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Bee Orchid - Kenn 2016

NEWS & VIEWS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 1 - Warren Williams
5 - Avril Gaunt
8 - Simon Roberts
10 - Caroline Holden
Molly Cheek
12 - Gus Van Riessen
13 - Laura Beardshaw
14 - Lois & Colin Webb W.A.
21 - Toby Naish
24 - Brian Walters
Eloise Gale
25 - Sue Pugh
27 - Jessica Clanchard (Brett)
Sam and Stuart Welch W.A.
28 - Juliet Stowell
Jack Stowell
Millie & Mike Stowell WA
29 - Emma & Peter Brooks WA
Liz & Vince Stowell WA

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST KENN ALTAR GUILD - JULY ROTA



Jilly Butland, Sue Pugh and Dave Pugh

Our Flag

We flew our flag in celebration on 4th June for the wedding at St John's of Anna Edwards and Matthew Power.
12th June to celebrate the 90th Birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.
25th June for the wedding of Jessica Brett and Austin Blanchard - Jessica is Jean and Fred's eldest grandchild

Friends of Kenn Church AGM

Our Annual General Meeting in the church room was well attended - those present, and/or apologising will form the 'Friends' for the next year.

Officers remain unchanged.

John Griffin Chairman,
Simon Pascoe Treasurer
Margaret Ball Secretary.
Marianna Mackay Altar Guild Secretary

Churchyard—thanks to everyone for mowing and strimming and general tidying. Permission has been granted to replace the rotten wooden gateposts with galvanised/painted steel. These are now being made by local craftsman Andy Williams.

Noticeboard the new noticeboard in the car park was admired—thanks to Dereck & Renee Bell's family for financing this.

Vestry improvements appreciated .

Acoustics in Church Room hanging 'material' had not worked—will now try Acoustic Soundboards.

Gifts from Hazel & Andrew Limage
A beautiful new Advent Ring candle-holder, a sample of Hazel's needlepoint and Harry the priest puppet were all admired and thanks expressed for their generosity to the church and village in time and talents as well as financially.

Diary Dates

Churchyard Clean-up	15th September
Harvest Meal	18th September
Church Deep Clean	3rd/4th October
Gospel Choir Concert	4th November

The Paris of Yatton Moor - Comings and goings

Jo Slade.

As you know Jo Slade will be coming in July as curate in the Yatton Moor Team and we look forward to warmly welcoming her.

Jo will be Ordained in a service at Wells Cathedral on Sunday July 3rd at 10.30 a.m. Anyone who wishes to is very welcome to attend, but please arrive early in order to park and get a seat...there are no reserved seats for those coming from the parishes. If you would like to go, please could you let Tim know by 27th June, as the Cathedral would like to know numbers.

Jo and her three boys will be welcomed to the Team at a Team Service on Sunday 10th July at 10.00 a.m. at St. Mary's, followed by a Buffet lunch. Please do come to that and support and celebrate! Please pray for Jo and her boys, Tris, Tom and Cal in their faithful response to God's call.

Simon Hill.

It was announced this month that Simon Hill is to be the next Archdeacon of Taunton.

He will take up his appointment in the Autumn.

This is very good and exciting news for the Diocese, but both Simon and Julia will be hugely missed within the Yatton Moor Team, where both of them have made a very significant contribution and we thank God for all that they have given and been to us.

In due course there will be the opportunity to properly say thank you and farewell to Simon, Julia and their family and more details of this will follow when they are known.

Please hold Simon, Julia, Sarah, Jo and Jonny in your prayers as they prepare for their move to the Taunton area and this new stage of ministry to which God has called them.



Kenn Market

Another successful Market and Coffee Morning while preparations were being made for the Queen's Birthday Party.

With the generous donations from refreshments and Julia's donation from her cake sales we have given a magnificent amount of £105 to The Smile Train UK. The charity helps children in some of the world's poorest countries to receive cleft repair surgery. They train local doctors to perform 100% free cleft repairs in their communities, those doctors go on to train other doctors creating a long term sustainable model.

Next month's market is **9th July 10am - 12pm**

Many thanks Maggie & Lyn

Church Bell — St. John the Evangelist, Kenn **HELP NEEDED !!!!**

Geoff writes Margaret, I do think I should perhaps add another plea for someone younger to learn to ring the bell properly, i.e. full circle ringing rather than just swing chiming. It may not be long before myself, and perhaps even Michael, are unable to teach others.

Eleanor, though prepared to be present if needed, says she would not now feel confident to do so. (This is how so many church towers become silent - no-one taught until the old ringers are unable to ring and certainly unable to pass on their skills.)

So if there is anyone in our congregation, or in the area and not a member of the congregation, who feels they could help the church in this respect, **PLEASE, PLEASE** do let me know and we can hopefully arrange a trial viewing and teaching session now before it is too late.

Minimum age would be about 10, so mum and daughter, mum or dad and son, or any combination or single person would be very welcome, and luckily our bell is not too heavy so it is reasonably easy to ring...and provides good free exercise for the ringer!

Many thanks, Geoff. Marchant 01934 834550

Useful Numbers:

Village Hall Booking Secretary:
Lyn & Nigel Burnett 01275 870189
Kvhallbooking@gmail.com

St John the Evangelist Priest in charge:
Rev. Warren Williams 01934 833608

Yatton Moor Parish Office
01934 832184

Churchwarden:
John Ball 874077 - 078 1667 1304

Church Floodlighting:
David Pugh 874278

Village Flag Flying:
Marianna or Robin 340323

Altar Guild Secretary:
Marianna Mackay 340323

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out of hours:
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Chaseside, Kenn Street, Kenn.



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COFFEE MORNING will be held in Kenn Village Hall
on Saturday 9th July - 10:00am till Midday.

Recycling/food waste- 5th/12th/19th/26th

Dustbin - 5th/19th July

Green Waste - 12th/26th



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Thursday 28th July

Viewing at Saleroom

Wednesday 10am - 7:30pm

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Thursday 1st September 10.30am

Viewing at Saleroom

Tuesday 30th August 2pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 31st August 10am - 7:30pm

Morning of sale from 9am

KENN 90

I needn't have worried – as usual villagers came good at the last minute!!!

There were a few less cars in the field than for a normal Village event, others told me they had upped their normal walks and Warren's Sunday congregation were observed ambling along Kenn Street towards the hall. The miles were adding up. In the event I did not have to break up the sound of villagers exchanging gossip and sipping bubbly prior to the Lunch in order to 'pressgang' them into a few miles!!!

Indeed it was after lunch that I realised there were only a few miles to go and it was fitting that 6 village youngsters took themselves off to complete the challenge and on their return they were loudly applauded, possibly not so much for their effort but more out of a sense of relief that their elders did not have to get up and walk after another substantial village feast.

Sponsorship has continued to come in and I am now in a position to send £750 to Weston Hospicecare which when added to the Lunch fund should total about £1500 – another great Kenn event helping a very worthwhile cause.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE Simon

Caroline and John are delighted to report that the sale of tickets and proceeds from the bar raised the magnificent sum of £750.00—what a wonderful occasion Margaret



Kenn's 90th Birthday Big Lunch

A large and enthusiastic group gathered to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.

After handing over their delicious plates of food, inspired by countries of the Commonwealth, everyone picked up a glass of "bubbly" and found a table.

When all had sat down the Loyal Toast to Her Majesty was proposed by Rebecca Brett, deputy Head of Mission at our High Commission in Papua New Guinea (and more importantly Jean & Fred Fenwick's daughter).

Stomachs were now rumbling loudly and so everyone advanced on the groaning tables of exquisite looking food. When the first course had been eaten we were all entertained by the "Kenn Chorus" under the expert leadership of Sue Parker. As many of the songs were very well known everyone was able to join in the choruses.

Following the singing the wonderful array of puddings were served. It was a surprise to me that people could eat so much after the first course and so I presume they will be attending Sizzle's fitness sessions soon. Thanks to everyone for the all the varied and scrumptious dishes, there was very little left to clear up!

By now the sun had come out and so we were able to roll up the sides of the marquee and enjoy an afternoon of conversation and children's games. The adults had a quiz to do which produced some varied results. The undoubted winners were the Callow Family who won easily!

Gradually people drifted away sated and happy but many returned at 9pm to see the enormous bonfire, created by John Ball, being lit.

A spectacular ending to the day.

During the day many people nipped out to do their mile (or several) for our 90 mile sponsored walk. Thank you Simon for such a great idea and it looks as though we will raise in excess of £700.

This was a truly community event, so many people helped and contributed it would take the rest of the magazine to name them all. But Caroline and Marianna were brilliant, as was Sue in enthusiastically raising and training the Chorus. John and Nigel ran the bar with humour and efficiency. John Hazell was very generous in lending us his marquee for which we were very grateful.

But everyone helped in some way which made this such an enjoyable event.

Robin



Thank you so much

A big 'Thank you' to everyone who made my 'Farewell' bash so lovely. Everything was just right, Fizzy, food and friends, what more could you want. Thanks also for the generous donations to my chosen charity, the Lamb Hospital in Parbatibatur, Bangladesh. A dear friend of mine worked there as a Obstetric Surgeon for many years.

It is a Christian Foundation, giving maternity and obstetric care to often very young women, and training Bangladeshi nurses and doctors in this field of care. Things are slowly getting better :).

If you would like to donate, please put your gift in the churn in the church, or in a marked envelope in the Quercus mailbox.

LOVE JULIA BUSH

Photographs—Margaret Stuckey

Julia's leaving party in Church



Kenn Church Bell Events On Sunday June 12th our church bell was rung joyfully for 9 minutes or so following the shortened morning service to celebrate our Queen's 90th birthday.

On Sunday 19th June, before the evening service ringing, it sounded 6 tellers for a woman, at both the beginning and end of 46 solemn strokes, to join in the national mourning for murdered MP Jo Cox. May she rest in Peace.

After the same service it was used for just the opposite kind of event - joyfully rung by Eleanor to acknowledge Julia Bush's 16 years as Churchwarden and all that she has given of her life and effort to, and for, Kenn Church.

It is very appropriate that we could use our bell for this celebration as Julia willingly and eagerly took on all the paperwork for obtaining a faculty back in 2008 to have our bell restored to full-circle ringing order.

Avril mentioned in the service that there were inevitably many things which Julia had been involved with and not all could be re-called in a short address. I can now reveal that this, and other correspondence to an important person to try to arrange a suitable celebration for the bell's return from, and re-hanging by, the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, were just some of those things she did behind the scenes.

We shall sorely miss Julia's "Tigger" bounce action (as Tim referred to it to great audience approval!) and the atmosphere of the celebration in the church after the service showed everyone's affection and gratitude. Have a great holiday Tim and Julia!

Geoff Marchant

Bird News

The Cuckoo around Mendip Springs Golf Club has continued to put in the occasional appearance and another (or even the same?) has been very vocal at Blake's Pools nature reserve on an intermittent basis. These birds must now need very large territories.

Also at Blake's Pools at least one of the Little Grebe chicks was still going strong whilst a pair of Oystercatchers was exhibiting breeding behaviour at the new pool/ lake nearby.

On the estuary a single Whimbrel was present, probably an injured bird not fit to continue its northward migration.

Sadly the Tawny Owl chicks on Kenn Moor didn't survive but the Barn Owl news is much better with three active nests on YACWAG reserves and another at Kingston Seymour. YACWAG also has a Kestrel nest and to conclude the Owl news Neil Aldridge reported a Little Owl in Duck Lane.

The Peregrines at Finzel's Reach in Bristol City Centre have three young, one of which had to be rescued after its maiden flight. City centre Peregrines are very successful in rearing young to fledging but then the youngsters often get grounded.

The countryside and our gardens are full of young birds with many now rearing second or even third broods. All the signs are that despite (or because of ?) the mixed weather lots of young have fledged.

The Snowy Owl has left the Scillies and was seen in Ireland so is hopefully heading north, the Lammergeier also seems to have departed but the Dalmatian Pelican is still touring West Cornwall.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

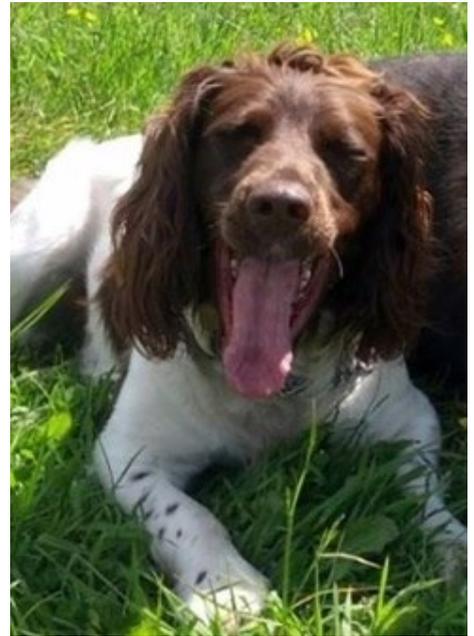
While cutting the grass on his tractor John Ball snapped this Little Owl on the dead trunk in the orchard near the Village Hall on Tuesday 28th June



News from Yew Tree Farm

'Oliver' the Police Springer Spaniel - New resident at Yew Tree Farm!

This is 5 year old Oliver (Olly). He is being medically retired half way through his career as a search dog. The Constabulary have made this sad decision due to failing kidney function. A lovely lively dog who is a brilliant multi talented searcher. However due to a recent health concern he underwent a scan which sadly proved he now has a limited life. He is still doing very well but should no longer be working. We hope to give him as much fun as we can as long as he enjoys his time. He has his own kennel and outdoor run, he will be getting to know Kenn and we hope his sudden change in circumstances will not be traumatic for him. He has already met 'Wizard' our 12 year old farm beagle, (ex hunt), who as 'Head of Security' was quite impressed by the young Springer!



We hope that this lovely dog who has served his public will run the fields and swim in the stream for as long as possible, bless him!

New breeding Sow at Yew Tree Farm

Introducing Matilda ! A young Old Gloucester Spot Sow.

Matilda has 3 young piglets and is living in our walled garden, (look over the wall), the chickens wander in with her and are fortunate that she ignores them!

In time we hope she will become part of the regular pig team.

Lise Willcox



RUBBISH!

We had a very successful Village Clean Up, but now we need to be vigilant to the fresh litter that uncaring people drop around our lovely community.

It would help if we could all pick up bits of rubbish when we see them and not rely on our sense of duty to go back later to pick it up.

Just take a plastic bag with you and if you spy some litter please put it in the bag and dispose of it through the garbage collection. Many thanks. Robin



Matthew shows
Harrison the helicopter



Harrison 'Trainee Pilot' at
Kenn's Heliport for the day



Matthew Power
and
Anna Edwards
with
Attendants



Anna signing
the Register

Mr & Mrs Power with the
Revd Warren Williams



SERVICES FOR JULY 2016

**1st Sunday 3rd July THOMAS THE APOSTLE
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** **RED
GREEN**

8.30am Holy Communion at Kenn*

9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton

9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve

11.00am Taste & See/Holy Communion at Claverham

11.00am Family Service at Kingston Seymour

6.00pm Said Evensong with Meditation at Yatton*

2nd Sunday 10th July THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY **GREEN**

8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton*

10.00am Team Communion at Yatton to welcome Jo Slade

6.00pm Evensong at Kingston Seymour*

3rd Sunday 17th July THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY **GREEN**

8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton*

8.00am Holy Communion at Claverham*

9.30am Holy Communion at Cleeve

11.00am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour

4.00pm Café Worship for all at Yatton

6.00pm Evensong at Kenn*

Third Wednesday – 20th July

11.00am Holy Communion at Kenn

4th Sunday 24th July THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY **GREEN**

8.00am Holy Communion at Yatton*

8.30am Holy Communion at Kingston Seymour*

9.30am Parish Communion at Yatton

10.00am Café Celebration at Cleeve

11.00am Family Service at Kenn

6.00pm Holy Communion at Cleeve

6.30pm Ecumenical Evening Service at Yatton Methodist Church

5th Sunday 31st July THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY **GREEN**

11.00am Team Communion at Kingston Seymour

* Book of Common Prayer (1662)

What's on in Kenn — July

Monday 4th July - Kenn Village Hall—7.30pm
KENN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday 9th July - Kenn Village Hall
VILLAGE MARKET with COFFEE MORNING 10.00—12 noon

Tuesday 12th July - Drum & Monkey 12 for 12.30
VILLAGE LUNCH

Wednesday 13th July - Kenn Village Hall—7.00 for 7.30pm
KENN WOMENS' INSTITUTE MEETING

Thursday 14th July 11.00am — Meeting Place in The Church Room

Wednesday 20th July - Kenn Supper Club
Drum and Monkey 7.00 for 7.30pm

Saturday 23rd July — Church Room
10.00am-12 noon - COFFEE MORNING

Monday 25th July—Book Club meet at
The Drum and Monkey 8.00ish

A Quiet Day at Cherry Tree House - John and Celia's - will be held on Monday 15 August and will be led by Revd Victor Barley.

It runs from 10am to 3.30pm and includes worship, meditation and brief talks by Victor - plus a picnic at John and Margaret's.

Everyone is welcome - stay for as long or as short a time as you like.



A Village Wedding

Last Saturday, June 25th, was the best day of my life!

I've always said that my Grandma's house (The Laurels) is my favourite place in the world, so getting married in her garden was a dream come true!

Austin, my husband is from Iowa, America and it was wonderful having family and friends travel from the USA and Canada to help us celebrate!

The sun shone all day and we laughed and ate and danced until midnight!

Thank you so much to all the villagers who helped our day go perfectly - from housing guests, letting us borrow fridges and freezers, letting my dad drive me in a gorgeous classic car, letting us take photos in your gardens, to greeting us on arrival in the street!

We're off honeymooning in St Ives before returning to Australia mid July!

Jessica Blanchard

Wildlife Month



Does anyone in the Village own a long haired ginger cat?

I am trying to ascertain whether it is feral or if it is someone's pet.

Would you please let me know if it is yours.

Many thanks,

Clare 07510 278130

Wildlife month

Hi Margaret,

Attached is a picture of a young grass snake that decided to visit my pond recently. It's been an interesting month for wildlife as I also had a visit from a very playful weasel that played hide and seek with me for a good ten minutes in the woodpile in my front garden, no photo but I did get some video footage that I posted on Facebook.

What a fab place we live in!

Cheers , Chris Blake, Kenn Street



The Wedding on 25th June

Jean and Fred Fenwick were thrilled that Jessica and Austin made their vows to each other in the garden at The Laurels.

Bride was Jessica Fenwick Brett, Groom is Austin Blanchard. Bridesmaids are Olivia Fenwick Brett, Christiana Bultedaob, Janine Allcock and Becky Parker. Flower girls are Esmé Brooks and Poppy Fazal.

This was followed by a party in a marquee at the Village Hall.

LOVE EVERYWHERE



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INSPIRING WOMEN

KENN W.I.

At the June meeting of the Kenn W.I. we welcomed members, visitors and our delegate to the National AGM to hear fellow member Heather Saxby tell us all about her visit to Kenya and South Africa. Heather is a much travelled lady and always has exotic places to tell us about and lovely pictures to show us. While in Kenya she went on a safari and saw a lot of animals. We all envied her and thank her for sharing her experiences with us.

June Tripp from Clevedon W.I. who is to be our delegate to the AGM in Brighton heard how we were minded to vote on the two resolutions, but she was given discretion to vote another way if new information on the subjects was revealed. The two resolutions concerned the care of people with dementia in hospitals and the elimination of food waste. June will attend our July meeting to tell us all about her day.

Also at the July meeting will be our speaker Mr. Shaun McCormack a member of the Queen's Body Guard who will be in full regalia and tell us about his work and experiences.

It should be a fascinating talk and all visitors are very welcome to the Village Hall at 7.30 on Wednesday 13th July.

We are looking forward to our outing to Kilver Court on 19th August. There are some seats left on the coach so if you would like to join us please get in touch with Marion Hulance who will tell you all about it.

Ann Holtham

Kenn Supper Club.

Every month more people come to Supper Club. Our table seems to get bigger and bigger. **This is now an established event on the third Wednesday of each month.**



The conservatory and an allocated waitress are ours. Good fayre combined with exchange of news and gossip make for a friendly village evening.

The next Supper club will be on Wednesday 20th July 2016 at 7.00 for 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

If you want you can then stay on for the pub quiz.
It would be helpful if Mike had some idea of how many diners to expect.

Please contact John and Grace Griffin. Tel 872948.



JAZZ ON SUNDAY AT THE DRUM AND MONKEY

Sunday 31st July

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Tuesday 26th July

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What's on at The Drum

Tuesday 12th July

12 for 12.30

VILLAGE LUNCH

Wednesday 20th July

7.00 for 7.30pm

Kenn Supper Club

Monday 25th July

Book Club



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WELCOME TO WOODBINE COTTAGE.

Having seen us in conversation with Hayley, at work in the pharmacy, it occurred to Margaret that Howard and Hayley Jones and family had not been officially welcomed to Kenn, in the Magazine, although we had done so personally.

They are certainly welcome and have already proved to be very friendly and helpful to Iris & Mike, in true Kenn tradition.

Mike and Irish Callow

Another most successful Market in June - John Ball was delighted that some rather 'ripe' furniture was saved from the Queen's Birthday Bonfire by the stall holder lady who just loves old things.

**"Hay Fever" Social Evening and Village Cricket Match
at Kingston Seymour - Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th July**

"Hay Fever", the relaxed family social evening held after the children's sports on Saturday, features live music from Yatton band The Penguin Collective, plus bar and grill food.

It starts at 6pm, just follow the signs in the village to find the venue in Back Lane.

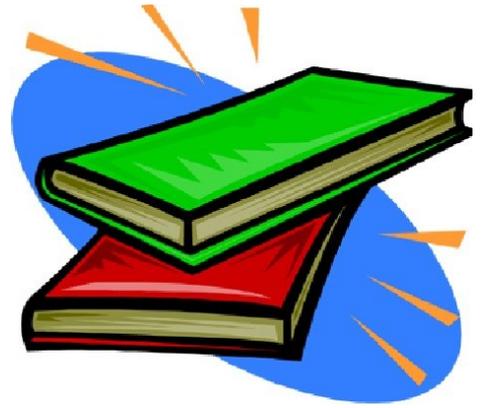
On Sunday, it's the adults' turn to get some exercise - if you'd like to play in the cricket match, ring Joe Thomas on 07897 140484 for more details. You don't need to be a star cricketer, the match is played purely for enjoyment !

Book group

We met on the 27th June 2016 to discuss 'The Decameron' by Giovanni Boccaccio.

As this is such a long book we have given ourselves two months to read it.

We used the book group evening as a check in stage as to how we were getting on.



The book is essentially a series of short, witty moral tales. Despite the daunting length of the book it is easy to read. The translator has produced a gentle everyday English vernacular for the medieval Florentines.

We will continue to read 'The Decameron' during July.

Our next meeting is on Monday 25th July 2016. As usual at 'The Drum' for about 8'ish.

Caroline.

Meeting place.

'Meeting Place' is a regular slot on the second Thursday of the month. We meet in 'The New Room' at the top of Kenn Street, starting at 11.00 and lasts for up to an hour.



The next group will be on Thursday 14th July 2016 at 11.00am.

There will be no group in August. We will reconvene in September 2016.

The aim is for mothers or carers with very young children to meet each other, have coffee and a chat. Hence the name 'Meeting Place.' The women exchange news, the children play and we are in the background making coffee.

If you are at home with a small child you are very welcome to join us.

P.S. We are very clear this is not Church by the backdoor. Rather a venue for friendship and meeting people. Julia 873554. Caroline 343133

Kenn Parish Council

Broadband

You may not have heard much about broadband in Kenn recently from us and that is because there has not been much to report. However we are still pushing doors when we can and I have received a long, mainly technical, email from BT via Liam Fox's secretary giving a status update.

Unfortunately it tells us little that is new.

Basically if you are more than 1.5km from a cabinet that has been upgraded, forget it. I'm on Kenn Moor Road and am told I am 3.3km.

BT did give a little bit of hope however: "The CDS project website says they will be starting the procurement process for Phase 2. Under Phase 2 there will be scope for more people in the commercially unviable areas to get connected to fibre broadband. More information on the project is available at the following link:

<http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/> "

If you want a copy of the full BT email just let me know and I'll gladly forward it to you. Also if you do contact the Project team via the above link do let me know how you get on.

Stephen Brain

Neighbourhood Plan

As you will probably know from the media and general discussion, Clevedon is working on a Neighbourhood Plan. JP Humberstone and I recently went along to their Steering Group meeting as guests representing Kenn Parish Council. It was useful to meet up with them and we will give a fuller report at the next Parish Council meeting. Please contain your excitement until then.

Kenn has yet to make a decision on whether we will progress a Neighbourhood Plan. One issue is the availability of people to work on it. It is a lot of work and I'm guessing we would probably need at least 4-6 people to make it a goer. If you are interested in helping with others, on a Kenn Neighbourhood Plan then make yourself known to a member of the Parish Council. Also if you have views on whether we should or should not do a Plan (and please do have some views!) then again let your favourite Parish Councillor know.

Alternatively come along to a Parish Council meeting and let us have them there.

If you want to know more about Neighbourhood Plans then the first few sites found by Google are worth looking at.

Stephen Brain

Kenn Parish Council

Chairman's chat

The Parish Council have a limited quantity of commemorative coins to celebrate the Queens 90th, if you would like one for your children or grandchildren, please let me or any other parish councillor know.

The speed sign will be disappearing soon, we shall of course be purchasing our own, it was so useful, we have not been able to put at the base of the motorway bridge going towards Clevedon as it was not a suitable place, so it has been facing the traffic coming along Kenn street from the moor road, figures to follow. North Somerset have had a very high take up from villages for these signs, and our time has lapsed.

Don't forget to let us have any feedback for the St Modwen development if you have any thoughts.

We had a marvellous take up for the free plants, very well received. Thanks to Cheryl for organising and distributing.

We had a comment that the giving of free plants from North Somerset was wasteful, but that is out of our remit, we are happy to accept them when offered as were our Parishioners.

Cheers for now

Sheila

Neighbourhood Watch

Received 7th June

Between 27 May and 1 June a burglary occurred at a property in Middle Lane, Kingston Seymour. Window was removed to gain entry and a search took place. Photographic equipment stolen.

On 30 May damage Pto a vehicle at Pizey Avenue, Clevedon.

Overnight 3-4 June hubcaps stolen from a vehicle Mendip Road, Yatton

Overnight 3-4 June damage caused to vehicle parked, Claverham Park, Claverham.

Received 27th June

Overnight 26-27 June a shed at a property in High Street, Yatton was broken into. Mountain bike and a tent was stolen.

Overnight 23-24 June attempt made to break into a vehicle parked at Alexandra Road, Yatton.

Thanks to Colin and Jan Bedford for keeping us up with Neighbourhood Watch news.



Preparing a Kenn Neighbourhood Plan – does the parish need one?

Please come along to the next council meeting on 4th July 16 to have your say and/or get involved.

Background details of Neighbourhood Plans, the requirements, processes etc can be found at:

<http://mycommunity.org.uk/programme/neighbourhood-planning> also go to;
<http://locality.org.uk/resources/neighbourhood-planning-roadmap-guide/>

Timescale: a Neighbourhood Plan takes about 18 months to complete.

North Somerset Council assistance: as the plan is being developed their input is less, but they would provide information and detailed plans at the parish level and some officer time. If the plan reaches the level of an Inspector's Examination and Referendum they assist with organising this.

Kenn's input: The first task is to define the actual area covered by the Neighbourhood Plan.

- Following this to apply to North Somerset Council to progress the proposal.
- If given the go-ahead, then to advertise to set up a Steering Group made of Kenn residents.
- In preparing a plan local consultations must take place and changes made as a result of this.
- The final plan is then written up and submitted to North Somerset Council, if they consider it meets the criteria they will then assist with completing the process, which includes organising the Inspector's Examination and Referendum

Should the Neighbourhood Plan come through all these processes North Somerset Council will accept it as part of the planning process.

Costs For each Neighbourhood Plan the cost is different, due to the extent of detail included. There is a grant up to £8000 available.

As you can see the process is time consuming and involves the whole community – not just the Parish Council. Some residents have suggested Kenn would benefit from a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council will be discussing this at their next meeting and are requesting to hear from residents who would like to be involved.

(1) The Parish Recycling Scheme has 3 different levels to be able to access funding,

Bronze – These activities are designed to provide information on waste and recycling in your area and kick-start community engagement.

Silver – Activities show an active engagement with recycling and waste minimisation. North Somerset Council can provide support for a range of ideas and activities. These might include; educational events/school visits, electrical waste amnesty events, 'Give and Take' days, recycling container deliveries.

Gold – the activities which fall into the Gold award standard are those that demonstrate you have really gone the extra mile. Whilst support will still be available, Gold level ideas should be primarily parish driven. Gold standard activities should be new, innovative and legacy building, with impacts lasting beyond the end of the campaign.

(2) Blood Pressure Tests – the new gym at The Hand Stadium have offered to hold a free event.

An event is planned for September to provide more information on (1) and give people an opportunity to take part in (2).

MEETINGS FOR 2016
The Village Hall, Kenn St, Kenn

4 July – Council Meeting
 5 September – Council Meeting
 7 November - Council Meeting

Agendas will be on noticeboards 3 days before a meeting.

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