonderful time.'*

Best wishes Sue Parker Leader 'Kenn Chorus'



## **Our Monthly Missive from the Limes**

I wonder how many readers thought I had taken a break last month as our devious editor had moved my submission from its usual place at the back. At least one reader was taken in. The moral of the story is that after a quick flip through KN&V when it arrives you should then sit down with a coffee or something stronger and read every page thoroughly, muttering to yourself, "What a wonderful publication, such talented contributors and such a vibrant village."

Anyway that's all the humour you are going to get from me this month. If you want more turn over and see what you can extract from the Parish Council notes.

It's four years since my wife, Heather died, it's three years since my father died, it's two years since my beekeeping pal died and three weeks since Heather's father died (aged 97). Moreover 5 days ago an old friend died.

As a result I am in a melancholic and reflective frame of mind and inevitably at times like this one's thoughts wander to thinking about the past.

This is reinforced by the recent KVH 100<sup>th</sup> birthday we have just had.

I have always been interested in the history of this area I live in and would love to know the detailed history of say, half a mile around my house over the last couple of thousand years. We know quite a lot about the last hundred years or so but beyond that it gets a bit vague. I am no historian and wouldn't know where to start researching – I guess the Taunton Record Office is probably the place and I seem to recollect that some years ago some documents were loaned from them for a village event.

If you have lived in Kenn some time you will know about the Kenn Hangings in 1830 which are well recorded. By reading KN&V you will know about Kenn's involvement in car manufacture but how much more do you know? Did you know that in 1800 there were more people living in Kenn than in Weston Super Mare or that in Roman times boats could navigate as far as Kenn Pier? – (Not that I have ever been able to find corroboration of the last statement). Also that Duck Lane was quite an industrial centre and that orchards lined both sides of Kenn Street?

One way of exploring history is of course the internet, but be careful. If you type "Kenn" into Google there are two "Kenns", the other being in Devon. In any event the Wikipedia entry for our Kenn is not terribly informative. Here is an abbreviated extract:

"The village is small and situated in marshy ground. It formerly belonged to the Kenns, one of whom was the nonjuring bishop, composer of the 'Morning Hymn'; he was one of the seven prelates sent to the Tower by James II. The soil is loamy with subsoil clay The church is a stone structure partially rebuilt in 1861. In the interior are several ancient monuments, among which is that of Christopher Kenn. The register dates from 1543." Really riveting stuff.

To get more history you have to go elsewhere and fortunately you don't have to go far.

Some years ago a Kenn Local History Project was started and put online. If you go to <https://kennvillage.co.uk/home-2/history-project/> you will find a mine of information and it is well worth a browse or a wander through. Be warned, it is a bit of a maze, opening one page often gives more new pages appearing in the right hand menu box so you are never sure what is around the next corner!

However from it, for example, you will find out that Kenn is mentioned in the Domesday Book as "Chen", so it does go back a long way. There are also genealogies of the Kenn family from around the late 1300's, but most of the information is more recent. The Kenn Hangings of course are in it as well as a lengthy write up of the restoration, or rather an extensive rebuild, of Kenn Church in 1861.

The Historic House Trail gives the nearest thing to an update of the Domesday Book. Written in 2010 for a village event it gives photographs and descriptions of many of the properties in Kenn, preserving yet more of the local history for future generations.

There are lists of villagers over the centuries which may be helpful for anyone tracing ancestry but there are also a lot of gaps in our knowledge of Kenn to be filled. It would be good to encourage folk to continue on this work.

It is interesting also to look at old maps of Kenn. I have one which shows the track opposite Duck Lane continuing through Kenn Pier Farm to Kenn Pier as in those days Kenn Moor Road did not exist as we know it today.

I am told that is also why Manor Farm appears to be built back to front. Interestingly in a map of 1832, Kenn Street finished at Duck Lane and did not extend to Kenn Moor Road.

Also Davis Lane went around the back of what is now the Police premises and only in relatively recent time was straightened.

There was no drainage of the area other than the river Kenn, which regularly flooded, so farmers could take punts as far as Tickenham Church over the flooded moors and go duck shooting in winter.

I am told that one family who had a house adjacent to the River Kenn would relocate upstairs in winter above the floods and another at Kenn Pier would fish for eels from their window. The Blind Yeo was built in 1949 to alleviate the flooding.

In terms of other drainage schemes, the pattern of rhynes and drainage ditches surrounding many of the fields appears to have started in the early 1800's as a consequence of the Enclosures Acts and then later on an Act of Parliament around 1820'ish completed the pattern we have today. Who actually dug all the rhynes remains a mystery.

So all in all there is a much we know about the history of our village and surrounding area but we also have significant gaps.

Anyone good at research?

Stephen

# KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2021

## [North Somerset Council PRESS RELEASE 23 August 21]

### Responding to 'Code Red' – new chance for residents to save money and the planet

As the UN calls for large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, residents across North Somerset (NS) have a chance to save money on their energy bills and play their part in cutting carbon emissions. It is all thanks to a new scheme being launched by the West of England Combined Authority.

By banding together, residents will be able to get cheaper deals to install solar panels and set up a battery storage system at their home, as part of 'Solar Together West of England'.

West of England Metro Mayor said: "Many residents know solar panels have the potential to save them money on their energy bills and cut carbon, but sometimes there's a fear the whole process can be daunting and confusing which can put people off. This new scheme will make the process easier. It means NS residents can generate their own clean electricity, save money on their energy bills, and play an important part in our collective efforts to cut harmful carbon emissions and reach our ambitious net zero targets."

Homeowners can register to take part by visiting the website [www.solartogether.co.uk/west-of-england](http://www.solartogether.co.uk/west-of-england) People who already have solar panels installed can also register to have battery storage added to their existing solar panels to maximise the benefits of their system.

Solar Together West of England follows other successful schemes across the country delivering 3,700 installations and 61,000 tonnes of avoided lifetime carbon emissions.

Marie-Louise Abretti, iChoosr UK Business Manager, ([www.ichoosr.co.uk](http://www.ichoosr.co.uk) (Solar Together)), said: "With West of England residents looking for opportunities to reduce their carbon emissions and save on energy bills, the Solar Together group-buying scheme offers a straightforward way to make an informed decision and access a competitive offer from a trusted provider."

The Leader of North Somerset Council said: "This is a great opportunity for homeowners to reduce their carbon footprint and make a positive contribution to helping North Somerset become carbon neutral by 2030. Solar energy is an efficient energy solution for many properties and this project will enable residents to explore its suitability for their own homes at a reduced cost thanks to collective buying power. And it's not just homeowners – buildings owned by town and parish councils could also be eligible for the scheme. I encourage anyone keen to find out more to register their interest and help avoid climate catastrophe by using cleaner energy."



Also local road closures will also be in place on Caswell Hill and Caswell Lane

**Removing pylons** Maps and up to date timings are available on their website: [hinkleyconnection.co.uk/traffic-management/](http://hinkleyconnection.co.uk/traffic-management/)  
An M5 closure will be in place between junctions 19 and 21 (both directions) from 10pm Saturday 4 September to 5am on Sunday 5 September 2021.

### **2021 Meetings**

06 September – Council Meeting

01 November – Council Meeting

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

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