

KENN

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Bring and Share Harvest lunch in Kenn.
Saturday 24th September 2022. Kenn Village Hall 12noon onwards.
[Donations to 'Ripple Effect'.](#)
Details inside.

NEWS & VIEWS

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Katy and David Hill (WA)
Clare & Matt Hibbs (WA)
Tina Smith
- 2 Marianna & Robin Mackay (WA) 50
Tina & Mike Smith (WA)
- 8 Matthew Hayden
Martin Jaehme
- 18 Jean Fenwick
- 20 Sam Hibbs
- 20 Ellie and Geoff Marchant (WA)
- 26 Joanna (Staples) Cheek
James Mackay
- 29 Heather Jenkins

**St John the Evangelist, Kenn
Altar Guild**



SEPTEMBER ROTA

Margaret Bessant with Sylvia Staples

Flower Arrangers, please note
that our Harvest Festival is on
Sunday 25th September

Our Flag was flown on 28th August to
celebrate the birth of a great grandson for
Irene Stowell early that day. A brother for
Molly, son for Jack and Kayleigh of Southfield
Farm, grandson for Mike and Milly Stowell

Hopefully picture and full details next month.

Also for Jorge William Jaehme born 26.8.22



Robin and Marianna Mackay's Golden Wedding is
on 2nd September, but as family were home they
held their celebration early

Dear Kennites,

I was absolutely staggered by the response
I've had from my neighbours and friends
following my recent accident at home.

To those who helped with the emergency
services, visited me in hospital and at home,
sent cards, watered my plants, and
delivered cakes, I owe a huge and heartfelt
thanks.

Recovery will no doubt be slow, however I
must get better as the market bookstall
awaits!

Kenn really is a really very special place to
live.

Joyce (Down)

Sadly, following another fall, Joyce is now in
Rehab at Southmead Hospital. Andre Olsen
will pass on our best wishes and is keeping in
touch.

Margaret

Dear friends,

It seems that Autumn may be upon us quicker than usual and unusual things are happening in the natural world as some of my plants – primroses and cyclamen are flowering again! Blue skies have been enjoyed by most but not so the extreme heat.



At church we had a very enjoyable Songs of Praise last month and we all congregated in the churchyard afterwards for cooling elderflower cordial and snacks and sat in the evening sun chatting, enjoying the slight drop in temperature.

St John's is a beautiful place to gather, reflect, share thoughts, find peace, and sometimes be challenged. It gives space to consider the bigger picture, to consider where we are and who we are in the tapestry of life and there is a freedom in that. We certainly don't all come to the same conclusion but we can share ideas if we want to.

We've welcomed new people into church and everyone comes at a frequency that suits their lives and circumstances and there is a freedom and peace about that too.

As we move into Autumn, we are planning for a **Harvest Lunch on Saturday September 24th** and our **Harvest service on September 25th** when we shall be collecting goods and giving thanks for the Foodbank and also for the charity Ripple Effect, formerly Send a Cow set up by Somerset farmers, as we seek to share what we have with others in challenging times.

I do hope you will consider coming along. It won't be a long service, informal with readings, poetry, songs, prayers and reflections, something for everyone, I hope, and a craft activity for children or youthful adults! I have no doubt the church will be beautifully decorated so please do pop in to enjoy the peace and beauty of the space any time over that weekend even if you don't feel inclined to join us at the 11am service. It is a community building and has been for centuries, it is open every day and I would hope that it continues to be a sanctuary to people of all faiths and none. I know that people both locally and from further afield wander in and out and we now have a visitors' book for people to sign if they wish and leave a message. We are also going to have a prayer space where people can leave thoughts and prayers if they wish too.

Finally, please don't forget that we have the lovely, refurbished church room if you are looking for a smaller space for a coffee morning, meeting, or other small gathering - another resource.

I wish you a mellow and fruitful September as schools return with new, exciting and fresh opportunities for many.

Love and thanks, Fran



LUNCH AT KENN VILLAGE HALL.

We had a lovely lunch on Monday 1st August.

Fortunately, it was cool enough to enjoy our meal. I deployed a ventilation system to cool the hall down.

Basically, keep a good draught going through the hall.

After about an hour the temperature in the hall falls significantly.

There is always that tense moment at about 12noon when you think no one is going to come. Then slowly the hall fills up. It is such a pleasure to hear happy 'lunchers' chatting and laughing together. Jo Manning and I waitressed. Jenny made the most delicious cakes. Her chocolate sponge is so delicious.

Jo was the auditor this month. After expenses and rent I have £21 to give to the food bank.

The next Lunch is on Monday 5th September 2022.

This will be the last lunch in this form.

I believe that someone else is taking it over.

Caroline xx

The Galvanised Bin.

Keep the packs and plastic bottle tops coming!

There is a small, galvanised bin just inside the driveway at Chapel Cottage. It is the drive next to the converted Chapel on Kenn Street



Put used tablet blister packs and plastic bottle tops in the bin. I then take them to a collection point in Clevedon.

From a monthly trip to the collecting point it is now weekly.

Thank you Kenn for this recycling.

If anyone has an issue with confidentiality and their medication, no need to worry. The bin fills up so quickly I cannot tell who has left what.

Caroline x

Kenn Village Market, With Coffee Morning

Saturday 10th September 10-12pm.



Anyone wanting a table to sell their goods or to provide teas and coffees for their chosen charity please contact

Lyn Burnett 870189 or
Maggie Hobbs 876277.

At our July Market £62.00 was raised for Clevedon Foodbank, which was greatly appreciated

Hope to see you there.
Thank you.

Joyce Down, would like to thank the people of Kenn for the sum of money spent on books at the last few Village markets.
She has recently sent the sum of £67 to Weston Hospicecare.

Cakes and Jam.

After the break in August, there will be the usual selection of cakes on sale at the September village market, profits to the 'Mercy Ships' charity.

Also on sale, the complete range of Heaven Preserve Us Jams, Marmalades and Chutneys.

Please note that I won't be at the October market, so if anyone wants the 'cake slot' to raise money for your favourite charity, - Please 'Go Ahead'.

Julia Bush

3 August 2022
Dear friends at Kenn Village Market
Thank you for your recent generous donation of £62.00 towards our work. Your support will help us provide school holiday lunch bags for children and young people who would receive free school meals during term-time. This will make a huge difference.
God bless you. Maggie Hobbs
TRUSTEE



RIPPLE EFFECT

'The Ripple Effect' the
new name for 'Send a Cow'

The new name for Send a Cow

Send a Cow has been one of Africa's most successful charity enterprises. It started in 1988, Uganda was emerging from a long civil war, British farmers were coping with milk quotas, cows were being slaughtered.

Most Ugandan farmers were women. They were struggling to feed their families as their cattle had perished in the disruption.

A group of Christian farmers in Bath decided to send cows to widowed farmers, who had to fence a paddock and plant it with Elephant Grass.

One of the agents tasked with finding suitable animals was Bob Ford, retired dairy farmer from Kingston Seymour.

The cows survived the air trip and immediately began to change families' lives. The children grew healthy and went to school, the surplus milk was sold to others villagers, communities thrived. The widows became entrepreneurs, the descendants of the original cows, crossed with indigenous breeds became productive, hardy stock.

Dairy products were made, a new self-supporting economy was born. It's estimated up to two million people in Africa have benefited.

There have not been any cows sent from the UK to Africa for years, instead the charity generates work on nutrition, gender equality and enterprise.

Knowledge and prowess ripple out wider and wider.

Hence the new name, 'The Ripple Effect'

For more info contact - Julia Bush 01275 873554

Clevedon Foodbank News



When I rang the office of the Clevedon Foodbank, Kelly, the manager just said 'Send Everything. It's going out faster than it's coming in.'

This is a difficult time for everyone. We all have, and will have, much greater demands on our finances than we have experienced in the past.

For some people, a particular challenge is making this time especially difficult, and the foodbank has become a lifeline.

Any donation, small or large, is greatly valued. If it would be easier to make a cash donation, and you pay UK tax, I have Gift Aid forms.

In a nutshell, if you use it to keep yourself and your house clean, or if you eat it, please consider donating something similar either via the box in the church porch or the dedicated bins in your local supermarket.

Clevedon Foodbank needs foods with a medium to long shelf, which do not take much electricity/fuel to cook.

e.g. Longlife Milk, Tinned ham, Tinned/microwaveable puddings/pasta/rice, biscuits, crackers, preserves, tea, instant coffee, hot chocolate, breakfast cereals, tinned fruit, instant mash, instant custard, soap, toothpaste, household cleaning materials

Thankyou to everyone who has donated to the Clevedon Foodbank.

Julia Bush - 01275 873554

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.

Useful Numbers:

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Kvhallbooking@gmail.com

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**Saturday
10th September
10—12 noon**

North Somerset Times -
copies available in the
Church Porch.



Mondays

Recycling 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th September

Dustbin - 5th, 19th September



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Catalogues can be viewed at
www.clevedon-salerooms.com

Quarterly Specialist Sale

Thursday 1st September
10.30am

Catalogues can be viewed at
www.clevedon-salerooms.com



KENN W.I.

As there is no formal meeting in August, members decided to hold a Tea Party to which they would invite anybody who wanted to come.

There would be a draw and a Sales Table. Donations to St. Peters Hospice would be welcome. It was a most successful occasion and hopefully everyone who came enjoyed themselves. £348 was donated, given in the Raffle or raised at the Sales Table to be donated to the Hospice.

We are glad that we are able to be able to send a sizeable amount as so many of us have reason to be grateful to the Hospice movement.

The W.I. will be raising more money for them at the Coffee morning in the New Room in October and at the Village Market in November.

The W.I. will be meeting again on the 14th September at 2.30 p.m. when the subject of the talk will be Feltpmaking. We are always delighted to welcome visitors and new members, so please come along if you are interested.

Ann Holtham

KENN CHURCH ROOM - CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

4th Saturday of month - next one **SATURDAY 24th September 10-12 noon**

Supporting Macmillan Cancer Research

If you would like to host a Coffee Morning please contact - Celia Andrews 01275 877806

August Hosts - Mike and Iris Callow would like to thank everyone who supported their Coffee Morning - they were delighted to be able to pass £90 to their chosen charity Cystic Fibrosis.

Our picture shows our hosts Mike and Iris with daughter Sarah, and Ann Holtham with Ruth and Dave Bowen on his new scooter leaving the Coffee Morning





Bring and Share Harvest Lunch

Saturday 24th September 2022. Kenn Village Hall 12noon onwards.

Donations to 'Ripple Effect' on the day.

This year to celebrate the season we are having a Harvest Lunch. Over the years the harvest repast has had several incarnations. Although the event is part of the church calendar the constant feature is that everyone is welcome.

A 'bring and share' harvest lunch could be a bit random. So, to avoid twenty plates of sausage rolls here is the plan. At all the coming village events, coffee morning, the lunch, Yellow Teapot and The Market a list will be circulated.

You can choose savoury or sweet. We will have a truly bumper two course meal followed by tea or coffee that we will all have contributed to.

The Yellow Teapot is Back!

There was a great turnout at the August Yellow Teapot get together, as we all caught up after 'heat hibernating' the previous month.

We will next meet on

Monday 12th September 2.30 - 4.30pm

for drinks and cakes in all the colours in all the sizes and dietary requirements.

Julia Bush



Welcome to Jorge William Jaehme

Jorge William Jaehme born 26th August, weighing 6lbs 10oz.

Mum and Baby are doing very well. Brother for Willow. Kim and Richard are very proud parents.

Martin and Liz, delighted grandparents and Margaret is Nanny GG again.

Such a Happy Occasion



Kenn's Harvest Festival - Sunday 25th September 11.00am
Gifts for Clevedon Foodbank will be gratefully received

Our Harvest cash collection will go to 'Ripple Effect'
(formerly the Send a Cow Charity)

RIPPLE EFFECT

The new name for Send a Cow





St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

Services at St. John the Evangelist Kenn and All Saints' Kingston Seymour September 2022

September 4th

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| 8.30pm | St John's | Traditional Communion |
| 11am | All Saints' | All Together in Church – Pet Service |

September 11th

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| 8.30am | All Saints' | Traditional Communion |
| 11am | St John's | Holy Communion |

September 18th

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| 11am | All Saints' | Holy Communion |
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September 25th

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| 11am | St John's | All Together in Church for Harvest |
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Every Tuesday and Wednesday 8.15am

Team Morning Prayer on Zoom

Bird News

It has generally been a good season for most of our birds and I was pleased that Jeff Naish was of the same opinion as myself. Jeff gets to places on the Moors where no one else goes and he had seen Wheatears early in the month. These birds are likely to have been south bound juveniles, an early date for their migration. A few were also seen by the sea wall at Kingston Seymour and Dowlais.

Jeff had spotted two pairs of Pied Wagtails with young, Blackcaps with their young and Little Owls also with a family. Buzzards and Red Kites had attended grass cutting operations.

He has noted a few Greenfinches (now recovering from trichomoniasis), lots of Great Tits, fewer Blue Tits and family parties of Long tailed tits.

The day he phoned me he had heard a Kingfisher on the River Kenn.

Rosie Treble saw an Osprey on Kenn Moor tracking the river. This would be a returning bird, probably an adult, making its way steadily south to West Africa for the winter - an exciting spot.

August is generally a quiet month for birds, many are moulting and resting after the breeding season so it is particularly pleasing to receive these reports.

Some early migrants were at the sea wall, with 60 Linnets and 50 Ringed Plover noted. Good numbers of Curlew are already back for winter and a couple of Whimbrel were with them. More migrants should be passing through in September. Goldfinches were feeding on the abundant thistle seeds, with a flock of 200 in Yatton along with smaller groups elsewhere.

A Kingfisher has been seen from Wemberham Lane, Yatton on several occasions and a young Sparrowhawk was calling incessantly there, others were in Littlewood and at Claverham. Tawny Owls were also calling at Wemberham Lane and a Little Owl was spotted from the Strawberry Line at Congresbury.

There were four successful Barn Owl nests in Yatton with another at Kingston Seymour (and perhaps others that I didn't hear about) and these five nests fledged 18 young. There were a few losses but it has been a very productive season. It is likely that most of these young Owls will have to move to seek territories of their own.

My local Swallows appear to have finished nesting and most seem to have left their breeding territories. Feeding flocks of 50+ were reported by the Strawberry Line in Yatton so there may be a roost site near there.

Trevor Riddle. 01934 835208

Stop press - Julia Bush saw a Little Owl feeding on roadkill near Bristol Airport on an early morning drop off. The literature on Little Owls doesn't mention them eating carrion. My guess is that the dry conditions have rendered their usual prey of invertebrates unobtainable and the Little Owl was in survival mode.

Our Monthly Missive from the Limes

Having been away over part of August (and therefore missed a few events locally) I was a little worried that I would be behind myself when it came to writing this column so I started earlier than usual hoping to have it completed before I received our editor's reminder email. However it was not to be.

This is the second attempt at an article for September. The first one I've thrown away as it fell far short of the standards our editor aspires to of "amusing and informative". I just hope this one will be better. It should be informative but as far as amusing goes, we'll see.

So why was my last attempt so bad? Basically it was coming out moaning, which although we have many things in North Somerset and in the country generally to moan about, this is not the intention or culture of KN&V.

In mitigation there were a couple of factors contributing to a negativism which came out in my writing:

Observant readers may have noticed I had a birthday last month. Curious readers might have hazarded a guess as to which one. I'm not letting on and anyway I kept quiet about it as the shock of gaining this particular year takes some getting over. It certainly did not make me happy.

The other reason is that I've got so fed up with the hassle of trying to get about in the area. Roadworks, traffic lights, road closures and so on mean huge mental gymnastics in working out how to get from A to B simply. It is really depressing. I did wonder about throwing out a challenge to readers to drive more than say, 3 miles from Kenn without encountering some form of roadworks but thought surely the situation will have improved by September.

Hopefully by the time you read this things will be better but the other morning as I left Tesco and went through the "temporary" (ha ha – that's a laugh) lights on Kenn Road I saw a digger driver fast asleep in his cab with his mouth open, dead to the world and no appreciable sign of any activity.

Those major works at the Tesco roundabout resulted in a total road closure for a few days and various restrictions for the rest of the time. Why has it taken so long and who in Highways approved it? If I was in charge it I would insist on 24 hour working to get it done within a prescribed time, say a week, and overruns would be charged at £5000 a day and the money donated to a local charity nominated by the nearest residents. That would concentrate minds.

Anyway I have learned a hard lesson that frame of mind is so important when writing anything, so let's start again.

Let's cheer ourselves up by thinking of something totally different. In this case Community Resilience. Yes it could be doom and gloom but it is potential doom and gloom mitigated by what we can do about it. So what is Community Resilience? Basically it is using local people in an organised way in the event of a local emergency or disaster.

What sort of emergency or disaster you may ask? I have asked the same question in the past to those responsible for Community Resilience and the answers are remarkably coy, ranging from “use your imagination” to “snow” or “flood”.

Some years ago North Somerset Council introduced a Snow Warden scheme, recruiting volunteers tasked to clear key areas such as GP surgeries, some shops and pavements etc., in the event of heavy snow. A friend’s daughter was running the scheme so I get roped in with other friends. From this scheme came Community Resilience programmes which expanded the volunteer pool to plan and assist in various potential emergency situations.

For example a group in Clevedon has investigated the availability of halls and kitchens and drawn up an action plan in the event of people having to leave their homes for some reason.

This scheme is not to replace any of the statutory emergency services or the various volunteer agencies such as St Johns Ambulance etc but it is an extra resource that knows their area and community and can help fill the gaps in times of emergency, such as organising food and shelter for displaced persons or assisting in other ways and this is the main difference to schemes in other areas.

For various reasons the management of this scheme has been changed and the Community Resilience group of volunteers will now be run by VANS (Voluntary Action North Somerset) which is an existing charity which runs or assists various other volunteer networks across the county. (It’s worth Googling their website). They will be responsible for the creation and maintenance of the volunteer team and North Somerset Council will deploy the team as needed in the event of an emergency and also help with training. The role of volunteer team leaders is being widened with the aim of pushing decision making as far down as possible to the local volunteers who know their area and snow wardens will continue as in the past.

Post Covid etc, the probable number of active CRNS volunteers across the area is down to around 50 and about 20 of us were at a recent meeting (which was one of a number they were holding to tell us about the changes and the way forward).

There is a need for many more volunteers across the area.

On the Parish Council I have a brief for Community Resilience but that is just the way we work. Most of us have a brief for something. It doesn’t mean I am in charge of anything but it is a way of keeping informed. Anyone can get involved. It’s not a Parish Council thing. My own feeling is that we are a small village and well connected and if there was an emergency we would all pull together, probably far better than any organisation. Also we are close to other communities and would be able to assist them if required so it is not just us. VANS will be running various training sessions and they are giving advance notice of an update meeting on Dec 8th and if anyone wants to join me they will be welcome.

In the meantime I have a presentation I can email to anyone interested although admittedly it’s a bit thin and if I get anything worth passing on in the future I’m sure you will hear about it in KN&V.

Stephen

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2022

4 July 22 Parish Council Meeting

Former St Modwen Site Presentation provided information on proposals to development the site and setting out where the developers are with the application, also to gauge views and answer questions. Background given on the planning history and then outlined some of their proposals and consultations with Clevedon, similar to the ones detailed a year ago when they attended:

- Mainly employment, possibly mostly start-up units
- With a small amount of housing, about 75 houses, of which 40% would be affordable
- Also being considered for the site is perhaps a budget hotel, maybe with a restaurant

A discussion included some of the following issues: developments in a flood zone, creating a third residential area within the Kenn parish boundary, what community facilities would be provided to support families in the housing, land drainage, increase in traffic into/out of the site, conflicts between the employment area, a hotel and the housing.

Members and residents recalled there had been a large amount of housing development in Yatton which was having a knock-on traffic effect on the B3133 – therefore only exacerbating Kenn's previous concerns about the access to the site under discussion for development.

The two representatives agreed to obtain some traffic data, consider other forms of links (eg cycleways) and request some specialists' view on the issues. They would return when they had something from these to report.

Members reminded them the site was in Kenn – not Clevedon – as they had kept referring to Clevedon.

Other Items considered:

- *Queen's Jubilee*
 - Hamper given by National Grids Hinkley Connection – review that their requirements had been met
 - Bus Shelter – agreed the appearance and workmanship were very good
- *Vehicle Activate Speed Signs* – details were provided from information downloaded from the signs.
- *Village Green being damaged* – update on efforts to prevent this.
- *Planning Applications* – (1) Illuminated sign Kenn Business Park (no objections) (2) and extension to an industrial unit on Kennmoor Rd, although it is just within the Yatton parish boundary, traffic is impacting Kenn St, by workers/deliveries accessing the businesses located there and increasing in size.
- *Drum & Monkey development* – an update will be provided when available.

8 August 22 Parish Council Meeting

Considered a Planning Application on the site of a listed building on Kenn Street for a proposed extension of garage/storage building to provide additional storage space, a maintenance workshop and office space to enable working from home. Installation of photovoltaic panels to new and existing garage roof and 3no. rooflights to extended roof. Change of use of small area of land, to east of existing garage, to extend domestic curtilage, to allow for extension of a garage.

Some residents attended to express their view on the impact on their properties, the environment, green space and an orchard.

2022 Meetings

5 September – Council

31 October – Council

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

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